



Citrus County 4-H Newsletter



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Citrus Stampede Rodeo - November 18 & 19

Your Citrus County 4-H Foundation is proud to present the 16th PRCA rodeo in the Eloise VanNess Arena at the Citrus County Fairgrounds, Inverness. Shows are Friday and Saturday night, Nov. 18th and 19th. The gates open at 5:30 P.M. for your family to come and enjoy the food and novelty vendors, pony rides, mechanical bull and free Kiddie Coral. In addition to the regular Kiddie Coral games, the Agricultural Alliance also plans on hosting some fun, educational booths for the kids to learn about local agriculture.



Rodeo seating is general admission, first come, first to get a good spot! Advanced tickets are \$15 and \$4 (youth 4 to 11yrs old, 3 and under FREE) and can be found at the 4-H and Fair offices, and many more locations across the county. Tickets at the gate are \$18 and \$5. There is a special group rate for 10 adult tickets or more purchased for Friday night only. Call 564-4525 for more information.

Don't forget to cheer on the Citrus County 4-H Equestrian Drill Team !

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Parents,

The 2011/2012 4-H Year is well underway. Hopefully, you have enrolled in your 4-H Club and selected a 4-H Project. If you know of anyone who still hasn't signed up, it is not too late! There is no deadline to join 4-H. However, some Fair projects and other contests do have membership requirements.

Also, many contests and events have registration deadlines and other date specific rules. Some deadlines are flexible, but many are not. It can be easy to lose track of time with our busy schedules. Watch your calendars carefully.

Learning by Doing,

Amy Duncan ☺
Amy Duncan 4-H Agent

A New Future for Florida 4-H Starts Now Leaders Meeting - Nov. 30, noon or Dec. 2, 6:00 pm

For the past year, Florida Cooperative Extension has been working to devise a good strategy for Florida 4-H to maintain its IRS Federal Tax Exemption after National 4-H "sunset" our Group Exemption. Through the leadership of the Florida 4-H Association, we have formed the new Citrus County 4-H Association. This Association will be the financial manager and provide Tax Exemption for all of Citrus County 4-H including the 4-H Foundation and all 4-H Clubs. The 4-H Clubs' funds will remain intact and be maintained in individual, dedicated subaccounts within the County 4-H Association bank account.

This is a mandatory meeting to cover the step-by-step implementation of the new financial management system. All 4-H Club Organizational Leaders are required to attend one of the meetings, or set up a personal appointment. All assistant or co-leaders are welcome to participate as well. RSVP using the "Doodle poll" that was emailed to leaders or call the 4-H Office to tell us which meeting you plan on attending. There will be free lunch or dinner depending on the meeting you attend.

Special Upcoming Dates:

- November 18 - Cattle Camp Reg. Deadline, Fair Office 5PM
- November 18-19 - Citrus Stampede Rodeo, adult and youth (13yrs & up) are still needed to volunteer.
- December 4 - Rabbit Education Meeting,, 2 PM at the Fairgrounds
- December 5 - 4-H District Council Meeting, Marion County 6 PM
- December 6 - Horse Showmanship Registration for Fair, 6:00 PM, Lecanto Government Building
- December 10 - Poultry Education Meeting, 1 PM at the Fairgrounds
- December 17 - Swine Tag-in 8 AM
- December 17 - Beef Heifer Reg. at Fairgrounds, 2 PM



4-H Record Books & Project Reports



Most 4-H members have selected their 4-H projects already. It's not too late if you haven't yet done so. Once the project has been selected, the member or parent, writes that project area on the 4-H enrollment form, so we, the 4-H Office can return the proper paperwork.

If the member is doing a Fair livestock animal project, then they will get a record book from the Fair to record their project information like expenses and health history of the animal. All of the other record books, CCS - the glossy color ones, come from the 4-H Office courtesy of the 4-H Foundation.

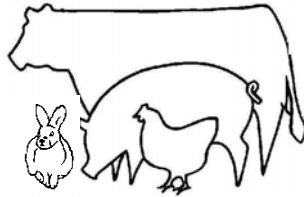


Check the front of the CCS books for a checklist of project requirements.

Both kinds of books require the "4-H Project Report" pages. These extra pages are completed for each of your 4-H Projects. The 4-H office supplies you with these pages, matching your 4-H age group, in a hard/paper copy. You can also download these forms to complete as a document on the computer.

http://florida4h.org/staff/Awards_Handbook/competition_report.shtml

It is the 4-H member's responsibility to get the Fair Livestock Record books returned to them after the Fair is over. Then they are added to the 4-H Project Report to be turned in by **May 15th, 2012** for the **4-H Record Book deadline**.



Right now it is time to make your 4-H plans and goals! This is Section I of the report. Goals should be specific, measurable, and time specific. Here are some examples:

Member:

- I will learn how to estimate back fat thickness in my swine this year.
- I want to earn a blue ribbon on my Fair project.
- I want to score well in the skill-a-thon.

Leader:

- I will provide educational opportunities for this members project area.

Parent:

- I will loan my child the money to purchase the feed for this animal.

Section II in the Project Report includes a list of Project activities. These could include registration meetings, 4-H Club field trips, weigh-ins, animal work days, the Fair's shows, showmanship, sales, County Events Demonstrations, etc.



Although not required, 4-H County Events Demonstrations, should be on your project area.

Also in this section are age appropriate questions about your project experiences. A Senior 4-H member is expected to write more detailed answers than a 10 year old, Junior member would. Showing thoughtful answers will earn the member a good score, not just filling in the blank.

Photos need detailed captions that educate the reader. "Me and my steer T-Bone" doesn't tell us much.



An important part of the project report is Section III, the attachments. There

should be photos of your whole project. The photos in your Fair record book are not enough. Show evidence of your 4-H Club activities, or perhaps photos of you grooming your animal and showing at the Fair.

A new Project Story is required too, in addition to the one in the Fair record book. A member will write a story that summarized many of the points in the project highlights section, but just in paragraph form.

Finally, don't forget to add your Record Book or CCS Curriculum guide. These count for only 20% of your over all score. But you won't earn a 4-H Project pin, if there is not one included.



Members earn a Year Pin when they turn a 4-H Project book in. It takes a score of 90% or better to earn a Project pin.

4-H members who are participating in one of the Fair's "sale animal projects" are required to turn in their 4-H Project. Those who do not compete in the Fair can opt out of this rule if they inform the 4-H Office *in writing* that they have dropped out.

Work on your record book and project reports throughout the year, don't wait till the last week! Good luck with your project. And above all, HAVE FUN!



4-H Opportunities



4-H State Marine and Aquatic Photography Contest

A Marine/Aquatic Photography Contest is held in conjunction with the State Marine Ecology Event. This contest is open to all 4-H'ers. Participants who enter the photo contest do not need to be present to win.

There are 5 categories that youth can enter photos in.

The categories are:

1. Marine Habitats and Ecosystems -

This includes photos taken of coral reefs, beaches, marshes, mangrove habitats, etc.

2. Marine Life - This includes photos taken of specific marine life such as shore/marine birds, fish, sea turtles, crabs, shells, etc.

3. People and the Marine/Aquatic World - This includes people interacting with, impacting, or working in marine OR aquatic habitats. Examples would be photos of surfing, fishing, boating, swimming, pollution, etc.

4. Aquatic Habitats - Sciences of freshwater habitats such as lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, etc.

5. Aquatic Life - Includes photos of specific types of freshwater plants and animals such as turtles, fish, freshwater birds, alligators, insects, etc.



The Marine/Aquatic Photography contest provides 4-H youth with opportunities to practice and be recognized for their photographic skills. It also provides additional opportunities for youth to learn about the marine/aquatic environments through the art of photography. The website is:

http://florida4h.org/projects/marine/state_photocontest.shtml

Each 4-H member may submit up to 5 entries. However, no more than two can be in the same category. Each county is allowed to send in no more than 20 photographs total. **Citrus County 4-H will send in the first 20 photos brought into the 4-H Office by November 14th, 2011.**

All photographs must have been taken by a 4-H member within one year of the date of the Marine/Aquatic Photo contest. All entered photos must have been taken in Florida. Photographs may be black/white or in color. Any photos containing writing or date/time stamps will be disqualified.

Any 4-H member at any level can enter. Even 4-H Cloverbuds are welcome to submit photos.

Please call the 4-H Office or check the above website for rules and registration requirements.



District VII 4-H invites you to join us for **Veterans' Day of Service - 11/11/11 - 4-H Camp Ocala**

We are providing a day of service to improve Camp Ocala for all of 4-H and outside user groups. We will be:

Painting - cabin numbers & fire circle

Clearing - brush, trees, overgrowth on the trail

Creating - signs, posters, artwork

Improving - everything we touch!

Please bring your own lunch and any tools

**Join our Team
Give your Time**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(or as long as you are available)



If you, your club, your family or friends would like to lend a hand, please let us know.

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4-H Opportunities



Looking for 4-H'ers to Join a Meats Team



Do you like to eat meat; beef, pork, lamb? Intermediate and Senior 4-H'ers are invited to learn more about meat retail cuts identification and grading techniques.

Retail meat cuts identification is also included in the skill-a-thon contest for the Fair. If you enjoyed that, you could really learn a lot more.

Quality grading is the science of what meat would taste the best and be the best value, just by looking at it. Team members would also learn consumer choices and be able to make better decisions at the butcher's counter in the grocery store.

Citrus County is looking to begin a 4-H Meats Judging team to get ready for the State 4-H Contest in April. We have an adult coach, John Spann, who was a former 4-H'er and on a college level Meats Team. John is excited to get a group together to start practicing. Contact the 4-H Office or John Spann (352) 476-2082 to learn more.

The first and second place Senior teams from Florida 4-H can travel to national competitions in Kentucky and Colorado. Get involved in Meats Judging and get to go places!

4-H Summer Camp Counselors Wanted

Citrus County is camping June 18-22, 2012!

4-H Summer camp is open to all 4-H'ers and their friends who are 8 to 12 years old (4-H Age). Look for Camp registration information in the Spring.



4-H'ers who are interested in being camp counselors need to be 13-18 years old (4-H Age) and in the 8-12th grade this year. New Counselors must attend all four of the mandatory counselor training events. Contact the 4-H Office if you would like a Camp Counselor Application.

January 16, 2012: Camp Planning meeting, noon, in Columbia County, Lake City. This meeting is for returning camp counselors and the 4-H Agents to set goals for the 2012 camping season. *Not a required meeting.*

Mandatory Counselor Training Events:

February 24-25: Friday, 6:00 P.M. through 2:00 P.M. Saturday, in Hernando County, Brooksville.

March 23-24: Friday, 6:00 P.M. through 2:00 P.M. Saturday, in Citrus County, Lecanto.

May 11-12: TENTATIVE - *date, time, location details to be determined*

June 17: Sunday, 3:00 P.M. through Start of Camp week, on Monday at Camp Ocala.



Citrus County 4-H Club Reports

Homosassa Hoofprinters 4-H Club

Welcome back 4-H'ers! The Homosassa Hoofprinters had a great year last year, and we are going to do the same this year as well. My Juniors ruled the Horse Showmanship class at the Citrus County Fair with Lindsey Wyman taking 1st, Caroline Specht taking 2nd, and Jordan Conley taking 4th. I am so proud of all of them.

An extra huge congratulations to Lindsey Wyman on taking 1st place and "winning the room" at County Events last year. She went on to win 1st place over all for her age group at District Events. Wow!

Homosassa Hoofprinters would like to congratulate our 2011/2012 officers. President: Heather Hofstetter, Vice President: Cheyenne Worth, Secretary: Lindsey Wyman, and Treasurer: Bailey Durham.

Everyone please save February 18th (Saturday) 2012 for a great Day of 4-H fun at Tillis Hills Equestrian Campground. We are sponsoring a Poker-Run Trail ride and B.B.Q. We will have karaoke and dancing, trophies, and silent auction. Please call Debbie Diebold at (352)628-1472 for more information.

Lets all have a great year and have FUN!



Citrus County 4-H Club Reports

Floral City Team Green 4-H Club

Floral City Team Green has been busy! We had a meeting on September 12th, where we nominated and elected our new officers for the 2011-2012 4-H year. President - Alicia Indelicato, Vice President - Olivia Snipes, Secretary - Hannah Rowe, Reporter - Brianna Saltmarsh, Historian - Cheyenne Goodman, Treasurer - Savannah Smith, Moral Officer - Chrissy Uzar, Sergeant of Arms - Alicia Indelicato and Peter Uzar, Parliamentarian - Olivia Snipes and Peter Uzar, and our Recreation Leaders are Olivia Snipes and Alicia Indelicato. Congratulations to all who got an office, let's make it another great year!

We would also like to welcome new members Rachael Zabinski, Nicole Linaje, Brittany English-Troxel, Joshua Stimpfling, Lydia Monday, Ryleigh Bedford, Malachite Davenport, Zane Mueller, Kaleb Beckner, and TiaMaria Bernardo! Welcome!

We had a Horse fun show out at Just Horse'n Around Ranch on September 24th, which was a great turnout. We are going to have another Horse Fun Show on October 22nd at Just Horse'n Around. There will be plenty of games as well as a costume contest for you and your horse, so come out and join us in the fun, everyone's invited.

Our next meeting will be 5:30pm on Nov 7 at the Floral City Park. We will have a scavenger hunt. We will be discussing upcoming events.

Before our meeting we will have a photo meeting at 5:00 with our new photo leader Enza Uzar. Hope to see you there!

-Reporter, Brianna Saltmarsh

Calling all Reporters:
 If you would like to submit a club report for the newsletter: email, mail, fax, or drop your story by the 4-H office. The next newsletter deadline is Dec. 10th!

Lecanto Outlaws 4-H Club

The Lecanto Outlaws had their first meeting of the 2011-2012 year on August 22. We are looking forward to an exciting new year with many new members. Some of the things that were decided for the new year are:

- We will be having a cookie dough fundraiser to raise money for needy children for Christmas.
- We are planning a canning project for the beginning of March when the strawberries are in season! We will be canning strawberry jam and bread and butter pickles.

New Officers were elected and they are :

President - Sam Jenkins

Vice President - Victoria Hedberg

Treasurer - Morgan Trotter

Reporter - Dustin Danback

Historian - Logan Mantor

Sgt. at Arms - Andrew Brown and Dustin Danback

We will be having a banquet dinner at Sonny's BBQ on October 24, to welcome all of our new officers.

-Reporter, Dustin Danback



Ease's Rough Riders 4-H Club

We are off to a great year here at Ease's Rough Riders. We would like to welcome all of our new members.

Our elected officers for the new year are: Sarah Davis - President, Brian Albert - Vice-President, Makenzie Tomczak - Secretary, Haleigh Rowland - Treasurer, Kody Tomczak - Reporter, Allie Harrell - Historian, Taylor Waller - Chaplin.

Already we have a lot of things planned for the upcoming year. We have formed three committees to serve our clubs needs. In September our program meetings consisted of dinner and fishing at Wallace Brooks Park. We are also looking forward to our upcoming Halloween party.

Respectfully submitted, Kody Tomczak



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Lecanto Levi's 4-H Club

A new 4-H year has started and we, at the Lecanto Levi's, are ready to roll. We have elected our officers for the year and want to congratulate them. They are: President - Abigale Mattingly, Vice-President - Kylie Philipps, Secretary - Amanda Polisenio, Treasurer - Katie Mattingly, Reporter - Raeven Stoess, Historian - Diana Ward, Parliamentarian - James Corbin, and Morale Officer-Lyndsee Philipps.

We did a fun activity to break the ice and get people feeling comfortable. We did a good job at making the adults laugh and have fun right along with us. It was good to see old and new kids joining together.

We are looking forward to our chili cook-off on October 8-9 and hope to see some of you there. We are also planning a trip for fishing from a stocked pond, seeing butterflies at the museum and going crazy in a corn maze. WOW!! What a way to start off the year. We hope to really get out there and let people know about 4-H and how we love our community. Until next time, stay green!

Respectfully submitted,
Raeven Stoess, Reporter
Lecanto Levi's 4-H



Saddle Busters 4-H Club

9/11/11

Today at 4-H we elected officers and had a demonstration on how to clean a bridle. Everyone had to take it apart and clean it very thoroughly and put it back together.

We had a club discussion on community services and so far the idea's we have are making a health clinic, or cleaning up at a horse rescue center.

Submitted by: Abigail Hinkle

Rounders 4-H Club

At the September meeting, Rounders discussed the color of the new t-shirts. The club picked orange for the new shirts and a "mossy oak" camo. The Rounders officers will wear a green polo shirt.

The club is selling Southern Heritage products as a fundraiser this month. The books were given out to the members at the meeting

Also, at the September meeting, Rounders' leader, Ms. Michelle, gave us some information about horticulture. Horticulture is the study, practice, or art of planting, farming, or other things pertaining to or related to plants. To see a list of plants that are poisonous to your animals, go to the following site: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/>.

The Rounders' sewing club will have a booth at the Yankee Town Craft Festival on November 19 as a fundraiser.

Sincerely,
Deanna Williams
Reporter for Rounders 4-H Club



Clay Busters 4-H Club

At the 4-H Clay Busters Shooting Club we've been having a blast every month. We recently started a Trap Shoot Team for those who want to get into competitive shooting. They meet one Saturday in the month in addition to the monthly 4-H meeting. We also just received a gun safe to store our club guns and we are expecting new club guns to arrive sometime in November. If you are interested in joining Clay Busters, contact our leader Les Schroll @ 352-249-8300 cell or 352-746-3277 home.

Submitted by: Gerry Laplante