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PINELLAS COUNTY'S 4-H NEWSLETTER

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In order to reduce costs and increase sustainability Cloverleaf will now be available online. If you are enrolled in the 4-H program and you supplied your e-mail address on the enrollment form, you will be receiving the e-mail edition of the Cloverleaf.

If you are not sure the Pinellas County 4-H office has your e-mail address, e-mail Shelley at ssarabia@pinellascounty.org.

The Cloverleaf will continue to be posted on our website. The Pinellas County 4-H website is located at www.pinellascounty.org/4h. Another way to receive the latest 4-H newsletter is to subscribe and confirm your subscription to the 4-H blog at www.pinellas4h.blogspot.com.



4-H Clubs

Consumer Choices Contest

Do you like shopping? Do you want to learn the skills it takes to make better shopping choices? It's not too late to sign up for the Consumer Choices workshops! This year's topics are Energy Bars, Energy Efficient Light Bulbs, MP3 Media Players and Savings Accounts. These are the four topics you will need to study in order to be a smart shopper (that means one who saves money) and to prepare for the Consumer Choices Contest at the Central Florida Fair in Orlando on April 18, 2009. You will also learn how to present oral reasons to defend your choices. The 4-H Fun Club at the Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center will begin their study on March 19.



To register for the workshops or if you have questions, contact:

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New Marine Club Starting Up

Pinellas County 4-H has had years of success at the Marine Ecology Event. It makes perfect sense to develop a year-long marine program. The new club will include field trips as a part of the project work. Trip possibilities include Mote Marine, the Florida Aquarium, New College Marine Lab in Sarasota and trips on the bay. The first field trip was to the Annual Shell Show put on by the St. Petersburg Shell Club. There the 4-H members studied animals with shells and could even ask the experts about the exhibits.

The next event will be a presentation on sharks at the Pinellas County Extension office on March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Learn why the shark's reputation has gotten so bad. Are they really as vicious as the media make them out? We will look at sharks and the good they do and what humans can do to preserve the species. We will also look at why we need to preserve the species. Register online: go to www.pinellascountyextension.org and click on the online registration emblem. The class will be under 4-H Youth Development. Please call Betty Lipe at (727) 582-2528 for more details or to order the Marine Science project book.



Clubs Needed

On April 14, 21, 23 and 28, Pinellas County 4-H will be hosting the semifinals and finals of the Tropicana Public Speaking Contest.

We are in need of clubs to host at the following sites:

April 14 – Azalea Middle School, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

April 21 – Safety Harbor Elementary, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

April 23 – Pinellas County Extension, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

April 28 – Pinellas County Extension, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Your club duties include registering the attendees and serving refreshments at the end of the program. Also needed is one person to time the speeches and one person to be a runner from the judges to the scoring station. If your club can assist, please contact Betty at (727) 582-2528 or call the 4-H office at (727) 582-2215

4-H Clubs Reports

Average Joe's

by JD Willett

The Average Joe's 4-H Club stayed busy during December. We started our month by holding our Officer Training and Installation of Officers.

Our officers are:

President - Matthew Galiano

Vice-President/Secretary - Cole Williams

Treasurer/Reporter - JD Willett

Historian - Erin Murphy-Johns

Sergeant At Arms - Sam Rankin

Demonstration Officer - Tanner Dickson

Recreation Officer - Tommy Dickson

After reviewing the poster contest rules, we brainstormed some awesome ideas to start working on. We also began work on our club project, rocketry, organizing our project books, setting goals and conducting experiments on Newton's Laws of Physics.

Almost the entire Average Joe's 4-H Club attended the District IX Christmas Party/Dinner on December 12, 2008, at the Pinellas County Extension office. We (as in my family, The Willett's) got to the Extension office early and we, my parents and I, helped set up along with Erin Murphy-Johns (the Average Joe's only girl member). After helping, some other clubs had arrived. The rest of the "Joe's" that had planned on attending came. Matthew, Sam, Erin, Cole and I all enjoyed the first ice-breaker activity in which we had a card taped to our backs with a Christmas related item written on it. We then asked people yes or no questions to see if we could guess what it was. Everyone laughed when we looked at Matthew's because it said Mrs. Claus. Then we did a game where we had to guess a Christmas song by listening to the music only. We enjoyed the wonderful dinner made by the attendees of the party and a game of snap ball (a game I invented where you pretend you are throwing a ball back and forth and you snap every time you throw and catch it). Then it was time to wrap the presents everyone brought as their admission price to the party! Sean Russell, District 9 Council President, first went over where the gifts were going and whose Christmas we were going to change. Then we started wrapping and, at my table, musically rapping. I wrapped around four or five gifts and two songs. After we were done, we counted the gifts and found out we had reached and surpassed our goal of 100 gifts! We then celebrated and took a group picture. Finally, to finish out a great night, we went outside and looked at the Christmas lights at the Botanical Gardens. I know everyone had a great time, especially the Average Joe's, and we can't wait until next holiday season comes around!



Ochs News

by Maggie Bradley

Last Tuesday we had a guest speaker, John Stonehouse. He spoke about bees and honey. Pictures of bees were passed around, which were very interesting. He had a box containing bees. Many children went up to the box to look for the queen bee. Nobody found it! I am sure everyone thought it was a very education afternoon!

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2009 Florida 4-H Volunteer Forum Registration

The volunteer leader's forum scheduled for April 24-26 at Camp Ocala is fast approaching. The registration information is listed below. This is a good event to network with leaders from across the state and to gain valuable information to bring back to the county to use.

Location: Camp Ocala

Registration Deadline: March 30, 2009

For More Information Contact:

Ellen Waldrop, Vice President

Florida 4-H Volunteer Association

(407) 417-3962 cell

http://florida4h.org/events/state_volunteer_forum.shtml

Mark Your Calendar Now For The Leader, Volunteer and Donor Banquet

This event will be held at the Pinellas County Extension office on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. We will be honoring the leaders, volunteers and donors that make the 4-H Youth Development program succeed. Without their efforts, the 4-H program would not be what it is today. Our hats go off to each and every one of you!

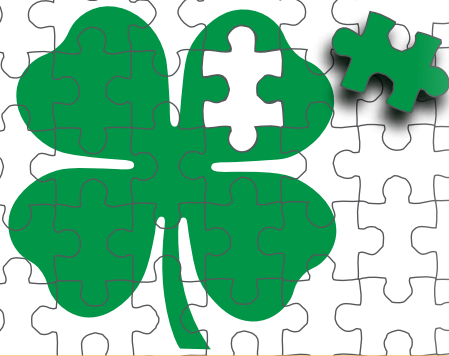


It's time to let the 4-H office know you are interested in going to Camp Ocala!

Camp Ocala Will Be June 29 - July 3

Camp Ocala is a modern camping and environmental complex located on Sellers Lake in the Ocala National Forest. Packets will be available from the 4-H office by May 1. The cost for camp this year will be \$195. **There will be no bus provided this year. Campers will have to provide their own transportation.** A limited number of scholarships will be available.

Campers at Camp Ocala enjoy all the usual camp activities: canoeing, swimming, hiking, crafts and much more. In addition, you may sign up for a county class you will take each day. Choose from shooting sports, hiphop dance, camp newspaper, rocketry, knots/friendship bracelets and more. If you or your friends would like to find out more about Camp Ocala, visit the state website at <http://florida4h.org/camps/ocala.shtml>.



Achievement Is Just Around The Corner!

You've done your demonstration, completed all the required activities in your project book and now your 4-H project is complete and ready to be turned in.

Or is it?

Did you remember to complete your summary/report form and prepare an exhibit?

If not, don't panic!

Simply follow these instructions:

First – Get a report form for your age category.

There are three simple ways to get a form.

1. Ask your leader.
2. Call the 4-H office at (727) 582-2215.
3. Visit the correct webpage on the 4-H website.

Cloverbud (5-7)

<http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/pdf/Clover%20Bud%20Summary.pdf>

Junior (8-10)

<http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/pdf/Junior%20Project%20Report.pdf>

Intermediate (11-13)

<http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/pdf/Intermediate%20Project%20Report.pdf>

Senior (14-18)

<http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/pdf/Senior%20Project%20Report.pdf>

Second – Create an exhibit.

This is a display you make that a person can walk up to and learn something. It can be as simple as a poster (no larger than 11x14) that shows several breeds of rabbits and what makes them different or unique. Or it could be sample bags of dog food labeled with nutritional information. Remember to check with your leader to find out when your projects are due. Final club-level results are due to the 4-H office June 30th. Blue ribbon projects are due for county judging July 17th.

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Make www.pinellas4htravel.org Your Travel Store

The 4-H Foundation has partnered with YTB Travel, which works with hundreds of nonprofits, raising money for their program needs. The foundation travel website is powered by the same sites you probably already use, such as Travelocity and Cheap Tickets, but if you arrange your travel through www.pinellas4htravel.org, Pinellas 4-H gets a portion of the commission!

All they need you to do is help spread the word to your co-workers, families and friends about the new travel website. So when you travel, rent a car, buy flowers and more, just make your purchases through www.pinellas4htravel.org to earn money for Pinellas County 4-H at the same time.



Did you know that the members and directors of the Pinellas County 4-H Foundation raise thousands of dollars each year to support youth scholarships to camp, congress and other events?

Did you also know that they help with the operating expenses of the 4-H office?

This year the Pinellas County 4-H Foundation donated thirty-five thousand dollars to the Pinellas County 4-H program, but they need your help in replacing those funds so they can do it again next year.

4-H Calendar

March 20 – 22

Third Executive Board @ Camp Cherry Lake

March 21

Demonstration Day @ Pinellas County Extension, 9:00 a.m.

April 6

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April 14

4-H Day @ the Capitol/Tallahassee

April 18

Forest Ecology @ WHEP @ Austin Cary Forest

April 21

4-H Advisory Meeting @ Pinellas County Extension, 6:00 p.m.

April 24 – 26

Area E Horse Show @ Florida State Fairgrounds/Tampa

April 24 – 26

4-H Volunteer Forum @ Camp Ocala

May 2

District Events/Sarasota

May 5

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District Events/Sarasota

May 9

4-H Centennial Trail Ride

May 25

Memorial Day/Office Closed

June 5

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June 12

Leader, Volunteer, Donor Banquet @ Pinellas County Extension, 6:30 p.m.

June 30

Club Level Project Judging Sheets Due

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Making the Best Better!

The 4-H mission is to empower youth to reach their fullest potential working and learning in partnership with adults.

There's always something fun to do in Pinellas County for families and youth! For a current listing of classes, workshops and events, visit: www.pinellascounty.org/events or tune your television to **PCC-TV** (Brighthouse 622 - Knology 18 - Verizon 44)

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