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4-H Clubs

4-H Foundation

4-H Calendar

Calling all 4-H'ers!

Come to Pinellas County's annual 4-H Open House and Apple Cook-Off

Saturday, November 14, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Pinellas County Extension
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo

A great way to support 4-H, promote your club
and eat some delicious food!



Apple Cook-Off entries must be delivered by 10 a.m. in order to be judged. There will be youth, family, adult, savory and healthy categories. Category grouping may change dependent of the number of entries. You must preregister to enter.

Look for more information and entry forms on the Pinellas County 4-H website.

For more information or to register for a table please e-mail:

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We Also Need Clubs To:

- Promote 4-H with a booth for your club
- Sell your crafts
- Conduct an activity
- Exhibit your projects
- Participate in activities
- Host the 4-H Extreme Gingerbread House Contest
- Have a great time



The 4-H Congress Chronicles

by Andrew Yuan

Ever heard of 4-H State Congress? Well maybe you have, but I hadn't until halfway through this year. So I had only a vague idea of what I was getting into when I suddenly had the opportunity to attend. All I knew was that it was kind of like District 4-H Congress, it was a week on the UF Campus in Gainesville and that it was supposedly great fun.



I had the full support of fellow 4-H'er Melissa Sharp as we did a team demonstration in the category of mechanical, electronic science, petroleum power & small engines. Our topic was how to create a club website using Weebly, a website creation tool through which we have already helped a handful of clubs create websites. In just a few short weeks Melissa and I developed the presentation, nearly perfected it and took it to Demonstration Day. On that day, surprisingly, we took a blue ribbon and won our category sending us on to District Events. After a couple of months of grueling practice we perfected our little routine and just as any 4-H'er would hope, we were awarded a blue ribbon and first place again. Of course, this meant the journey did not end there and we would move on to State Competitive Events, which, I discovered, would take place at 4-H State Congress.

For the following two months up until July 27, Melissa and I went through a cycle of forgetting bits of our demonstration to practicing until perfection so that we were ready by the time Congress came around. During this time we also signed up for our workshops for which the selection ranged from cake baking to shooting sports. We signed up for a science and technology workshop on alternative energy sources which sounded interesting. We were also chosen to be the two voting delegates to represent Pinellas County 4-H in the State Council.

July 27 finally came around as Melissa and I loaded into the Pinellas County van, driven by our wonderful 4-H agent Ms. Jean Rogalsky. Upon arriving I found my dorm, after some searching, and met my roommate who was interesting and turned out to be very friendly. First order of business after that was business, the State Council Meeting. That wasn't the most fun I had at Congress but it was good if you wanted to be involved in decisions for 4-H, see parliamentary procedure in action and meet the state officers and other voting delegates. Later that night we had the Spirit Rally where each 4-H district got together and attempted to show the most spirit. It was a fun-filled evening of glow sticks, thunder sticks, leis, cheering, clapping and screaming. Following our rally we had a keynote speaker, Barrett Keene, give us an inspirational and motivational speech about life, which including dancing and Simon Says.

Tuesday came around and it was the day of Competitive Events. Nicely dressed, Melissa and I waited our turn in our room of 20 or so 4-H'ers eager to share their presentations. Luckily, we were called up early and got it over with, with only a few minor kinks. The rest of the day consisted of wondering how well we did, state officer candidate speeches, Share-the-Fun performances, a fashion show and — the highlight of the night — the first of two dances. The next day we elected state officers, had a carnival and a diversity workshop, but all of that was eclipsed by the Awards Assembly that night for Competitive Events. In the dimly lit Grand Ballroom with all of the other Congress participants, we waited as category after category was called up. Awards were handed out left and right. We grew more nervous as white award after white award, red after red, were handed out with very few blues. Finally, in our category it was the same pattern. The team right before us received a white and we were ready to accept our red award. To our surprise, as we were called up we heard, "In first place with a blue award, Melissa Sharp and Andrew Yuan!" It was a great day. What more could you ask for?

The highlights of the rest of the week included an air band competition, officer elections, our workshop on solar panels and biofuels, a second dance, a couple of banquets and another award ceremony. So much happened in a short amount of time that it is just too much to fully describe.





All in all, Congress was a fun week that lived up to every expectation. Congress was not marked by the individual events that occurred that week. It wasn't all about the fantastic food, winning a blue award and an awesome trophy, dancing, throwing balls at a dunk tank, running at a Velcro wall in a Velcro suit, and getting free stuff from officer campaigns. State Congress was about the whole experience and the people who helped create that experience, the almost 400 4-H'ers from all across the state and from all walks of life. It was the country folk, the farmers, the dancers, the singers, the martial artists, the computer geeks, the drama kids, the guys with shaved heads and those who wear all black, that made the experience truly memo-

orable. Most of all, Congress is about playing cards with new people and goofing off in a dorm room late at night with music blasting from a laptop. It's about getting a feel for the greater 4-H community. If you really want to get a taste of 4-H you'll want to attend 4-H State Congress. It's something I would recommend to any senior 4-H'er and upcoming seniors. Last but not least, a big thank you goes out to the Pinellas County 4-H Foundation who funded our entire trip and made it all possible.



Dear 4-H Members, Volunteers and Parents

by Janet Golden

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited about the start of the new 4-H year. As many of you know, I have been off since late April because I had my sweet baby, Jillian. Jillian was born on April 23 at 7.5 pounds and 21 inches at Morton Plant Hospital. As I write this, she is almost four months old and has now doubled her birth weight and grown more than 3 inches! She is a sweet, curious, focused, determined and, lately, a little shy baby. My husband and I cherish every minute with her and enjoy watching her smile, laugh, babble, play and give us more joy than we ever imagined possible. Just think — in five years she will be ready to be a 4-H member! I will be returning to work on October 1 and look forward to seeing you all again. Much of my concentration will be on technology and distance learning. Jean Rogalsky, our two youth mentors and I will be using technology to our advantage to continue to provide the training and resources you need. I am also thinking about bringing back a 4-H Teen Council for the intermediate and senior 4-H members. See you in October!





4-H Clubs

4-H ACHIEVEMENT DINNER

On August 21, 4-H families gathered to recognize all the good work the 4-H members and clubs have done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 4-H'ers ON THEIR GREAT YEAR

PROJECT MEDAL WINNERS

CAT

Amanda Peacock – Junior

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Sonali Wijesiriwardena – Intermediate

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Michael Vieira – Junior
Melissa Sharp – Senior
Andrew Yuan – Senior

CONSERVATION

Abigail Vines – Junior

DOG

Kaymie Van Benthuyzen – Junior
Nicole Sieling – Intermediate
Savannah Kutz – Senior

ELECTRICITY

Matthew Galiano – Intermediate

ENTOMOLOGY

Matthew Sargent – Junior

FOOD & NUTRITION

Elinor Gale – Junior
Sarah Coley – Senior

GOAT

Beverly Strautmann – Intermediate
Teresa Strautmann – Senior

HORSE

Carol Nunez – Intermediate
Charly Miller – Senior
Kaytlin Crim – Senior

PHOTOGRAPHY

Lexa Armstrong – Junior

POULTRY

Michaela Polmann – Junior

VISUAL ARTS

Annelise Vieira – Junior

JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD

Emily Vines - Intermediate

CLUBS OF THE YEAR

Crazy 4 Canines
Pony Pals

CLOVER AWARD WINNERS

CLOVERBUD

Geneva Abrams
Jack Polmann
Reanna Stiehler

JUNIOR

Lexa Armstrong
Emily Bangs
Chase Hunter
Eleni Lambrianos
Anna Moore
Amanda Peacock
Emily Plaisance
Michaela Polmann
Ramius Stiehler
Jordan Traynor
Kaymie Van Benthuyzen
Annelise Vieira
Michael Vieira
Meneka Wijesiriwardena

INTERMEDIATE

Jessica Freed
Matthew Galiano
Dakota Hunter
Heather Moore
Nicole Sieling
Sonali Wijesiriwardena
J.D. Willett



4-H Foundation



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4-H Foundation Apple and Pecan Sale

Don't forget the deadline to turn in your orders for apples and pecans is October 1. The Foundation will arrange a time and place for orders, or orders may be mailed to:

Pinellas County 4-H Foundation Inc.
13799 Park Blvd. N., #316
Seminole, FL 33776-3402.

Do not hand deliver the orders to this address.

The apples offered are Crispin and Empire.

The price for a bushel of apples is \$33.00 and \$19.00 for half a bushel. Pecans are \$9.00 a bag.

For apple and pecan order questions,
e-mail: info@pc4hfoundation.org.





4-H Calendar

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October 1 – 4

Southern Region Leaders Forum/Rock Eagle 4-H Center

October 5

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October 20

4-H Advisory Meeting @ Pinellas County Extension

October 28 – 31

Apples/pecans arrive – Tentative pick up @ Ochs

NOVEMBER 2009	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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November 6

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November 14

4-H Open House & Apple Cook-Off @ Pinellas County Extension

November 14

Marine Ecology Competition in Kissimmee

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December 4

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January 4

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January 19

4-H Advisory Meeting @ Pinellas County Extension

January 22 – 24

Leadership Adventure Weekend @ Camp Ocala



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PINELLAS COUNTY'S 4-H NEWSLETTER

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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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Pinellas County 4-H Youth Development

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