Showcase Your Club at Duval County 4-H Round Up!
The Duval County 4-H County Council will host the Duval County 4-H Round-Up on September 13 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. The public will be invited to check out the different 4-H clubs in the county. We will be singing camp songs and playing games. Each club is encouraged to set up a promotional display for their 4-H Club. If you have any questions please contact Rick at rgodke@coj.net.

4-H Expansion and Review Committee Meeting
In order to keep expanding the clients we serve in the Duval County 4-H Program we will have a 4-H Expansion and Review Committee meeting on October 28, 5:30 PM at the Extension Office. If you have any ideas to help expand the 4-H program please leave you ideas with Andy atoelle@coj.net or Rick rgodke@coj.net.

Duval 4-H 2010-2011 Record Books
4-H Record books will be DUE in the Extension Office by 1:00 PM on June 1, 2011.

Duval 4-H 2010-2011 Recognition Night
In order to increase participation in the annual Duval 4-H Recognition Night it has been moved to June 9, 2011.

Duval County 4-H Leader Training
The next Duval County 4-H Leader training meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. State 4-H Specialists and Rick Godke will teach the class using Polycom and group learning experiences. The topic will be Training & Supporting Club Officers. Please contact rgodke@coj.net by September 5 if you are planning to attend. Also, Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. The topic will be Planning & Teaching Skill Development as a Project Leader. RSVP by October 2.

Re-Enroll Your Family with 4-H Today
All Florida 2010-2011 4-H Youth and Adults Leaders now have “Inactive Status” in the 4-H Online system. Review and update your enrollment to become a 4-H member or Leader for the 2010-11 4-H year. Soon you will receive an email from your 4-H office that you are an active member for the 2010-2011 4-H year. Please have all enrollments and re-enrollments completed by October 1. Please make sure all 4-H club members and leaders are in the 4-H Online Enrollment System. Membership cards will be printed on October 15.

“A is for Agriculture” Poster Contest
The Duval County Farm Bureau is hosting a Poster Contest for Farm-City Week. The contest is for children K - 6th (two categories K-3 and 4-6) contestants must be Duval County resident. The Deadline to enter is November 1. The first place winner in each category will be presented with a $50.00 gift card. The second place a $30.00 gift card and third $20.00 gift card. Winners will be invited to attend Farm-City Luncheon on November 18, 2010. For more information contact Valarie Ansell at (904)387-8850 or email at vansell@coj.net.

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Learn and Have Fun at Duval 2010
4-H National Youth Science Day
Would you like to learn more about water quality and climate change? You can at the 4-H2O and Science Exhibits to be held October 6, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM, at the West Regional Library on Chaffee Road. This event is sponsored by the Duval 4-H County Council, along with members of DEEN. Along with the experiment 4-H members can participate in the Duval County Marine Science Photography Contest. Photos may be dropped off at the 4-H Office October 3 by 5:00 PM, or brought to the Library on October 6 by 2:30 PM. Up to 15 winning entries will be chosen and those photos will be sent to the State Competition. Photos must be properly mounted and labeled with the registration form printed from the State website at: http://florida4h.org/projects/marine/state_photocontest.shtml

Poultry Judging Contest
There will be a poultry judging clinic Thursday, October 7, from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM, at the County Extension Office. This clinic it to prepare 4-H’ers to compete in poultry judging contests at the Callahan and Greater Jacksonville fairs. Poultry judging is a contest where 4-H’ers learn USDA poultry products and how to judge them on quality. This includes eggs, ready to cook chickens, pieces and parts, and live birds. You do not have to be a farm kid to enjoy this project! This contest is open to Jr., Intermediate, and Senior 4-H’ers. Please RSVP by October 5.

Consumer Judging Contest
This year, the Consumer Judging contest will be Saturday, November 6th at the Greater Jacksonville Fair. Registration at 2:00 PM, contest starts at 2:30 PM. This contest is open to Jr, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H’ers. Consumer choices prepares youth to make good consumer decisions. A workshop to prepare for this contest will be held October 14th from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM at the County Extension Office. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by October 12.

Put FFF (Food, FHoto, Fun) On Your Calendar
The Duval Diplomats are hosting the FFF, Food (dessert judging), Photos (another photography contest) and Fun (table setting competition) December 9 at the West Regional Library. More details will be available later but make sure you get it on your calendar.

Congratulations to:
… these newly elected Duval County 4-H Council officers: President - Emily Stutsman; Vice-President - Christine Iseley; Secretary, Savannah Alonzo; Treasurer, Mathew Berry; Recreation Leader, Tori Evans; Historian, Alana Stagner; Reporter, Bliss Stokes; Parliamentarian, Jennifer Weaver; Sergeant At Arms, Joel Weaver; Greeter and Pledge Leader, Neil Stagner; Co-Community Service Chair, Bobby Iseley, Brianna Lee: Co-Recreation Chair, Amaris Daniels, Timothy Ansell and Volunteer Co-Advisors - Susan Stutsman and Lori Stagner. The Duval representatives to District VI Council are Mathew Berry, Emily Stutsman and Joel Weaver and the Duval representatives to State Council are Christine Iseley and Emily Stutsman.
… Christine Iseley for being selected as an appointed member of the Florida 4-H Council.
… Emily Stutsman & Joel Weaver for being elected by District VI as members of the Florida 4-H Council
… Joel Weaver for being elected to the office of Treasurer for the Florida 4-H Council

Thanks to —
…Lori Stagner for accepting the position of Duval County Council Volunteer Co-Advisor
…Thank you to Valarie Ansell for hosting the Duval 4-H County Council planning meeting in their home
…Everyone that helped with Duval County 4-H Recognition Night
…People who brought deserts to Duval County 4-H Recognition Night, they received high marks on the evaluation
…The group of 4-H members (names unknown) that setup a both at the home school convention. It resulted in many good 4-H member leads
Duval County 4-H Council Sets Dates
The Duval 4-H County Council meetings will be held at the Extension Office at 1010 North McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, are the planned dates for the 2010-2011 Duval County Council Meetings:

- September 13, 2010 in conjunction with 4-H Club Roundup Night
- October 25, 2010
- December 6, 2010
- January 31, 2011
- February 21, 2011
- March 14, 2011
- April 4, 2011 in conjunction with 4-H County Events.

4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
4-H members have the opportunity to learn more about plants through this fun contest. The contest will be held the morning of November 6, registration: 2:00 PM and Contest at 2:30 PM, at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair. The contest includes four categories of plants: fruits and nuts, flowers and foliage, ornamentals, and vegetables. Students are asked to identify 35 plants from each category. We have Horticulture Judging Workshops being held at the HERI Library, 400 Cahoon Rd S.32220 on September 28 at 2:30 PM & October 19 at 3:30 PM. If you would like to attend a Horticulture Judging workshop before the fair contact Erin Eckhardt-Harlow at: erine@coj.net, 783-8850

4-H Livestock Judging Contest
If you would like to improve your decision making skills, plan to attend the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair in the show arena. It will be held on Saturday, November 6. Registration is at 8:30 AM and the Coaches/Parents Meeting starts at 8:45 AM. The contest starts at 9:00 AM.

Area B Horse Show Committee Meeting Re-Scheduled
The next Area B Horse Show Committee Meeting will be held September 15, (not September 27) at Clay County Extension Office. Vicky Bailey is the Duval County 4-H Representative. If you have any suggestions or comments you want to express to the committee please contact Vicky. They will be looking for names of judges for next year’s show. If you have any judges you would like to recommend please contact Vicky Bailey before the next meeting.

Saddle Up for the Greater Jacksonville Fair Horse Show; Entries DUE October 1
The Greater Jacksonville Fair will be hosting the 2010 4-H and FFA Horse Show on Saturday, October 16, at the Equestrian Center in Jacksonville. Entries are Due October 1 at http://www.jacksonvillefair.com/pb/3f-horse.html

Horse Lover Alert
The Greater Jacksonville Fair will be sponsoring a Horse Poster Contest. October must be received by October 13 and they will be displayed October 16. There are no premiums given for this class.

Family Fun!
Are your kids or club members interested in horses? If they are bring your family out to the Greater Jacksonville 4-H Horse Show on October 16! Not only will you be able to watch 4-Her’s compete in multiple events but there will also be pony rides, educational lessons on horses and hands on experiences with some of the local 4-Her’s horses.
Volunteers Needed:

Interested in Joining Gun Safety 4-H Club?
William Pietrzak is working with the north side shooting club to organize a 4-H gun safety and shooting sports club. He is certified if you would be interested in joining or getting the club started please contact him at wpietrak@mac.com.

Interested In Joining an Archery 4-H Club?
Bruce Smith is a certified Archery instructor and was involved in an archery 4-H program in Ohio. He will be starting an archery club this fall. He currently works at Gander Mountain on the Northside. He is looking for a meeting location and assistance from parents to help manage the club. If you are interested in joining this new archery club, please contact Mr. Smith at 904-524-0316 or email at scooter820@yahoo.com

Exchange Club Traditional 4-H Leader Needed
We are looking for a Volunteer to shadow one of our most experienced 4-H Leaders for this year. The hope is that person will assume leadership of the longest running 4-H Club in the county, The Exchange 4-H Club. This club concentrates on inter-state exchanges.

Oceanway Middle School 4-H Club Needs “Leader In Training”
Thanks to Rachel Conner, the Oceanway Middle School 4-H Club has gotten of to a great start. They are doing innovative activities and growing in size. To guarantee the club’s future, the club is looking for someone to serve as a Leader in Training. This individual would be trained to take over the club when Rachel Conner moves on to high school activities with her daughter next year. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Rachel Conner at Doccon-ner@comcast.net, or Rick Godke at rgodke@coj.net

Regional Level I Shooting Sports Volunteer Training Offered
All Shooting Sports programs conducted for 4-H youth must be administered and supervised by those individuals that have successfully completed a Shooting Sports Level I discipline training. The next volunteer Shooting Sports training will be September 25-26, 2010, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Volusia County Agricultural Center, in Deland, FL. The cost is $45 with lunch and materials provided. The offerings include the following disciplines: Archery, Air Rifle & Small bore, Shotgun with a minimum class size of 10 people per discipline. If you have questions, please contact Mike Cash, Volusia County 4-H Outdoor Adventures Club, lantec62@gmail.com or 386-626-2329.

4-H Curriculum
Inventory was recently taken on the project books we have available for this year. If you are interested in starting a new project or if you want to know more about what we have to offer just contact Lacey Greene at laceyg@coj.net or (904)387-8850.

Documents Needed for Background Checks
4-H Volunteers who spend more than six (6) hours a year with children under the age of 18 must have a City of Jacksonville Volunteer Background check. Feel free to contact Rick at rgodke@coj.net if you think a leader is over the 6 hour limit and needs to have the background check. The applicants coming in to be finger printed must have a valid photo ID. In addition they must have their original Social Security Card. If the applicant has lost their social security card they can go to the social security office to apply for a new card. They will be given a receipt with their social security number on it which we can accept. The cost of the background check is paid for by the Extension Office.
4-H Munch Wagon
We need volunteers!! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Alumni, and Friends of 4-H members, teen and adult 4-H volunteers are invited to help cook & serve the famous “Pigs on a Stick”! Can you help by working in the 4-H Munch Wagon at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, **Wednesday, November 3 through Sunday, November 14**. Please contact 4-H Foundation Office (Judie) for more information and to volunteer email Judiet@coj.net, Phone 387-8850.

Broom Brigade
an Easy 4-H Club Fundraiser
Each year the Greater Jacksonville Fair pays 4-H clubs to sweep trash up at the fair. Your club can sign up for a slot during **November 3-14**, by contacting Volunteer Coordinator Leslie Allen at LAllenFSU@aol.com or call 737-5632 or 755-6013. This is an excellent fundraiser for clubs, and it also helps the fair. The club gets $4.25 an hour for each sweeper. Funds are deposited directly into the club’s 4-H Foundation account. The Club earns the money - not the member. Clubs sign up for three preferences and then shifts will be assigned one at a time on a first come first scheduled basis. Ten sweepers are needed per time slot. Weeknights shifts are 6 – 10 PM. Fridays and Saturdays have two shifts during 1 – 6 PM and 6 – 11 PM. Sunday is usually 11 AM to 9 PM.

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**Look What's Happening...**

**September 2010**

10-12  1st State 4-H Executive Board, 4-H Camp Cherry Lake ($90) (executive board members only)

13  My Government Day Planning, 6:00 PM, Extension Office

13  Duval County 4-H Council Meeting/Duval Co 4-H Round Up, 7:00 PM, Extension Office

15  Area B Horse Show Committee Meeting, Scheduled, Clay County Extension Office

21  Camp Cherry Lake Advisory Meeting, Madison County

25-26  Regional Level I Shooting Sports Volunteer Training, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM., Volusia County

27  District VI 4-H Council Meeting, 6:00 PM, Clay County Extension Office

28  Horticulture Judging Workshop HERI Library @ 2:30 PM

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**October 2010**

1  Duval County 4-H Enrollment DUE/Greater Jacksonville Fair, Entries/Greater Jacksonville Fair Association Scholarship, applications DUE

3-9  National 4-H Week

5  Poultry Judging Workshop, registration DUE/ Duval County 4-H Leader Training Meeting, 6:30, Extension Office

6  4-H National Youth Science Day, 2:30 - 4:00 PM, West Regional Library, Chaffee Road

7  Poultry Judging Workshop 6:00-7:00 PM, Extension Office, Kitchen

12  Consumer Choices Workshop, registration DUE

13  Greater Jacksonville Fair Horse Poster Contest, entries DUE

14  Consumer Choices Workshop, 6:00-7:00 PM, Extension Office

15  Sweeping at the Fair, Sign Up DUE, Leslie Allen

15  4-H Munch Wagon Fair, Sign Up Due

15  Duval County 4-H Club Information Sheet DUE, Extension Office

15  County 4-H Club Information Sheet, DUE

15  Greater Jacksonville Fair Horse Show; stalling 4:00 - 9:00 PM, Equestrian Center

16  Greater Jacksonville Fair Horse Show; Check in by 8:30 AM, Show begins at 9:00 AM, Equestrian Center

28  4-H Expansion and Review Committee, 5:30 PM at the Extension Office
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