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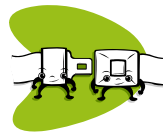


FROM THE AGENTS DESK- Keith Wilson

Many of our 4-H clubs in Sarasota County are comprised of youth participating in home-school learning programs. Each month I have the good fortune to visit these active clubs and teach a variety of marine science laboratory activities. Together we learn about red tide, marine mammals, coastal invertebrates, sharks, squid, sea turtles, water pollution, and a variety of other exciting topics. Often these groups will organize field trips to local coastal ecosystems where we study mangrove communities, intertidal zones, and sea grass communities. The positive impact that these home-school youth and their families have had on our 4-H program is immense. My sincere thanks to all of them for their participation in our 4-H school enrichment program.

On a personal note, I will never be able to thank all of the 4-H families enough for providing their warm support, prayers, and sympathy during my wife's 12 year struggle with cancer. Your caring will always be remembered. Our family wishes you all a very happy holiday season.

Remember to always buckle up those you care about when riding in a vehicle and please use caution when riding ATVs.



Keith Wilson, 4-H Extension Agent

Community Pride,
A Florida 4-H Citizenship Activity

After Florida 4-H reviewed 40 Community Pride Proposals throughout the State of Florida; they announced Sarasota County Council and the Green Team will be receiving funding to support their Community Pride Projects.

A big thank you to Chevron Corporation for sponsoring these wonderful community projects.

The 4-H Community Pride Program is designed to give 4-Hers' a better understanding of their community, its needs, helping others, and to learn by doing. Congratulations to these young people for their dedication to our world!

Attention:

Sarasota County 4-H Members

The Sarasota County Wide 4-H Community Service Project will be on Wednesday December 12 at the Salvation Army. We would like 4-Hers to be there at 5:30 and the program starts at 6:15. Call Jared Padgett at 925-3175 for any questions or if you would like to come. Submitted by: Jared Padgett

I pledge,
My Head
to clearer thinking,
My Heart
to greater loyalty,
My Hands
to larger service,
And My Health
to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country and my world.

Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays to all our
4-H Families!



Marcia, Keith, Sheila and Barbara



Fair Days Ahead...

Attention Swine Exhibitors

The Sarasota County Fair Swine Check-in will be held **Saturday, December 1st, 7:00 to 10:00 AM** at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. Bring your "Bill of Sale", entry form, and entry fee—your forms must be complete (or you will be sent to the back of the line!)

Hogs will be ear tagged and inspected. There is no minimum or maximum entry weight. It is suggested that hogs weigh between 65 and 80 pounds at the first weigh-in. If an exhibitor wants their hog weighed, the exhibitor may opt to unload their hog and have it weighed at check-in, but it is not required by the Fair Rules. Hogs must weigh at least 210 pounds at final weigh-in on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Reminder: The dates for bleeding swine will be February 18, 19, and 20 at the Farm Bureau on Palmer Road from 5:00 PM—8:00 PM, and the cost will be \$6.00. It will be mandatory to have your swine bled for sale purposes at the 2008 Sarasota County Fair. Complete instructions and information will be provided at the first weigh-in on December 1, 2007.

Attention: Beef Breeding and Dairy Cattle Exhibitors...

The first entry date for Beef Breeding and Dairy Cattle is Saturday, December 8th at the Sarasota County Fair grounds between 8:00 AM and 10:00AM. Exhibitors must turn in completed entry form and entry fee at this time. All animals will be vaccinated with CattleMaster 4+ L5 and Clostrin 7, Ecoli. Don't forget to enter this information in your record books!

A **second mandatory** vaccine will be administered on Saturday, January 5th between 7:00AM and 9:00AM at the Fair grounds. Cattle shown in the previous year will need only one vaccine.

Please refer to your 2007-2008 Sarasota County Fair Rule Book for all the details!

Attention Dairy and Pygmy Goat Exhibitors

The official entry date for Dairy and Pygmy goats is Saturday December 8th between 8 AM—10AM at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds. Exhibitors must bring completed entry forms with entry fee to check-in.

ALL goats must be certified on the Scrapies Program and be individually, permanently, and legibly identified by a Scrapies-Program approved ear-tag, tattoo, or micro chip. Refer to the Sarasota County Fair rulebook pages 23 and 24.

Forms Form Forms...

Know where and when your forms are due:

Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Share the Fun, Mini Building, Clothing, and Judging Contests are due:

By 5:00 PM January 18 at the **4-H Office**

Dogs, Llama, Miniature Horses, Dress Up Parade and Plants (classes 41 & 42) are due:

By 5:00 PM February 1st at the **Fair Office**

Cavies, Poultry and Rabbits are due:

By 5:00 PM February 15 at the **Fair Office**

Looking Ahead - County Demonstration Day

Start planning your demonstrations now! Categories for demonstrations are: Animal Science, Environmental Education- Our Natural World, Individual & Family Resources- Our Personal World, Science & Technology, and Citizenship, Leadership, Communications, Arts and Careers. Demonstration rules and a complete list of categories / lots can be found on pages 34 and 35 in the 2008 Sarasota County Fair rulebook.

Demonstration entry forms (page 63 in the Fair Rules Book) are due by 5:00PM on January 18, 2008 at the **4-H OFFICE**. You must pre-register at this time for eligibility in the Superior Exhibitor competition, one demonstration will count towards one superior exhibitor category only, and a maximum of three demonstration will be allowed.

County Demonstration Day is Saturday, **February 23, 2008** at the Meadowlands Worship Center on Fruitville Road. Public Speaking will also be judged at this time. To be considered for a Superior Exhibitor Award in the Mini Building, Small Animal Barn, or Plant Show and Sale Tent you must do a demonstration in the project area you are exhibiting (example: Rabbit - rabbit demonstration, Plant - plant Demonstration). Superior Exhibitors receive a trophy and a \$50.00 award.

Demonstrations allow 4-H members the opportunity to share with others what they have learned. The County's first place Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors (Individual or / Team in each category) will advance to District Events. District Events will be held on May 3, 2008. The first place Junior and Intermediate District winners will receive a scholarship to Camp Cloverleaf (June 16-20, 2008). The first place Senior District winners will receive a scholarship to compete at Florida 4-H Congress in Gainesville (July 21-25, 2008). 4-H Congress is a week long event held at the University of Florida.

To receive a demonstration "Tip Sheet", or if you have any questions about categories, eligibility, County, District or State events contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810.

4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



61st Annual 4-H State Dairy Show

Attention Dairy Cattle Exhibitors,

Mark your calendars! February 7-10, 2008

This is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H youth with an interest in Dairy Cattle. Make your plans now to attend the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show. Thursday, February 7: Check in 3-6PM and mandatory exhibitor meeting at 8PM, Friday 8th: Dairy Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl Contest, Saturday 9th: Showmanship and Heifer classes and Sunday 10th: Cow Classes and Awards Banquet at 1PM.

Scholarship Opportunity:

4-H involvement leads young people to explore educational options after graduating high school. For those who choose to further their education the K&J 4-H Dairy scholarship was created to help support 4-Hers' educational goals by offering two (2) \$500 one time awards to graduating seniors or former graduates currently enrolled in a two or four year university or college. Awards will be given at the State 4-H Dairy Show Award Banquet in Kissimmee, FL on February 10, 2008 **Applications must be received by January 5th, 2008** (at the Dairy Extension, Seffner, FL) Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for details and an application form.

Florida 4-H Camp Counselor Certification

Be the best you can be... Florida 4-H Camp Counselor Training will be held at Camp Ocala on Friday January 18 through Sunday January 20, 2008. Open to 4-H Youth ages 12 - 18.

Learn; essential skills you need to work with campers, leadership training to prepare you to lead activities, teambuilding, learn how to use camp teaching kits, and CPR/ First Aid Certification. Bonus: Certified Counselors qualify to attend Teen Adventure Camp.

Contact the 4-H Office for more information and registration forms (registration due by January 11, 2008)

Learn more... The Hog & Ham Program

A Hog & Ham workshop is scheduled for January 21, 2008 at UF, Animal Science Department. Youth are required to attend this workshop in order to participate in the Hog and Ham program. The workshop is open to youth (13 and older as of 9-1-07), parents, leaders, agents, or anyone with interest in the Hog & Ham program.

The workshop will include information on the swine industry, sources and selection of feeder pigs, feeding & health management, pork products, and an overview of the project record book, demonstrations, retail audit, and complete Hog and Ham schedule.

Please contact the 4-H Office (861-9810) or visit the Florida 4-H website for details, and more information.

Holiday Workshop

A Holiday Placemat Workshop is scheduled for December 13th from 5 PM to 8 PM.

Pam Wyka will show you step by step, using sewing machines, how to create a beautiful appliqué placemat for the holidays.

Make your reservations today by calling 861-9812. There is no cost for this workshop, the material has been donated to 4-H by Doug Atha, Teknique Upholstery.

4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest

The 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest is offered to Sarasota County 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. The program is designed to give youth experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech. Students develop confidence, poise, and acquire the ability to speak and express ideas convincingly.

We would like to invite any home schooled youth; at 4th, 5th or 6th grade level, to participate in this year's event. Please contact Sheila at 861-9810 to receive materials, contest details, and more information.

Looking Ahead... Two Leadership Adventure Weekends Planned

Attention Intermediate and Senior 4-Hers... here are two fun-filled weekends of learning and experiences that you definitely don't want to miss!

January 25-27, 2008: Senior Leadership Adventure Weekend at Camp Ocala (ages 14 and up as of September 1, 2007)

February 1-3, 2008: Intermediate Leadership Adventure Weekend at Camp Cloverleaf (ages 11-13 as of September 1, 2007)

Leadership Adventure Weekend or L.A.W. is designed to provide leadership training for 4-H members from across the state. It is an excellent opportunity for youth to meet and get to know other Florida 4-Hers. Hands-on training makes learning fun while learning valuable life skills. 4-Hers will also learn more about opportunities in 4-H, leadership, and team building. Leaders, why not send your club president—they can bring back this valuable information to your club. The Intermediate Leadership Adventure weekend will prepare intermediate 4-Hers for future leadership roles at county, district, and state levels. These events are planned by senior 4-H members in partnership with adult volunteers, agents, and state leaders—so you know they will be fun and you are sure to have a great time! Contact the 4-H Office for more information, registration forms, and deadlines.

Upcoming Project Workshops...

December 6: Christmas Wreaths. You will be delighted by these not so traditional Christmas wreaths to deck your halls for the holidays. Bring 1 grocery bag full of fresh greenery and hand clippers. Cost \$3.00.

January 10: Leather Craft. Try your hand at leather crafts, and embellish these beautiful key chains just in time to enter this in the Sarasota County Fair. Cost \$1.00.

February 13: Valentine. Arrange a beautiful tea cup Valentine for that very special someone. Bring a new or used tea cup (or mug) and we will provide all the ingredients to make it spectacular! Cost \$2.00.

April 10: Make a Statement! Your friends will flip over these custom "flip-flops" to wear all summer! Bring a pair of plain flip-flops to the workshop and we will supply all the materials to make them dazzling! Cost \$1.00

These hands-on workshops are held at Twin Lakes Park; 4:45 PM. We do ask that you pre-register one week prior to the workshop so we have enough materials for everyone in the class. Thanks, and come join the fun!

Sign-up today!



Just For Leaders...

Establishing and Chartering a 4-H Club

Florida 4-H has established criteria for enrolling clubs as an "official 4-H Club". Criteria for 4-H clubs in Florida are as follows:

- The club has five members (from at least two families) with completed enrollments.
- The club is organized with youth officers.
- There are one or more appointed club volunteers, following application, screening and training.
- An initial meeting place is secured for at least several consecutive months.
- An official non-discriminatory club name is chosen.
- Club rules, which may be in the form of by-laws, are established.
- At least six or more regular meetings plus project meetings are scheduled.
- A written educational plan/calendar for the club program and activities is presented to the county 4-H Office (a draft is okay).

When requesting a Club Charter the Charter Application the form should be completed by the Club Secretary and signed by the Club President, Club Volunteer and Extension Agent. Once completed, the 4-H Office will then forward the request to the State 4-H Office. Individual clubs may have continuous use of their charter over many years, however, an Annual Request for Charter, is required from all clubs. This form is due September 1 of the current 4-H year. Forms to establish your club charter, or to renew your annual charter are available at the 4-H Office, call today (861-9812).

Calendars Are Available!

January—August 2008

4-H Calendars for 2008 are now available at the 4-H Office or on our website at:

sarasota.extension.ufl.edu

Dates to Remember:

4-H Hog and Ham Workshop January 21, 2008
Senior L.A.W., Camp Ocala, January 25—27, 2008
Intermediate L.A.W. Camp Cloverleaf, February 1—3
61st Annual State 4-H Dairy Show, February 7-10, 2008
Florida State Fair February 7—18, 2008
Florida 4-H Showcase at the State Fair February 9, 2008
County Events February 23, 2008
4-H Day at the Capital March 12, 2008
Sarasota County Fair March 14—23, 2008
State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest April 5, 2008
District Events May 3, 2008
Citizenship Washington Focus, June 15—21, 2008
Camp Cloverleaf June 16—20, 2008
Florida 4-H Legislature June 23—27, 2008
State 4-H Congress July 21-25, State 4-H Congress
For more information or details on any of these events contact the 4-H Office!

Have you turned in your number?

The 4-H Office needs to report all clubs using an EIN number, if you did not receive this information in the mail - please contact the office today, 861-9812.

Leader and Council Meetings are Important!

The next leader and council meetings will be held December 17th, 7:30 at Twin Lakes Park. Make your voice heard! Please be sure to have at least one leader and youth (President or Council delegate) to represent your club to share idea's, vote on issues, and bring back important information to your club.

Look What We Did...



The 2007 4-H Walk-A-Thon was Fabulous!

WOW! What a great day in the park! 4-H youth, parents, leaders, foundation members and friends attended the 2007 4-H Foundation Walk-A-Thon in Myakka State Park. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all who collected money, walked, donated, and sponsored this event. The weather was perfect, the food was great and the memories will last a life time!

Top Prize Winners: Sean Russell 303.00, Jacob Sandefur 184.00, Shannon Kehoe 175.00, Jared Padgett 150.00, Jaime Bland 130.00, Autumn Duyn 126.00, Jillian Bland 110.00, Bryan Martin 95.00, Cheyenne Askins, 75.00, Maggie LaFrance 75.00, Niki Wallace 74.00, Erin DeJonge 70.00, Joseph Alyco 60.00, Shelby Stasik 60.00, and David Dean 51.50!

Adults: Darlene Linthicum 105.00, Sandra Gainey 96.00, Crystal Davis 36.00, June Haley 25.00, Barbara Briggs 25.00, Linda Hall 24.00, Jeanette Dick 20.00, and Theresa Sandefer 20.00.

Participating Clubs: Miakka Allstock 543.00, Kelly Community Clovers 531.00, Mini Hooves 355.00, Green Team 303.00, East County Steer and Swine 300.00, Florida Crackers 294.00, Blazers 255.00, Jr. Cattlemen 190.00, Southern Spurs 115.00, Ridin' Rednecks 110.00, Clogging Clovers 81.00, Indian Creek 75.00, Horse N Around 70.00, Sharp Shooters 30.00.

Thanks to our T-Shirt sponsors: Publix Supermarkets, Bella Terra, Health Trust, Myakka Ranchers, Professional Concrete, Sarasota County Farm Bureau, Air Service of Manasota, Bradley's Window Cleaning, DeJonge Excavating Contractors, Johnson Concrete Services, Inc., Sarasota County Cattlemen Association, Sarasota Swine 4-H Club, Schmehl & Harkness, Inc., Two & One Ranch, Wood Products, 4-H Livestock Club, D & D Plastering, George and Pam Liedl, Indian Creek 4-H Club, Ridin' Rednecks 4-H Club, Royal-Tee's Inc., Sarasota County Cattlewomen, and your Sarasota County 4-H Staff!

We would like to recognize and thank all members of our foundation and special thanks to: Christina Schook (Walk-A-Thon Chair), Aaron Brown, Elva Farrell, Barbara Briggs, June Haley, Leeann Albritton, Glenda Padgett, Annette Chapman, and George Liedl... a great job was done by all! The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is a group of volunteers that work hard for our 4-H program. With out their support 4-H youth would not receive financial support to camps, events, and activities. Thank you ALL for all you do!



4-H Foundation—Working Hard 4-YOU

From the Booth: Now that the fair is only 4 months away, I would like to ask if there is anyone that can help the foundation with a few things that need to be fixed in the Elephant ear booth before the fair. If you have the expertise or know of someone that would be willing to help us out (that way we would not have to spend money that can be used for the 4-H program and our 4-Hers). We need help with plumbing; to replace the hot water heater, and the faucet - if you worked in the booth last year you know what I mean. Also, we need a small amount of countertop constructed. We also need to rewire the trailer so if we need to move the trailer to another location it will be street legal.

As you all know all profits from the booth go into the 4-H program to reduce costs and to pay for scholarships. If you would like to help us out please call the 4-H Office or myself at 922-9193.

Thanks again, we couldn't do it without you. George Liedl, EE Booth Committee Chairman 08

PS; If you know of a company that would be willing to donate the water heater or faucet please let me know. With all our connections out there we should be able to get this done.

Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Swine Fundraiser: It is time once again for the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Annual Swine Fundraiser. Last year this fundraiser netted \$7,706.00! Look for our tickets; this year our swine tickets are WHITE. Tickets are available in bundles of 25/50/100 at leader and council meetings, the 4-H Office, or by calling Glenda Padgett at 925-3175.

This is a great Fundraiser for clubs as well as one of the major fundraisers for the 4-H Foundation. Last year 22 clubs participated. Once again clubs will earn .25 cents for each ticket they sell (if they sell 25 tickets or more). The club that sells the most tickets will win a pizza party! We would love to have independent 4-H members participate too.

Profits from these tickets will help to fund activities within the 4-H Program including: camp, congress, awards night, 4-H program materials, and Foundation Scholarships for graduating seniors. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday March 22, 6:00 PM, at the 4-H Foundation Elephant Ear Booth. The hog will be one exhibited at the Sarasota County Fair and will be standard cut and wrapped. *Submitted by: Glenda Padgett*



Animal Connections...

Four Cows Need a Home

Yes, 4 cows are looking for greener pastures. Frieda, Irene, Clara and Edith need a new home(s). They are all past calf-bearing age and their owner doesn't want them to go to slaughter. Call Don Stewart at 322-0007 if you are interested.

Friendly Rabbit Needs a Home

This 1 year old, female brown rabbit is looking for a home. She is very sweet. If you would like more information about her contact:

Linda at 941-313-0843

Straight From The Horses Mouth



Mark Your Horse Calendar...

December 8th	Horse Judging School, Gainesville
January 6th	4-H Show, Paragon Farm (Flyer in this Newsletter)
January 25th	Speed Show, Paragon Farm
January 27th	County Pleasure Show, Paragon Farm
February 9th	State Fair Horse Judging Contest
March 15th	Hippology Contest, Orlando
April 12th	State Horse Judging Contest
April 26 & 27	Area E Horse Show, Tampa
June 8, 15&22	Horsemanship Schools
June 20th	State 4-H Horse Events, Gainesville
July 10-12	State 4-H Horse Show, Tampa
July 29 - Aug. 3	Southern Regional 4-H Championships will be held in Lexington, VA

Are you leasing your 4-H Horse Project?

DON'T MISS THIS DEADLINE:

A horse lease agreement (form 4H-514) must be on file at the 4-H Office by **January 1, 2008**. Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for more information or leasing forms.

It's Show Time

The Sarasota County 4-H / Open Horse Show is scheduled for January 27th, 2008. Speed Events will be held on January 25th, 2008.

You **must** attend one of these shows, and have your "up-to-date" record book signed by a 4-H Agent to qualify for the Area E Horse Show, April 26 & 27.

Please turn in any sponsorship money ASAP! If your club, family or company would like to be on the show flyer please contact Nimie Gill 322-2006 or the 4-H Office 861-9810.

Horse Project Youth—New 4-H Age Division

Junior/Intermediate - 13 and under as of 9-1-07
Senior - 14 and over as of 9-1-07

At County, Area E, and State 4-H Horse Shows, classes which are split into Junior and Senior will now be Junior/Intermediate (all youth 13 & under) and Senior (all youth 14 & over). Until now, the age for Seniors was 13. This also means that youth must be 14 (as of September 1, 2007) to qualify for Regionals.

2nd Safety Clinic Cancelled

The 2nd Horse Safety Clinic scheduled for December 1st has been canceled due to low response. If you have not attended a Horse Safety Clinic you can be checked out at the 4-H Show on January 6th. If you have any questions contact Nimie Gill at 322-2006 or the 4-H Office 861-9810.

2007 Area E T-Shirt Design Contest

Show your creative side... enter the Area E T-shirt Design Contest. The winner will receive a free t-shirt and a \$100.00 savings bond! The contest is open to all 4-Her's ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2007 that reside in the Area E Horse District. You do not have to be entered in a horse project to participate. T-shirts (made using your design) will be sold as a fundraiser for the Area E Horse Program.

Guidelines: 1. All designs must be original and specifically relate to the Area E 4-H Horse Show. 2. Designs must include a 4-H clover and the words "2008 Area E Horse Show" 3. No copyrighted materials can be used. 4. Designs may be horizontal or vertical to be used on the front or back of the t-shirt. 5. Designs must be submitted on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of white paper. Only 1 entry per member will be accepted. Entries are due in the Sarasota County 4-H Office no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, February 26, 2008.

State 4-H / FFA—Horse Judging School

The 2007/2008 State 4-H/FFA Horse Judging School will be on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Horse teaching Unit in Gainesville. The primary objective of the school is to assist in the preparation of judging teams for the State Contests. Anyone interested in horse shows and horse judging should benefit from this opportunity and is encouraged to attend. There is a \$3.00 per person charge (youth and adults) Contact the 4-H Office for registration and information 861-9810.

Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show

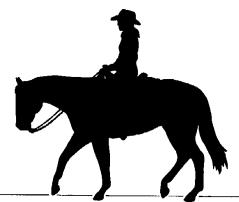
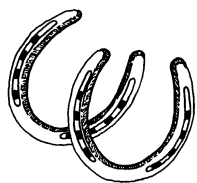
9:00 AM Sunday, January 6, 2008

Paragon Farm

15366 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 322-2006



Class List

1. Jr. Grooming & Conditioning
2. Sr. Grooming & Conditioning
3. Pony at Halter
4. Mares at Halter
5. Geldings at Halter
6. Miniature Mare
7. Miniature Geldings

Grand and Reserve

8. Walk / Trot Showmanship
9. Jr. Showmanship
10. Sr. Showmanship
11. Miniature Showmanship

Break

12. Miniature Obstacle
13. Walk / Trot Western Pleasure
14. Walk / Trot Western Horsemanship
15. Jr. Western Pleasure
16. Sr. Western Pleasure
17. Jr. Western Horsemanship
18. Sr. Western Horsemanship
19. Walk / Trot Trail
20. Open Trail

Break

21. Walk / Trot English Pleasure
22. Walk / Trot English Equitation
23. Jr. English Pleasure
24. Sr. English Pleasure
25. Jr. English Equitation
26. Sr. English Equitation

Break

27. Barrels
28. Poles
29. Keyhole
30. Stake Race

Learn By Doing



Walk /Trot, Jr./ Intermediate, Sr., Miniature Horse and Speed High-Point Awards

Must be entered in class 8, 9, 10 or 11 to qualify

Walk/ Trot—ages 8-18 as of 9/1/2007

Juniors / Intermediates - ages 8 - 13 as of 9/1/2007

Seniors - ages 14 - 18 as of 9/1/2007

Negative Coggins is required.

ALL participants MUST wear proper attire, boots and SEI or ASTM helmets.

4-Her's must present a current 4-H membership card.

Registration begins at 8:00AM

Classes are \$4.00

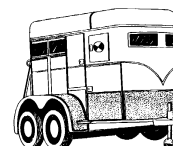
Must be a 4-H Member (any County)

Florida 4-H State Horse Show Rules Apply and are available on-line at:

<http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/horse/showRules.shtml>

Sponsored by the Sarasota County

4-H Horse Committee





DON'T MISS THIS...

District IX Christmas Party

Hey Sarasota County 4-Hers! On December 14th at the Pinellas County Extension Office from 6:00-9:00 P.M. the District IX Council will be hosting the first ever District IX Christmas Party Dinner and Fundraiser. This event is open to all 4-Hers in our District and their families. Each family attending is required to purchase a \$5.00 ticket and bring a potluck dinner dish to serve 8-10 people.



Come ready to have a great time celebrating the Christmas season and getting to know other 4-H members from our District. The event will include the potluck dinner, Christmas games and activities, a look at the Christmas lights in the Florida Botanical Gardens at the extension office and much more! If you would like to purchase a ticket to attend this event contact Sean Russell at (941)-371-8340. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Sean Russell, District IX Council President

Spreading Fitness, Fun, and Healthy Lifestyles to Others

The Sarasota County Council has already begun the County Wide Community Service Project. We visited the Salvation Army for the first time on October 29th for a Family Fun Night that everyone enjoyed. At the Salvation Army we had three different stations. We had a mini pumpkin decorating station, a scarecrow drawing station and a Healthy Lifestyle class that taught them about the new food pyramid. Before they left we gave them pumpkin pie, cookies, apples and a drink. Everyone there was so thankful for what we had done for them. We even had a few parents from the shelter stand up and say how much they appreciated what we did for them and their families. On December 12th we will be going to the Salvation Army again. We would like 4-Hers to be there a 5:30 and our program will begin at 6:15. If you would like to come help you can give call me at 925-3175 or email me at jpcountryboy@verizon.net to get more information or to sign up. I hope you all have a safe, happy and HEALTHY holidays. Submitted by: Jared Padgett

Ridin' Rednecks by: Erin Gilliland

It's pig season and many Ridin' Rednecks have already chosen their prize pigs for the fair. Mine came from Glarner farms in Sebring. He is a York cross, he's very friendly and cute and his name is Remy. A group of club members will be going together to pick out their pigs this weekend.

Starting up with a brand new project makes this a very exciting time of the 4H year. Club members, keep up those record books so they are the very best they can be! Our club craft days are coming up December 8th and 9th. The Harkness Family always comes up with the greatest creative ideas for holiday crafts then hosts us in their barn. It is a club activity that everyone looks forward to so we get in the holiday spirit.

Our club Christmas party is planned for Dec. 6 at the Koss's home. Thank you to the Koss family for hosting this special event. We just finished our fundraiser for the year, selling Redwheel food products. The sale went great, we sold 653 items, and everyone did their part to make it a success!

Reef Rovers' Trip to the Lowry Park Zoo

By Raven von Wood

On October 12th our Reef Rovers club met at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. Our tour guide, Erica Clark, took us on a tour of the Florida section of the zoo. It was a nice trip and our guide was a great wealth of information. We saw monkeys, eagles, flamingos, otters, manatees, and other animals. The Lowry Park Zoo will also soon be opening an exhibit with a new baby panther; and it is preparing the exhibit for the baby's arrival. Erica told us that there are only 20-30 Florida panthers in the wild. I realized that zoos aren't only for our personal benefit of education about the animals, but they also have benefited many of the animals there. Some were orphaned and endangered and now are in a much better habitat. After our tour, we saw some new baby tiger cubs. I think if you haven't been to the zoo in a while, you should definitely plan to visit soon. There's always something new at the zoo; whether it's a new exhibit or some new additions, you'll have a great time. We certainly did!

Jr. Cattlemen's 4-H Club by: Jared Padgett

Hello again! The Jr. Cattlemen's 4-H Club now has 14 members and has been welcoming members at the past few meetings. At our meetings we have learned why steers get vaccinated, where to give them the shot, and how to calculate you feed conversion and your animals average daily gain. At our last meeting November 7th Kaitlin Armstrong and Amanda Scarborough taught us about different breeds of cattle and where some originated from. On December 8th our club will be serving at the Cattlemen's Christmas Party. We will be doing our one and only fundraiser (selling raffle tickets for gift baskets) to help fund our trip to the Annual Cattlemen's Convention held in Marco Island. Our next meeting will be on December 5th and will be held at Twin Lakes Park from 6:45-8:00. If you are interested in joining our club you can call me Jared Padgett at 925-3175 or e-mail me at jpcountryboy@verizon.net for more information.



Green Team; by Laura Knipper

Greetings 4-H members! Our November meeting was held on November 11, 2007 at BeeRidge Park. During the meeting we discussed the Marine Ecology Event (MEE) which was held in Kissimmee on November 3rd. Megan Knipper, Maxine Lowe, and Rachel VanRiper were our intermediate team and Kayla Knipper with Amber VanRiper went as Sr. individuals. Laura Knipper and Autumn VanRiper went along and participated as volunteer readers for younger children. Though none of our teams placed this year, we all had a really fun time competing and learning together. However, we do have two participants in the MEE photo contest who came back with some ribbons. One of Laura Knipper's photos won 3rd place overall in category, and two of Sean Russell's photos received honorable mention. By the way, thank you so much to the parents and chaperones who took their time to drive us to this exciting event! We all really appreciate it!

Before closing our discussion of the MEE, Mrs. Clark handed out judging participation pins to Kayla and Megan Knipper, Maxine Lowe, and Amber and Rachel VanRiper. Laura Knipper, Autumn VanRiper, and Sean Russell received medals as an honor for placing as the 1st place Sr. team in the MEE three years ago and for continuing to share their knowledge with other participants while helping out with the event. Congratulations to all of these intermediate and Sr. 4-Hers! Also, another congrats goes to our club - we were awarded a Community Pride Grant for our ambassadors for stewardship project. We will continue with our adoption of Turtle Beach, and do a beautification project at BeeRidge Park.

After announcements, we each got an activity book about trees to help us study for the upcoming forestry judging event. We reviewed the anatomy of a tree and then examined and labeled the inside sections of a tree trunk.

To complete our meeting, we did a short craft lead by Mrs. Lowe. We used plastic, which we would have otherwise thrown away, to create holiday window clings. They will look lovely when the sun shines through them!

Hope everyone has a happy holiday season! Until next time, keep on making the best, better!!!

Green Thumbs, by Lisa Richards

Green Thumbs, Growing Organic!!! Last month was exciting as we just keep planting different plants and vegetables. In October the club got together and made all of the grow boxes, and in November there were plenty of things to plant in the boxes.

A big THANK YOU goes out to: Jessica's Organic Farm who donated two flats of assorted Herbs and Vegetables to our club. What a fun time we had in the dirt. Mr. Richards is keeping all the plants at his house and is letting us know how much they are growing.

The December meeting will be held on the 8th @ 2:00 p.m.

Keep growing ORGANIC!



Livestock Club: by Seth Day

At our November meeting we chose to serve meals to the homeless once a month at "Gifts from God Ministries Dream Center" in Sarasota as our Community Service project for this year.

We are going to have a float in the Christmas parade. December 1st and we decided that we would do a "Gingerbread House" theme. The parade is always a lot of fun and we look forward to riding on the float.

At our December meeting we will have our Christmas Party and gift exchange.

The 4-H members in our club who are having pigs as their project for the fair are getting them on November 17th. Good Luck to all of you!

Hello, from the East Side Rabbiteers 4-H Club!

On September 30, 2007 we assisted Manatee County's 4-H workshop. I did a talk about rabbit showmanship. We helped identify rabbits and told how to enter them correctly for the fair.

Between October 14 -18, the American Rabbit Breeders Association held its 84th National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Three members from our club attended and they were Sofia Annis, Roy Thompson, and Brittney Thompson. We all competed in the Royalty contest which basically combines scores from an essay that needs to be turned in late August, judging, breed identification, a two hundred question test, and an interview if you make the top twenty. All three of us made the top twenty, Roy in the King (15-18) division, Sofia in the Queen (15-18) division, and Brittney in the Duchess (12-14) division. At the banquet we had some really good results and we are all proud of ourselves!

Sofia Annis, 2007 American Rabbit Breeders Association Queen, 4th Runner Up Senior Individual Judging, \$1,000 scholarship. Brittney Thompson, 2007 American Rabbit Breeders Association Duchess National Winner Intermediate Breed Identification. Roy Thompson was 3rd Runner up King

On November 3, 2007, Daniella Brown, Roy Thompson, and Brittney Thompson helped host a 4-H rabbit workshop in Ft. Meyers, FL. Daniella talked about genetics, Roy talked about grooming, and Brittney talked about showmanship. After we did our talks, we judged the rabbits and chose Best in Show and the Reserves.

Horse 'N Around by: Maxim Lowe



October was a busy month. On October 20, 2007, we went to 4-H Opportunity Awareness day. We learned about all the different projects and fun activities in the 4-H organization and the many different ways to receive medals. After the opportunity awareness day speeches, our club met outside and did a craft: a centerpiece for Halloween. It was made with plastered cloth that you wet so that it will harden. We put them around a balloon that was taped to a bowl so it would stand upright and not fly away. People made objects such as pumpkin, witch, mask, or bat. Once the top was dry we did the bottom. We also made ears, noses, wings etc. We took them home to paint them. It will make fun decorations for Halloween.

Then we had our regular club Meeting on the 23d. Did you know that our three fundraising baskets (Fishing, Spa, and Child games and activities) raised a total of about 1,000 dollars for the 4-H foundation? Woohoo! We now have our order forms for our next fundraiser, Red Wheel. We sell frozen baking goods, such as cookie dough of different sorts, snacks such as tacos and burritos, regular sized and mini cheesecakes and more. If you would like to buy any, contact any member of the Horse N Around club or Nimie Gill before November 26. These goodies will be perfect for the holidays!

After discussing our usual reports, we played two games. We tested our memory again with a trivia game on The Clover Times. Then, we also played a spaghetti and marshmallow game. We teamed up in pairs of two, and with one hand behind our back, we work together to make a 3-d structure with a fair amount of uncooked spaghetti and seven marshmallows. Trent and Noah won most creative structure, and Elizabeth and Brianna won the tallest. The meeting was adjourned after we sampled a delicious autumn cake made by Elizabeth's mom.

MINI HOOVES by: Shelby Stasik

Happy Holidays Everybody! Our club has been busy we had our first meeting at our new meeting spot the Miakka Church we will be meeting there the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on December the 6th at 7:30pm. This will be our monthly business meeting so it is very important to be there to get any new information or dates and times of up coming events. The Sally Foster orders are in and ready to pick up if you haven't already they are at Mrs. Judy's farm please call to find out when to pick them up. Our Avon fundraiser orders need to be in to Mrs. Judy by November the 18th .



We had our first practice line up for the Christmas parade it went very well. The parade is on December the 1st we need to be there at 8:30am to line up and it begins at 10:00am . We will have more information at the next meeting about directions etc.... Our Christmas party will be at Debbie Wooley's house this year it will be on Saturday December 22nd the vote was to have pizza and secret Santa gift exchange we will be drawing names at the next meeting. We will also have directions to Debbie's house then for you.

We discussed the Paragon 4H show that is on Jan 6th at 9:00am and everyone was told you need to have attended a safety clinic and have a helmet to attend. Anyone that needs more info can contact Erin Kehoe in our club she can fill you in.

We also talked about the Sarasota County Fair check in dates for their entries and discussed there are new rules and dates. We also discussed record books and if you don't have one yet you can get them on line.

There were a few of us in Ocala last month there was a AMHR/AMHA show we had several members in the show everyone did really well and had a great time.

We have a new club newsletter if you want to have anything put in it you need to email Mrs. Gigi her email was on your last newsletter.

Everyone needs to be thinking about a demonstration it is that time of year to start getting them done if you are going to do one at our business meeting let one of the leaders know so then can make time during the meeting. Or if they are animal related and you need to use your horse you may do them at the farm on one of the farm days.

There also is a new Miniature Tack Shop at Mrs. Judy's if you need anything for your horse just contact her for the times that it is open.

Hope everyone remembers about the Salvation Army date in December those of us that when before had a great time helping the kids with a fall craft. We will be doing Holiday Crafts any questions contact Ms.Jamie about the date and times.

