



The Pasco County 4-H Newsletter

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****** Important notice, 4-H needs your help with ticket sales ******

6th Annual Kumquat Dinner Fundraiser, (This is our biggest fundraiser of the year).

4-H will be hosting the BBQ Chicken dinner on Friday, January 25, 2008. All funds raised will benefit our youth at the Awards Program, summer camps, leader training and other functions that require a fee. We are asking each 4-Her to sell at least five (5) tickets at \$6.00 each. The dinner will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at the Dade City Armory. We will need help with collecting donations, preparing, serving and cleaning up after the dinner. For more information, call the 4-H Office or see your leader for tickets.

4-H record book covers

We have them available at the 4-H office for \$2.00 if you need any.

4-H Showcase at the State Fair

All talented, enthusiastic 4-Hers are invited to participate in the 4-H Showcase at the Florida State Fair on Saturday, February 9, 2008. Performers are invited to showcase their talents at the Share-the-Fun event and clubs can showcase their activities, community service projects and much more by exhibiting an interactive booth. All clubs and participants must submit a registration form for each event. Forms are available at the 4-H Office or on the Florida 4-H website at http://florida4h.org/events/state_fair_showcase.shtml. Registration forms must be returned to the State 4-H Events Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11th for exhibits and Friday, January 18th for Share-the-Fun. Let's show everyone how talented Pasco County 4-Hers are!

Trash to Treasure Contest

The 2008 Trash to Treasure Contest is coming up quickly. All items entered should be made of RECYCLABLE or RECYCLED materials that have previously served another purpose (paper, newspaper, cardboard, tin, aluminum, glass, plastic, etc.) Please limit the size of your exhibit to no larger than 2 ft. high and 2 ft. wide. Categories are Pre-school, K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. The entry may also be a group project. Entries are due in the 4-H Office by Friday, **February 1, 2008**. All entries must be accompanied with entry form and a brief paragraph describing the item. An entry form is enclosed in this newsletter. For more information, you may call the 4-H Office. Entry form is available at <http://4hpasco.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Florida 4-H's 100th Year Celebration – 2009

Pasco County is looking for stories about the 4-H program to be published in a book. For Florida 4-H's 100th year celebration in 2009, this will highlight Florida's 4-H program through the past 100 years. Pasco County will have a section. This book will highlight the evolution of the Florida 4-H program throughout the state and through each of the 68 county programs. There will also be some other chapters highlighting other important programs such as Florida 4-H Camping, Florida 4-H Hall of Fame, etc. The book is set to be published in November of 2008 and we need some help. Our county has been asked to help be part of this celebration and complete a historical review of our county. This will require some time and effort but should also be fun and exciting. I am looking for anyone that would like to help gather history information for our county. We are looking for pictures, stories, family history or interesting facts that could help us put together Pasco County's 4-H history. Please send us some stories.

AGRIunity 2008

If you're interested in agriculture, you will enjoy the Agritunity 2008 program. It will be held on **Saturday, January 26, 2008** from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Sumter County Fairgrounds in Bushnell. The registration fee is \$10.00. However, dress in your 4-H attire and you will be admitted FREE. If you would like to attend, please contact our office at 352-521-4288 and speak to BJ Jarvis. <http://sumter.ifas.ufl.edu>

Hog & Ham Info

The Florida 4-H Hog & Ham Program is a statewide 4-H program which takes the participant through the total process of pork production from beginning to end. Youth select a feeder pig and grow it to harvesting weight, all the while keeping records on feed amounts and costs, health care, expenses, weights, etc. After harvesting the hog and processing it into wholesale or retail cuts, 4-Hers cure the hams and prepare bacon and sausage for smoking. The project concludes by participating in a retail comparison project, completing a record book and presenting a demonstration or illustrated talk to the other participants. Enrollment in Hog & Ham is limited to a maximum of 40 4-H members each year. The number of youth per county will be determined by the number of counties participating. The mandatory workshop is **January 21, 2008**. For more in-depth information, please go to the Hog & Ham website at www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/livestock/HogHam.shtml . If you are interested in participating, call the 4-H office at 352-521-4288.

Don't Forget Poster Contests!!!

4-H Poster Art Contest

The Poster Art Contest deadline is **April 30, 2008**. Below is a list of the rules that you may want to go over to make sure you have done your posters the right way for competition.

- ✓Poster Theme is "4-H In Your Community"
- ✓Posters must be designed on or affixed to poster board no larger than 14" x 22" (may be horizontal or vertical)
- ✓Posters may be in any medium - water color, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc. No three dimensional art permitted.
- ✓Use of copy written materials (such as "Peanuts" characters) cannot be used
- ✓Complete a Poster Contest Certification Statement form and attach to the back of your poster
- ✓Top three (3) posters (regardless of junior or senior) will be submitted for state competition at State 4-H Congress.

Call the 4-H Office if you have any questions. You can find all Rules listed in the Events & Activities

Handbook located on the State 4-H website or from our office.

http://florida4h.org/events/handbook_and_forms.shtml

4-H Dairy Poster Contest

Design a poster that tells a story about milk and/or milk products. The poster must be 14 x 22, contain the 4-H emblem and must have the "real seal" on it. It is due in the Pasco County 4-H Office by **April 30, 2008**. For more information please go to the web site and look under the events and activities web site. http://florida4h.org/events/handbook_and_forms.shtml

4-H Photo Contest

This contest has been expanded to include Digital Photos and Advantix photos. The Divisions are: 1) Prints; 2) Self-developed darkroom; 3) Digital. Entries are due in the 4-H Office by **April 30, 2008**. For more information please go to the web site and look under the events and activities web site.

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IT's THE LAW!!!! What we really mean is it will soon be Leadership Adventure Weekend at 4-H Camp Cloverleaf. LAW is a fun-filled intermediate (11-13 years of age) 4-H educational weekend, focusing on developing communications skills and teamwork. Workshop topics may include poster making, public speaking, press release writing, youth as partners in decision-making, team building and television interview tips. This year Intermediate LAW will be held **February 1-3, 2008**.

Intermediate Leadership Adventure Weekend

Open to Intermediate 4-H'ers ages 11 to 13 (As of Sept. 1, 2007)

February 1-3, 2008, [Camp Cloverleaf](#)

[Intermediate LAW Registration Form \(Word Form\)](#)

Registration Deadline: January 18, 2008

County, District and State Events

County

When: Saturday, March 29, 2008

Where: Pasco Hernando Community College, Dade City Campus

District

When: Saturday, May 3, 2008

It's, once again, time to start thinking about 4-H competitive events. Every 4-H member is encouraged to participate. 4-H youth can compete in various events at the county level with an opportunity to move on to district and state events. There are several areas that you can participate in. Public speaking, demonstrations and illustrated talks, along with poster and photography contests are just a few topics that you can participate in. Youth can also participate in clothing selection and creation. There is also a talent contest along with auto driving.

For more rules you can go to the State 4-H website at <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu> then go under events and to the far right and click on Events and Activity Handbook or you can contact the 4-H Office for more information. Look for registration forms and more County Events information in the next newsletter. Cloverbud 4-Hers may participate for feedback purposes only and will receive participation awards rather than placement awards.

4-H Horsemanship School

There will be four (4) different weeks of Welaka Horsemanship School this year. They are in June and

July. This school is open to youth 8-18. The cost is \$260 and youth must bring their own horse.

For the last 3 years, all weeks have been filled. Please do not hesitate until the last minute to reserve your spot. The deadline for registration is in May.

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office if you are interested.

JUDGING TEAMS

Anyone interested in starting or participating in a judging team, quiz bowl or other such event, should contact the 4-H office today to sign up for a team.

Daytona 500 Experience – 4-H Family & Friends Days

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Daytona 500 Experience's 4-H Family and Friends Day on **Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th**. The whole family will enjoy this up-close and behind the scenes look at the Daytona International Speedway. The cost of admission includes a speedway tour, IMAX movie, hot dog and a drink, 15% off merchandise, arcade tokens and much more. Orders received by January 14th are \$16 (plus tax); day of the event tickets are \$20 (plus tax). The event flyer and ticket order forms can be picked up at the 4-H Office or downloaded from the Daytona 500 Experience website at <http://www.daytonausa.com/images/D5X%204H%20FLYER%2008.pdf>. Gather up your family or 4-H club and head to Daytona for this full day of racing fun!

ATTENTION!!!! - PASCO COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

Any youth interested in showing or exhibiting arts and crafts, or baked goods, can find all the Rules and Information on the Pasco County Fair website at: www.pascocountyfair.com, along with record books needed for the animal exhibits.

BEEF HEIFER/BULL SHOW

There will be a Hoof Trimming on Saturday, **January 19, 2008 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.** in the Livestock Barn at the Fairgrounds.

There will also be a Mandatory Steer Exhibitor Body Clipping Workshop on **Monday January 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.** The Committee will also go over showmanship at this time.

For the average sale price and market value, contact the Fair Office at 352-567-6678.

SWINE SHOW & SALE INFO

The 4-H office has two Hog scales that 4-H members may check out to weigh their hogs. Please Call the 4-H office if you need one

All exhibitors should have their record books and be working on them. Also, as always, the Hog Committee will provide all previous year's buyers with two tickets for the Buyer's Dinner to be held Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008 prior to the hog sale. If you are interested in a ticket for your new buyer, please contact Chris Blommel, chairperson, at 813-714-1314 to reserve your ticket.

*** All 4-H livestock exhibitors must have their record book signed by their 4-H Leader. Please have your record book completed before bringing it to be signed. Leaders may refuse to sign an empty or skimpy recordbook. 4-H record book covers may be purchased from the 4-H Office for \$2.00. You

can also ask your leader as some may have some on hand.

DAIRY SHOW

The 2008 Pasco County Dairy Show will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Both Grade and Registered animals are eligible. If you need a grade identification form, you can pick one up at the 4-H Office.

Sheep Show

The mail-in entry form deadline is February 1, 2008 and they must be mailed in. The late entry deadline is February 24, 2008 (11 a.m. the day of the show) and the show starts at 12:30 p.m. This show is open to all 4-H and FFA members. Please remember that all sheep must have a USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Tag (metal or plastic). If you need tags, please contact Martha Wagaman, 352-333-3120, ext. 259, at the Florida USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services in Gainesville.

Goat Show

The entry deadline for showing goats is February 16, 2008. They will arrive at the Fair on Saturday, February 23, 2008.

PLANT SHOW

Plant check-in is Sunday, February 17 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Remember, the Youth Plant Sale will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the plant greenhouse during the Pasco County Fair.

NOTE: A plant workday will be held January 21, 2008 from 9 - 10 a.m. Exhibitors who attend will receive bonus points for their garden center display.

OTHER PASCO COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS

Art Show (visual arts or real crafts)

Did you know that there is an art exhibit class for juniors (K-12). Youth may enter their art work in the county fair. The art work must be original works by the exhibitor, created within the last two (2) years and have not previously been entered into the fair. Entry is Friday, 2/15/08 , 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturday, 2/16/08, 9 a.m. - noon.

Youth Exhibits

There are several categories that youth can enter; arts & crafts - both hard and soft classes, hobby craft, collections, clothing and sewing, baked goods, house plants, original art and recycled products.

Rabbit & Cavy Show

The entry deadline for rabbits and cavies is January 12, 2008. The entry fee is \$2.00 per animal. Rabbits and cavies arrive at the Fair on Sunday, February 17, 2008 and are released on February 24, 2008. All exhibitors are encouraged to make an educational poster about their animal. Please remember that your rabbit must have a tattoo in the left ear. This show is open to ALL Pasco County youth ages K-12.

Poultry Show

The entry deadline for poultry is 4:00 p.m. January 12, 2008. The entry fee is \$2.00 per bird.

Birds arrive at the Fair on February 17, 2008 between 4-6 p.m. and are released on February 24, 2008 between 7-8 p.m. All exhibitors are encouraged to make an educational poster about poultry and do not forget about the Egg Contest.

▲ **Reminder for all 4-Hers:** Don't forget that you can submit an exhibit as an individual or as a club at the Pasco County Fair Youth Pavilion. Exhibits will be accepted on Friday, February 15, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, February 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Baked goods also come in on Saturday, February 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Entries into the Back Porch can be entered from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 10th and also on February 15 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. (except baked goods). Contact the Pasco County Fair Association at (352) 567-6678 for rules and entry forms.

Back Porch

This is for people 18 years of age or older (your mom, dad or older brother or sister). The categories for this exhibit are heirloom art, heritage arts, home arts, baked goods and arts & crafts. Also, articles made by a person 75 years of age or older and anyone with a physical or mental handicap may be entered.

The back porch, art show and youth exhibits entries are due on February 10 & 16, 2007 in the Fair Office. Baked goods are due in the Fair Office on Friday, February 16, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ATTENTION LEADERS!!!!

Important Dates of Interest

1/21/08 Mandatory Steer/Heifer/Bull
Workday - Livestock Barn
1/21/08 MLK Holiday - Office Closed
1/25/08 Kumquat Festival Chicken Dinner 4-H Fundraiser
2/1/08 Trash-to-Treasure Entries Due
1/30/08 DEADLINE - Fair Membership
2/10/08 Hog, Steer, Heifer and Bull Record Books to be turned in
2/14/08 Valentine's Day
2/18-24/08 Pasco County Fair

Summer Camp:

Please save the following date for Pasco County Summer Camp!!!

Date: June 16-20, 2008

Cost: \$175.00

More camp information will be in the next news letter.

Any senior 4-H member that would like to be involved as a camp counselor, in the camp planning, is welcome to attend and help pick a theme, activities and help make camp fun and exciting. If you are interested, please call the 4-H office.

Club News

Please turn in your club news as soon as possible after your club meeting so you don't forget and so that we can put it in the newsletter.

All Creatures

At our December meeting we discussed new and old business. Our recreation team did a game called the human know. Many of our members brought their dogs to the meeting. We taught dog obedience and taught them to sit and stay.

At our January meeting we practiced dog agility. We had cones, ramps and jumps set up for an obstacle course. Everyone brought their dogs and enjoyed teaching the dogs what to do on the course.

Caleb Musgrave
Reporter

Southwest

Everyone is working hard on their Fair projects. At our meeting in December two members, Kaylee Capparelli and Cori Grove, gave a presentation from the Dog Learning Lab kit .We hope to have a dog show at the end of the 4-H year.

We also adopted a family for Christmas. We supplied presents and dinner for the family. It was a great feeling helping a family at Christmas. We also had a cookie exchange after our meeting. Everyone had a great time

Dylan Olney
Reporter