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Citrus County 4-H Newsletter



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Good Sportsmanship is for Youth and Adults

Sportsmanship is an aspiration that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. A sore loser refers to one who does not take defeat well, whereas a good sport means being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser".

Expectations for Youth

The development of sportsmanship is an important part of youth development. In order to become self-directing, productive, capable adults, today's youth must develop the knowledge, skills, and attitude of good sportsmanship. All participants in 4-H programs are expected to demonstrate some of the following elements:

1. **Good Conduct:** Demonstrate high standards of personal behavior which become you as an individual and as a representative of your family, your club, your community and the 4-H program.
2. **Fairness:** Be honest and just. Observe and follow the rules. Do not cheat.
3. **Courtesy:** Be well-mannered in your conduct. Show respect and consideration for others.
4. **Grace:** Show kindness and compassion. Treat people, animals and equipment kindly. If you are a winner, be happy, but do not gloat or brag.

Parent Responsibilities

The best place to work on building character and sportsmanship is at home. As parents of youth, here are a list of things that you can do to help build these important qualities with your children.

1. Don't engage in unethical behavior; be honest and always follow the rules.
2. Get a grip on the adult ego; don't do the work for kids, it's their project.
3. Don't jump to conclusions.
4. Support and be present with your children at events and activities.
5. Gracefully accept the results.

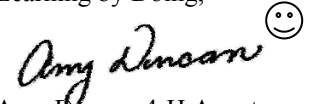
Helping 4-H members and families develop better sportsmanship will help youth be more successful in life. The example we set as adults will go a long way to help send the right message for youth to pick up and model.

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Parents,

Fair time is finally here! To help make sure you are ready and have everything you need, try making a list of everything you need to pack. Then as you gather the grooming supplies, feed for the week, show clothes, and your record books, check them off the list. Once you arrive at the Fairgrounds is not the time to remember the 50 lb. bag of feed required for your swine, is still in the shed at home!

Good luck to all, and remember to have fun!

Learning by Doing,



Amy Duncan 4-H Agent

Special Upcoming Dates:

- March 24 - Barn Set-up at the Fairgrounds, 9 AM
- March 25-31 - Fair Week
- April 9 - Chili -Dessert Cook Off & District Event Pep-Rally 6:00 P.M. Extension Office
- April 14 - Barn Clean-up, 9 AM
- April 20 -22, 3rd Executive Board Weekend, Open to all SR. 4-H'ers, \$95 Reg. Deadline April 4th
- April 28 - Area "C" Horse show, Reg. Deadline April 12th
- May 5 - 4-H District Events, Ocala, Marion County, RSVP ASAP!



4-H News You can Use



Fair Sponsor to Reward Exhibitors' Efforts

Cash awards will be given to youth livestock exhibitors who put forth extra effort during Fair. *Every record book graded and all skill-a-thon competitors will earn increasing \$'s depending on the score earned.*

So, don't slack on your record book and get out your study guides now! www.citruscountyfair.com

Tips for Completing Your Fair Livestock Record Book

1. Don't forget to have your leader and parent sign your book. Front page dated now, agreements are dated at beginning of projects.
2. Complete all sections, but no need to put "N/A" in every single blank.
3. Don't forget to carry your totals to Column 2, and use a calculator to check your math.
4. Make sure your "days on feed" and amount of feed are using the same start dates. If not, this will really throw off your "average daily gain" figures.
5. Use detailed info for your photo captions.
6. Parents, even if your child's handwriting is poor, it is still better to let them fill out their books themselves. Judges look at age of member and it is perfectly okay to use pencil.
7. Don't use your same story or pictures from last year! Yes, we know you do that and we can tell :-)

Sale Animal Agreements

(Swine, Steer, Rabbit Pen and Poultry Pen)

Members must turn in a completed 4-H Record Book for the animal shown in the Citrus County Fair by the deadline of **May 15th, 2012**. Animals shown under FFA cannot be used as a 4-H Project.

Should your animal not make it into the livestock show (for reasons such as *dropped out, no buyers letters, animal death, animal illness, weight, grade, etc.*) to be exempt from this rule, **the 4-H Office must be notified in writing by April 13th, 2012 that your animal didn't enter the Citrus County Fair Livestock Show.**

You are still encouraged to complete the project, however, by turning in your book.

To complete the project for 4-H you need:

- 1) Your County Fair record book
- 2) The 4-H completed "Project Report" for your age group found online by visiting:
http://florida4h.org/staff/Awards_Handbook/competition_report.shtml
- 3) Put both parts together in one binder, and submit by the deadline.

There is no need to wait until May 15th! Turn your 4-H Project record books in anytime after the Fair.



4-H Summer Camp

June 18- 22, 2012

For youth 8 to 12 years old

(Age as of Sept. 1st, 2011.)

Sorry, those who turned 8 after Sept. 1st will have to wait till next year.)

Contact the 4-H Office to sign up to get your 4-H Camp registration packet.



2012 COUNTY EVENTS



Those marked with an * in front of their name are invited to represent Citrus 4-H at District Events on May 5th in Marion County. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. If you are planning to attend you must contact the 4-H office at 527-5700 immediately for programming purposes.

All "Blue Ribbon" winners are eligible to participate in District Events

Animal Industry:

*Alexandra Harrell, Kelsey Sharrone, *Kody Tomczak, Darin Copeland, Deven Copeland, Allison Phillips, Coy Phillips, *Kacey Downing, *David Harrell, *Tegan Henick, Laci McFarlin, *Brittany Swain, *Rachel Zabinski, *Cheyenne Concidine, *James Corbin, *Kelsey Jones, *Deanna Kersey, *Austin Roberts, *Kaylin Roddenberry, *Kelly Thomas, Justin Worth, Shellby Gilson, Shy Miller, *Brianna Saltmarsh, *Leah Stanley, *Tanner Leturno, *Charlie Mattingly, *Kenny Mattingly, Michelle Faron, Michael Faron, *Katie Mattingly

Child & Human Development:

*Abby Leaf, *Christian Leaf

Civic & Leadership Development:

Austin Whitehead

Communication & Media Arts:

Elizabeth Frank, Chrissy Uzar

Earth Science:

*Brittany English-Troxzell

Food Preparation:

Lyndsee Philipps, Hannah Roddenberry, Amadou Speech, Dominique Speech, *Raeven Stoess, *Morgan Wayman, *Katie Jones, *Catie Smolensky, *Dakota Holloway, *Victoria Hedberg, *Samantha Jenkins, *Amber Huckabee, *Jennifer Smolensky, *William Mattingly, *Kaylene Murphy

Food Science, Safety & Nutrition:

*Nathan Snipes

Health & Safety:

Margaret Copeland, Christian Lawson, *Robyn Tyler

Horse:

*Alyssa Hamilton, *Nicole Cassell, *Tucker Mantor, *Rebecca Gray, *Mackenzie Ifft, *Sabrina Morris, *Caroline Specht, *Cheyenne Worth, *Sammy Parker, *Mackenzie Tomczak, *Sarah Bessler, Emily Dampman, *Sarah Davis, *Hannah Rowe, *Savannah Smith, *Lindsey Wyman, *Maggie Cobb

Horse Public Speaking:

*Maleah Williamson

Leisure & Performing Arts:

*Abigail Hinkle, *Juliana Landry, *Diana Ward, *Layton Copeland, *Emily Huckabee, *Lauren Philipps, *Morgan Trotter, *Kristen DeWitt, *Scott Standard, *Peter Uzar, Meagan Hoefler

Mechanical & Electronic Science:

*Jonathan Dovi, *David Dovi, Johnathan Shears

Natural Resources:

Miki Smith, *Jocelyn Standard, *Brandy White, *Kaleb Beckner, Zane Mueller, *Hunter McPherson, *Bryce Uzzolino, *David Meeks, *Nathan Meeks

Plant Connections:

Bryan Albert, Corey Hicks, Tawny Schaw

Public Speaking General:

*Jencye Quintanilla, *Kylie Philipps, *Jordan Quintanilla, Alicia Indelicato, *Abbey Mattingly

Small Animals & Pets:

*Jonas Duncan, Tori Henick, Brandon Brunk

Share the Fun:

*Jacqueline Garvin, Deanna Williams, *Nathan Snipes, *Robyn Tyler

Workforce Preparation & Career Development:

*Andrew Brown, *Amanda Polisenio, *Olivia Snipes, *Anna Venero

Table Tops: (not eligible to go to District Events)

Raylee Blanton, Christopher Curry, Jenna McClain, Morgan Sowell, Shyanne Waller, Jasmine Wayman

Cloverbud Table Tops:

Colton Copeland, Maria Landry, Macie Waller, Taylor Waller, William Ward, Justin Rose, Gracie Ward, Amaya Williamson

MANDATORY

Please note the 4-H office must be informed if you are planning to attend District Events. The latest acceptable response date will be:

April 5, 2012



Citrus County 4-H Club Reports

Lecanto Levi's 4-H Club

Are we ready for the Fair?! Yes! The Lecanto Levi's are ready for the fair. But first, County Events was great. We have many members going on to Districts and are excited about staying ready for that event. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

We have been continuing with our sign language and the group is learning the Pledge of Allegiance, 4-H pledge, and the Happy Birthday song. We have many involved in the one-on-one pen pal project with the 4-H clubs in Wyoming. This program is really benefiting our members and with one club we are doing actual letter writing and sending through the mailbox! That is a lot of fun for those involved with that club.

We are busy with our record books, making cards for our pens at the fair, and studying for the skill-a-thon. The animals are coming along great. We have also picked out our T-shirt design and can't wait until we get those in to show off our 4-H pride.

See you all at the Fair!

Respectfully Submitted,
Raeven Stoess, Reporter

Calling all Reporters:

If you would like to submit a club report for the newsletter: email, mail, fax, or drop your story by the 4-H office. The next newsletter deadline is April 23!

Nature Explorers 4-H Club

Hello Fellow 4-H'ers.

Yesterday we had a 4-H meeting and we shared about the accomplishments of our members at County Events. Abby and Christian Leaf did a talk on the "Trail of Tears" winning a blue ribbon and an invitation to District. Juliana Landry did a talk on "Ballet." She also received a blue ribbon and an invitation to District. Maria Landry did a tabletop on "Dance" and received a blue ribbon also. Congratulations to everyone!

Our club has been working on the *Take the Bait* fishing project. We've learned how to cast our fishing poles, how to identify freshwater fish, and we also learned about different kinds of tackle. We have some fishing trips planned and we are looking forward to them very much.

I will let you know what we catch. Thanks for reading,

Submitted by:
Abby Leaf

CHILI AND DESSERT COOK-OFF & DISTRICT PEP-RALLY

April 9th, 6:00 P.M. - Extension Office, Lecanto



- Chili must be served piping hot from a crock pot
- Desserts must be okay at room temp, not chilled
- Prizes for Cloverbuds, Juniors, Seniors, and Adults
- Sale of food samples (50¢) is a fundraiser for 4-H County Council
- Pep-rally for members attending District Events
- **Event begins 6 P.M.**
- **Everyone is invited!!!**

