

- Minimum of 19 years old at time of application (no maximum age restriction);
- Valid driver license; and
- One of the following – one year of law enforcement experience (sworn or non-sworn); two years of public contact experience; two years of active continuous U.S. military service with an honorable discharge; completed 30 semester or 45-quarter hours of college credit from an accredited college or university.

Florida Certified Law Enforcement Officers are also encouraged to attend to learn about the accelerated programs available that shortens the hiring process.

Location and date of Career Fair:

Thursday, April 25 from 4 p.m.- until 7 p.m. – Gainesville FHP Station, 6300 N.W. 13 St., Gainesville.

Interested applicants with additional questions may contact our local FHP Recruiter, Trooper Shelia Walker at 386-754-6284. Additional information can be found at: <https://beatrooper.com/>.

## 6th Annual Youth Job Fair scheduled for May 15; *Free recruiting event exclusively for 16- to 24-year-old job applicants in Marion, Levy and Citrus counties*

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**OCALA** – CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion has teamed up with Marion County Public Schools to host the sixth annual Youth Job Fair on Wednesday, May 15 at the Hilton Ocala, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave., Ocala.

Exclusively for 16- to 24-year-old job applicants, this free event is ideal for older youth and young adults seeking full or part-time employment, whether permanent, temporary or just for the summer. The job fair takes place in two sessions:

- High school seniors from **2:30-3:30 p.m.**
- All other youth/young adults, ages 16 to 24, from **3:30-5 p.m.**

To date, the following businesses are scheduled to attend: CareerSource CLM, Chariot Eagle, Chick-fil-A, Eckerd Connects Workforce Development, Episcopal Children's Services, Gulf Mechanical Contractors, Hilton Ocala, L&N Truck Service, Lockheed Martin, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, Marion County Public Schools – Extended Day, Marion County School Board, Pacific Arches (McDonald's), R&L Global Logistics, Raney's and United Plastic Fabricating.

Brenda Chrisman, career center and business services officer for CareerSource CLM, said the job fair is scheduled for mid-May so that high school seniors can take advantage of the opportunity before graduating.

High school seniors planning to attend at 2:30 p.m. **must** register beforehand at <http://bit.ly/2019YouthJobFair>.

Registration is not necessary for all others.

"We are so grateful to be able to partner this year with Marion County Public Schools," Chrisman said. "This truly is a remarkable opportunity for older youth and young adults. If you are 16 to 24, eager to earn a paycheck but don't know where to start, this job fair is the place to be."

Mark Vianello, executive director of Career and Technical Education for MCPS, said that "This job fair is all about helping our students connect their job skills to today's employers in relevant ways. Putting them face to face with the person who can hire them on the spot is a powerful tool, and our students know they have to shine to earn the job offer."

**While MCPS is co-hosting the event, it is open to older youth and young adults from Citrus and Levy counties as well.**

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Attendees should bring printed copies of their resume and, as Vianello noted, be prepared for on-the-spot job interviews.

Proper dress will be required and all those planning to attend the job fair should come dressed to impress – no flip-flops or casual sandals, t-shirts with profane or obscene language or images, no shorts or jeans with rips or holes, or anything that is too tight, too short or revealing.

Those interested in developing or updating their resume, working on interview skills and/or receiving job fair preparation tips are encouraged to visit one of CareerSource CLM's career centers located in Ocala, Lecanto and Chiefland. All job candidate services are available at no charge.

For more information about the Youth Job Fair, call 800-434-JOBS, ext. 1713 or check the calendar at <https://careersourceclm.com/>.

## Boiled Peanuts



Scotty DeLoach, 48, sits on the east side of State Road 345 between Levy County Road 347 and CR 330 on Tuesday afternoon (April 23), where he sells bags of boiled peanuts. State Road 345 runs north and south there, even though a person going from Cedar Key to Chiefland might think they are more eastbound than northbound. For people going from Cedar Key (or Carter's Crossroads) to Chiefland (northbound), the boiled peanut salesman is on the right side. DeLoach said he's been selling boiled peanuts for just over six years now, since his father died on April 18, 2013. The price for his peanuts starts at \$5 for the first bag. Consumers who buy two bags get them for \$4 each (\$8 for two). The price stays at \$4 per bag for bags three (\$12) and four (\$16). People who buy six bags at one time get them for \$20 (which is about \$3.33 for each bag), or the consumer can think of it as buying five bags for \$20 (\$4 each) and then he or she gets the sixth bag for free. Many years ago, DeLoach grew up on the East Coast of Florida, surfing in waves off of Cocoa Beach, in Sebastian Inlet and elsewhere. Back then, the professional surfer lived on Palm Beach and knew famous surfers like Emerson Timmons of Delray Beach and (Robert) Kelly Slater of Cocoa Beach. As for boiled peanut sales in Levy County for the past six years or so, DeLoach said some days are better than others. Generally, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays are the best for boiled peanut sales, he said.

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