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Hot Topics

County Events: They're Earlier This Year!



Start preparing your act for Night of the Arts and your demonstration for Demonstration Day. Both events are earlier this year.

Night of the Arts will be held on February 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. So polish up your favorite tune, grab a few of your club mates and put together a skit, or even practice your favorite dance. Then turn in your registration form by phone, fax, mail, or email by February 1. We will see you at the Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmerton Rd, Largo on the 22nd.

Demonstration Day is March 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pinellas County Extension. Check your Events and Activities Handbook for demonstration time limits, then practice your demonstration in front of your club. Need help with the content? Check with your leader. Want to make it County Events ready? Contact Margaret at 582-2263 or email mdeller@pinellascounty.org and I will come out and assist with developing your demonstration.



Registration forms are available online at our website: <http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/index.shtml> or one can be mailed to you by calling 582-2215.



Consumer Choices Contest: Learn to Shop

Do you like shopping? Do you want to learn the skills it takes to make better shopping choices? Then sign up for the Consumer Choices Contest. You will attend six workshops where you will learn how to shop for bike helmets, digital cameras, sports drinks, and workout clothing. Then you will travel to Orlando and compete in the Consumer Choices Contest at the Central Florida Fair April 19, 2008. To register for workshops or for questions contact Margaret at 582-2263 or email mdeller@pinellascounty.org.

Hot Topics cont...

Area E Horse Show T-Shirt Design Contest - Win \$100.00

Do you like to draw? Would you like to win a \$100.00 savings bond and a free t-shirt? Then design our next Area E Horse show T-shirt. T-shirts with the winning design will be sold as a fundraiser for the Area E 4-H Horse Program. Each year over 300 shirts are sold. This contest is open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-18 (as of September 1, 2007). You do not have to be enrolled in a horse project to participate.

Rules and guidelines are available at our website;

<http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/index.shtml>. Entries are due to the Indian River 4-H Office by March 3rd.

Pizza Garden

The 4-H Pizza Garden: An Agricultural Adventure program includes an eight-lesson curriculum that is used in the classroom, as well as a program illustrating the impact of agriculture in their daily lives presented to the students in their classroom at the beginning of the program. The program culminates with a field trip to the Florida Botanical Gardens where they can participate in workshops related to agriculture. To top off the day the students enjoy a lunch of pizza and orange juice.



Over 500 students in public and private schools participated in the Pizza Garden program in the fall.

Bring Your Kids to the 4-H Outdoor Classroom!

You are invited to bring your class, club, or youth group to the 4-H Outdoor Classroom for a fun day of quality curriculum-based tours at the Florida Botanical Gardens led by experts from Pinellas County Extension. Each program is conducted as an interactive tour, during which students are introduced to the complex subject of sustainability by seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting. A make-and-take activity can be scheduled upon request, helping to underscore themes learned during the tour. You can also add the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge to your tour where students look at their packed lunch and decide what can be reused, recycled, or composted. Most tours last 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. For more information and to register for a tour please visit the 4-H website at: www.pinellascounty.org/4hclassroom.



Available tours include:

Plants and People-Cultivated Plants and Their Uses

It's Our Nature-Florida's Fabulous Native Plants

Wings, Stings, and Crawly Things-The Wonderful World of Insects

Plant Supermarket-Exploring Nature's Bounty

Power Plants-What Have Plants Ever Done for Me?

Life in Our Back Yard-the Diversity of Living Things

Walking with Wildlife-Wetlands Tour

Restoring Florida's Balance-Uplands Tour

Hot Topics cont...

Marine Ecology



Twenty 4-H members represented Pinellas County at the Annual 4-H Marine Ecology Event held in Kissimmee Florida. This event provides 4-H youth with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the marine and aquatic worlds. To prepare, members attended study sessions, and went on field trips.

Junior teams placed 1st and 3rd in their division.

Katelyn Garner, Tricia Gellatly, Danielle Vacek Best, and Kailey White, Christian Kondor, Samantha Witsey and Crystal Romanelli.

One Intermediate team placed 2nd in their division.

Matthew Garner, Logan Lane, Jack MacConnell, Ashley Bentley and Victoria Hynes.

Senior team placed 2nd in their division.

Stephanie Tonnesen, Benjamin Moore, Andrea Beaumier, and Chris Garner.

Individuals winners:

Matthew Garner, 1st Intermediate,
Katelyn Garner, 2nd Junior division



The 4-H Marine and Aquatic Photography contest provides 4-H youth with opportunities to practice and be recognized for their photographic skills.

Photo contest winners from Pinellas were:

Benjamin Engwall - "Sea Oats and Palm" in Marine and Coastal Habitat
Stephanie Tonnesen - "Snowy Egret: in Marine Life"
Joseph Soja - "A Fish's Moment" in People and Marine World.

4-H Operation Military Kids



Operation Military Kids



Hello to everyone! I'm Jennifer Smith, coming from the 53D A Co. Army National Guard. I'm the new 4-H Operation Military Kids Team Leader. I have served in the Military for 10 years and recently returned from Afghanistan in 2006. While serving there I had the opportunity to assist with the organization of collecting donations of toys, clothing and various educational items for the children in Afghanistan. I was also an

Assistant Liaison to Kabul International Airport and a Vehicle Operator. Currently I am the Family Readiness Coordinator for A Co. with the 53D Battalion. I have a diverse background in mental health as well.

I am originally from Florida and currently reside here in Largo with my two young boys. I enjoy spending quality time with my family and especially my children. Come May 2008, I intend to graduate from the University of South FL. in Tampa with a BA in Literature.

While working with 4-H as the Operation Military Kids Team Leader I will be providing community support and educational programs to assist youth and their families *Before, During and After* their parents are deployed with the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, as well as other military branches. **For the holidays OMK adopted various families for Christmas in order to provide children with gifts for the holidays.** I am excited to be a part of Pinellas County Extension and looking forward to working with all the staff, volunteers and the youth!



4-H Clubs

Attention Club Officers

Secretaries, treasurers, and reporters: Are you keeping your record books up to date? If not, now would be a great time to catch up. Remember, these record books get turned in for judging and awards. These completed books will need to be turned in by August 1, 2008. A special note to leaders: It is very important for your treasurer to turn in your club record book every year. Historians: Is your scrapbook up to date? This is a great way to share all the fun things your club does. Don't have your record book? Not sure what to include? Contact Margaret at 582-2263 or email mdeller@pinellascounty.org.



4-H Membership Card - Gets you in the State Fair for Free!

Do you have your 4-H membership card? If you do not, please contact your club leader and let them know. Remember your membership card will get you into the Florida State Fair for free February 9 and 16, 2008.

County Council

4-H held its first County Council meeting on January 17th. The club members present decided some possible goals.

The attendees agreed the County Council could be used to educate the public about 4-H, plan a county wide community service project, and be the public voice of county clubs. Some of the possible goals suggested for next year were to:

- Involve more clubs in the community
- Set by-laws/create a mission statement, and elect officers
- Hold a fundraiser with a specific goal to donate to a charity
- Create a directory of members

The next meeting will be February 18th at 6:30 p.m., here at the Extension so mark your calendars now.

Intermediate Leadership Adventure Weekend at Camp Cloverleaf

Pinellas County will be represented February 1st - 3rd at Intermediate L.A.W. by Matthew Galiano and Miranda Gale. Mr. Galiano will chaperon.

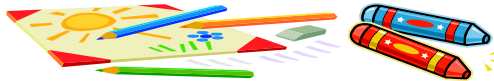


Photo and Poster Contests

Did you get a new camera for Christmas? Do you like to draw? Then you should enter the 4-H photo and poster contests.

To enter the photo contest your photo must be of activities 4-H'ers and their families would participate in. The maximum size for a photo is 8" x 10", not including mounting. Photos can be from a standard or digital camera.

There are two poster contests you can enter if you like to draw, paint, or collage. The first is the Poster Art Program. The theme this year is "4-H in Your Community". The poster can be no larger than 14" x 22". Complete rules and limitations are available on page 30 of the Events and Activities Handbook. The second contest is the Dairy Poster Contest. For this poster you will be encouraging youth to learn more about milk and milk products. The theme for this year has not been released; please contact the 4-H Office for theme (582-2215). This poster must be 14" x 22". The state winner of this contest receives a savings bond. All other rules and awards can be found on page 18 of the Events and Activities Handbook.

All poster and photo contest entries must have a Certification Form attached. This form and all rules and specifications can be downloaded from the State website at:

http://florida4h.org/events/photo_contest/index.shtml.

We look forward to your entries on February 22nd.



4-H Family

There Must Be More to Being Green The Curious Family's Journey

Slam! Clank! Loud sounds from the kitchen echoed through the house and startled Bea and her two children - 13 year old Andes and 9 year old Shirley. The three looked at one another and ran towards the kitchen to see what had created all the raucous. As they pushed the door open, Ben, the children's father, sat at the table where he had slammed his keys down.

"What's wrong? What's all the noise? What happened?" The children asked simultaneously. "Sorry, I'm just frustrated" said Ben. "Honey what's the matter?" asked Bea. With his hands raised above his head, Ben replied, "If I hear the words sustainability and green one more time, I'm going to scream! Build green this, buy green that... All this talk about being green is making me see red! What's the big deal anyway? We've been doing this for years. We recycle, we conserve water, we buy post-consumer use products, and we even put in a Florida-Friendly landscape. What else is there to it?"

Andes and Shirley were confused and surprised by their dad's actions because they had never seen him so frazzled and upset. Ben was an agreeable and logical guy who always welcomed the challenge of learning and exploring new and different things. When Ben and Bea married 20 years ago, they wanted to start a family tradition that lived up to their last name -Curious. They would joke with one another about their names. She would say, "You should always be Curious" and he would respond "I've Ben Curious." Each year the family would brainstorm and select a subject they were interested in and knew very little about. Throughout the year, they would research and experience the subject of choice. At the end of the year, they would celebrate their accomplishments. One year, volunteerism was the subject of choice. After researching the topic in the library, on the internet, conducting phone interviews, visiting various organizations, and putting into action what they had learned, the family was surprised at what a great impact their hard work had made. The Curious family donated 144 volunteer hours to an assisted living facility, which was equivalent to \$2702.88 - a three-week salary for a full time staff person!

While witnessing his dad's obvious annoyance with the words sustainability and green, it's as if the light bulb went off in Andes head.

"Since it's time for us to brainstorm ideas for our Annual Curious Journey to Knowledge, how about we find out what else is there to being sustainable and green?"

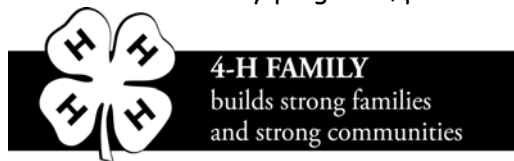
Ben looked at his son and then his wife and proudly proclaimed, "That's my boy - Andes Curious!"

Shirley excited about the new adventure for the year shouted, "Alright, where do we start?!"

Don't miss the next issue of the Cloverleaf when the Curious Family begins to learn that there's more to being green than recycling, water conservation, and planting the right plant in the right place.

Submit your questions to "Ask 4-H Family" at vcrayton@pinellascounty.org.

If you would like to participate in one of the 4-H Family programs, please call (727) 582-2450.



4-H Foundation Station

Foundation Fundraiser

The apple/pecan sale fall fundraiser was a success. Over 1000 boxes of apples were ordered and delivered. Over 800 bags of pecans were sold and we still have about 200 bags of chocolate covered pecans that are available. Special price is 2 bags for \$12.00. The foundation will earn over \$6000.00 from this fundraiser, of which over \$1400.00 will be shared with the clubs that sold apples. The balance of the money will be used for scholarships for 4-H members.



4-H Technology Team

4-H Technology Team needs your help!

The 4-H Technology Team is a group of teens working together to help bring technology to 4-H. The team uses the individual skills of the members to accomplish the goals of the Technology Team. The main focus of the Technology Team is to create different ways to incorporate technology into 4-H programs and to develop an interactive website for 4-H members and the public.

The Technology Team meets every other Tuesday to talk about progress on current projects and come up with new ideas for future projects. Currently, the team is doing research to find out how to incorporate more technology into 4-H Programs and Clubs. One way the team is gathering information about the needs of 4-H members is through surveys. A survey was created by the team and was administered at 4-H Open House to attendees to assess how technology can be used to reinforce the club project books. The team was able to collect some data, but would like to have more input from others that were not at the event.

This is where you come in. We are asking all club members and leaders to log on and take this quick and easy survey. To take the online survey, please visit the Pinellas County Extension website; www.pinellascounty.org/extension, click on the link to Solutions for your Life. Then find the link to 4-H and then click on the Teen page and finally to the Technology Team survey. Any and all responses will be a great help to the team and will benefit all of 4-H. The results will be shared in the next Cloverleaf. Thanks for your feedback and stay tuned for what's coming in 2008!





4-H Club Reports

Girls of Grace

By: Megan Johnson, Club Reporter

We have been learning how to motion an idea in front of our group. We practiced with practical ideas (Christmas Parties) to silly things (Changing our name to Girls of Pink Jello), no matter what it was, it was fun! We have also been learning the order of which we are to operate meetings. Buddies is the new word for some of us. We all have a Buddy so we wouldn't just hang out in groups of our own, but spread out over the whole classroom.



Crazy 4 Canines

By: Danielle Hendrix, Club Reporter

The month of November (and a bit into December!) was really CRAZY for the Crazy 4 Canines 4-H Club! Between volunteer hours, last minute fundraisers, and recreational activities, most of our members have had a hectic yet enjoyable and satisfying 4-H month. We finished up our cookie dough fundraiser, selling over 100 tubs of cookie mix! Congratulations to all our participating members! Also, we've had a couple of volunteer opportunities.

One week, our club set up a booth at the 4-H Open House. We had baked and then sold homemade dog cookies! I will tell you, they were fun to make! We all had a great time there though on that particular day we didn't sell many bags of the cookies. The following day, we set up our booth at the Quaker Steak and Lube and, again, sold the dog cookies. THIS time, we were much more successful. Also, apart from the volunteer hours, we managed to squeeze in a recreational day at Walt Disney World in Orlando! We had received free tickets, and we were a part of the filming of Disney's Christmas Parade (aired on Christmas Day.) We saw many familiar faces and characters, and afterward roamed the park and enjoyed each other's company. Later, we all sort of went our own way, but it was still a wonderful day. That concludes this month's report for the Crazy 4 Canines 4-h Club. Talk to ya next month!

Seminole Riders

By: Brandi Sclafani

Since our last meeting, work has started on the new barn. They started on the Monday after Thanksgiving. In about only two weeks they poured concrete, put up walls and put on the roof. Last Saturday was the first handicap since Thanksgiving. Last Sunday was the second horse show of the season at the Ag Farm. You can see pictures of the new barn at <http://www.annasacres.com/FriendshipGlen.htm>.

Our Christmas party was on the 20th of December. We did Secret Santa and did all sorts of fun and games. About a few days later we decorated all of the stalls and showed our horses around the new barn. And, we just got a new horse and his name is Snickers. Wayne just put in a new kitchen and rest room, so we are going to have a new barn very soon!

Update: The barn is all done now and the horses have all moved in. Oreo and Dakota left Brandi's house on January 11, 2008 and moved in. Everybody is very excited about the new barn. Wayne has been working hard on the new barn, and our tack is all clean and moved in. The handicapped kids that come think it is very neat. All of the horses seem to love it! Remember it is Girl Scout time and we are selling cookies!

4-H Calendar

*January 25-27	Senior L.A.W. @ Camp Ocala	*March 10,	Consumer Choices Wkshp. @ PCE/6:30-8:30 p.m.	*March 31,	Consumer Choices Wkshp. @ PCE/6:30-8:30 p.m.
*January 28	Tropicana Final @ PCE	*March 12	4-H Day at the Capitol Tallahassee, FL.	*April 4	Cloverleaf News Due
*February 1-3	Intermediate L.A.W. @ Camp Cloverleaf	*March 14-16	Third Executive Board @ Elks Camp/Ocala National Forest	*April 7	Consumer Choices Wkshp. @ PCE/6:30-8:30 p.m.
*February 5	4-H Advisory @ PCE 6:30-8:00 p.m.	*March 15	Demonstration Day @ PCE 9:00 a.m.	*April 12	Forest Ecology & WHEP @ Austin Cary Forest
*February 5	Cloverleaf News Due	*March 17,	Consumer Choices Wkshp. @ PCE/6:30-8:30 p.m.	*April 14,	Consumer Choices Wkshp. @ PCE/6:30-8:30 p.m.
*February 9 & 16	4-H Day @ Florida State Fair/Tampa, FL	*March 20	Community Service Grants Board Mtg./6:00-8:30 p.m.	*April 19	4-H Day & Consumer Choices @ Central Florida Fair
*February 22	Night of the Arts @ The Music Gallery/7:00 p.m.	*March 24,	Consumer Choices Wkshp. @ PCE/6:30-8:30 p.m.	*April 25-27	Area E Horse Show@ Florida State Fairgrounds/ Tampa
*March 5	Cloverleaf News Due				

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Pinellas County 4-H Youth Development

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

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