



The Clover

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Happy Holidays!

I am so ready for Thanksgiving I can hardly wait. Before you know it you will be out of school for the Winter Holidays. In November and December there are some fun activities in 4-H. The first is the Holiday Crafts Workshop. The workshop will be on November 11th at the Extension Office. Make sure to check out the next page for more information.

Also, our District 4-H Council is hosting Junior Congress in Green Cove Springs. Junior Congress is just like 4-H Camp except that it is only two days long instead of a full week. Junior Congress will be held on December 11-12 at Camp Chowenwaw. The cost is \$25. Make sure to see the flyer inside this newsletter.

If you're family has not reenrolled in 4-H yet now is the time. Below are step-by-step instructions on how to reenroll and the hyperlink. If you have any questions please contact Matt Bengé at the Extension Office:

Step 1: Log in to 4-H Online. If you have forgotten your password I can give it to you upon request.

Step 2: Update your family information. Also, you must choose a new password.

Step 3: Click on the name of the family member you wish to enroll. This will take you to the information you submitted last year. You do not need to give all the information again; just make sure all the information is accurate and up-to-date!

<https://florida.4honline.com/Login.aspx?4F514F2B424E3B394F29410D>

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Crafts Workshop. 😊

Sincerely,

Matt Bengé
4-H Youth Development Agent



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The 4-H Pledge
 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.

More Than You Ever
Imagined!

Holiday Crafts Workshop



Come join us for our annual round robin of quick and easy holiday crafts! The cost is \$20; but, if you bring 5 toiletry items the cost is \$15. Lunch will be provided. Cost covers materials, lunch, snacks, and drinks. In order to participate in the Workshop you must send payment with your registration form. There is limited space so make sure to send your form and payment to the County Extension Office.



Community Service

County Council is heading up some community service projects and would like all 4-H families to get involved! See descriptions below for the Food Drive, School Supplies Drive, and Stamps for Habitat for Humanity:

- ⇒ Food Drive: Please start collecting canned food for our annual thanksgiving baskets to local families in need. The deadline for canned food to the Extension Office is November 17th.
- ⇒ School Supplies Drive: Supplies such as scissors, pencils, pens, paper, etc will be donated to local schools in need. The deadline for school supplies is November 17th.
- ⇒ Stamps for Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity is raising money to build Habitat for Humanity homes in Florida. The money is earned from collected stamps! Cut cancelled stamps (not metered stamps) from envelopes at least ¼ inch of paper around the stamps. The stamps are then sold to stamp collectors, and the money raised will be used to build homes. So far, two homes have been built! Please give all stamps to either Mr. Matt or Kay Hinson.

Junior Congress 4-H Camp

Check out the registration form for some class selections you might be interested in. This camp is just like 4-H summer camp but it is only two days long instead of a full week.

Registration deadline is December 4th so sign up now and save your spot.



Alachua County Youth Fair Animal Ethics Training

Saturday, January 9, 2010

Oak View Middle School, Newberry, FL

9am – Noon

Cindy Sanders - Instructor

(All youth showing in the fair are required to attend an Ethics Training)

The Greek philosopher Plato said, “You cannot teach ethics – you can only remind ethics.”

Ethics is a standard of conduct that tells how we should behave. All people have a personal code of ethics. It consists of values that guide choices and actions.

Join me in January for this interactive and exciting training. Topics will include: talking with the media, decision making, showing character, and animal welfare .

Staying Up-to-Date with the Happenings

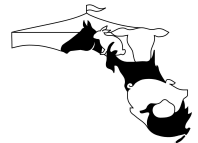
4-H always has so many events, activities, and meetings going on, and sometimes they are all on the same day! It can be hard to know what's going on. To stay up-to-date with the happenings of Alachua County 4-H, make sure to visit the website and the blog.

- ◆ Website---Has a lot of information, as well as the calendar and newsletter. The calendar will be updated twice a month to keep you informed. <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- ◆ The Blog---The Blog is a great way to stay up to speed with county council, upcoming events, and news with other 4-H clubs! Make sure that if your club has a blog on the blog-spot that you stay up-to-date with upcoming events, activities, and reports. <http://alachua4-h.blogspot.com/>

Month	Description	Location	Time
NOVEMBER			
10	District Council	CEO	TBD
11	Holiday Crafts Workshop	CEO	9:00am-2:00pm
17	County Council	CEO	6:30 pm
22	Swine Showmanship Clinic	Tampa	10:00 am-3:00 pm
24	Horse Committee	CEO	6:30 pm
DECEMBER			
1	ACYF – Lease Agreements Due	CEO	By 4:30 pm
5	ACYF – Swine Tag-In	Santa Fe High School	8:00-10:00 am
5	ACYF – Feeder Steer Weigh-In	Santa Fe High School	10:00-11:00 am
5	Horse Show	Canterbury	Registration begins at 8 am
11-12	Jr. Congress	Green Cove Springs	TBD
12	4-H/FFA Horse Judging School	Gainesville	TBD
15	County Council	CEO	6:30 pm
JANUARY			
9	ACYF – Animal Ethics Training	TBD	9:00 am-Noon
9	Horse Show	Canterbury	Registration begins at 8:00 am
11	ACYF – Rabbit Entries Due/Mandatory Mtg.	CEO	6:00 pm
12	District Council	Baker County Extension Office	TBD
15	ACYF – All Beef/Dairy/Goat/Poultry Entries Due	CEO	By 4:30 pm
18	Hog and Ham Workshop	Gainesville	TBD
19	County Council	CEO	6:30 pm
26	Horse Committee	CEO	6:30 pm
FEBRUARY			
1	ACYF - Broiler Orders Due	CEO	By 4:30 pm
1	ACYF – Late Entry Deadline & Ethics Training Completed-Proof to CEO	CEO	By 4:30 pm
4	Mandatory Marketing Meeting	TBD	6:00 pm
8	Broiler Pick Up & Workshop	CEO	6:00 pm
16	County Council	CEO	6:30 pm
20	Grape Pruning	Grandma's Vineyard	8:00 am
23	Horse Committee	CEO	6:30 pm

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Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show Important Dates 2010



DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
12/1/09	Lease Agreements due	By 4:30 pm	Alachua County Extension Office
12/5/09	Swine Tag-In	8:00-10:00 am	Santa Fe High School, Alachua
12/5/09	Feeder Steer Weigh In	10:00-11:00am	Santa Fe High School, Alachua
1/9/10	Animal Ethics Training	9:00-Noon	TBA
1/11/10	Rabbit Entries Due/Mandatory Meeting	6:00 pm	Alachua County Extension Office
1/15/10	All Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry Entries Due	By 4:30 pm	Alachua County Extension Office
1/28/09	Mandatory Marketing Meeting	6:30 pm	TBA
2/1/10	Broiler Orders Due to Cindy Sanders	By 4:30 pm	Alachua County Extension Office
2/1/10	Late Entry Deadline & Ethics Training Completed- Proof to Alachua Co. Extension Office	By 4:30 pm	Alachua County Extension Office
2/8/10	Broiler Pick Up & Workshop	6 pm	Alachua County Extension Office
3/20/10	Youth Fair Set-Up	8:00 – until	Alachua County Fairgrounds
3/26/10 - 3/30/10	Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show		Alachua County Fairgrounds