“First Time Farmers” is an event targeted toward all 1st graders in Jackson County. This special event is devoted to agriculture awareness. Jackson County Extension and Florida Ag in the Classroom will partner to present this program at the NFREC Beef Unit in Greenwood October 27th and 28th, 2009. Students will learn about peanuts, cotton, corn, beef and dairy production, beef by-products, bee keeping and the art of building a scarecrow. During this adventure they will also learn that there is really a cow in their marshmallows. Youth will also learn how to make homemade peanut butter, not only is it tasty, it’s healthy. Be sure and ask your 1st graders about this wonderful agriculture program, and get them excited. We are expecting to serve approximately 700 1st graders during this 2 day event. Without parents, presenters, tour guides, sponsors and teachers this program would not be possible.

Time to Re-enroll in 4-H

It’s that time again! The new 4-H year begins September 1st. Re-enrollment forms will be available at the Extension Office and they are also available through our website (Jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4h). **There has been a major change made that will affect all campers, youth volunteers and counselors. The rule states that in order to participate in any 4-H activity you must be a current member or have an updated re-enrolled form on file.** This will allow you to become active in all 4-H activities, even become part of a club of your choice if you would like. We hope that this new change will not inconvenience anyone. Remember, that you must re-enroll each year to be a bonafide 4-H member. We will purge our mailing lists October 1st, and if you have not re-enrolled, your name will be dropped off the mailing list! Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the re-enrollment forms and participation forms, please fill them out and return them to the 4-H Office before October 1st.
Since you are in need of your volunteer hours, letters and school forms documenting your previous volunteer hours remain in your file. We will not mail you a copy unless you request it. When you are ready for the documentation, just let us know. This will save us a lot of unnecessary postage and paper.

More Fall Fair Info!

The Jackson County Fair will be held October 5th-10th. Entries for the Jackson County Fair are due September 15th. You can get the rules for the livestock shows from your club leader or from our website: http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu. Please read the rules carefully as the committee’s have made changes for this year! If your club would like a booth at the fair, call the 4-H office to reserve your spot by September 15th. Information for the North Florida Fair (November 5-15th) is available from their website: www.northfloridafair.com. Entries for the North Florida Fair must be postmarked by October 1st. See you at the fair!

Prudential Scholarship

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes middle level and high school youth solely on the basis of volunteer work in their communities. One high school student and one middle level student in each of the 50 states and District of Columbia will be named State Honoree’s next February and receive $1,000, a beautiful silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent or guardian. If interested you can obtain an application @ http://www.prudential.com/spirit or http://www.principals.org/prudential

My Heart to Greater Loyalty . . .PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality: Showing esteem for other people and their time.

To most students, punctuality refers to being at an appointed location time. Truly being on time, however, means arriving early. If a person arrives even one minute late, he or she has missed the mark and is not punctual.

Punctuality is not a one-time event but the result of an ongoing effort to be on time. It begins with rising at a specific time in the morning and continues throughout the whole day. By rising early, a person can absorb delays without being late. Source: Character First!©
It’s Show Time At “North Florida Fair”

The North Florida Fair will be held November 5th – November 15th. Registration forms and entry information is available on-line at http://northfloridafair.com. If you do not have a computer, and would like paper-copies, contact the 4-H Office. You can exhibit your projects in the following classes:

- Horticulture
- Baked Goods
- Photography
- Clothing
- Needlepoint
- Fine Arts
- Hobbies and Collectibles
- Canning
- Photo Scrapbooking
- Posters
- Sewing
- Arts and Crafts
- Poetry
- Table Top Exhibits

4-H Day at the NFF is November 14th. Admission to the fair is free for 4-H Families this day, and you can purchase discounted tickets (a sheet of 18 tickets for $10.00) to use from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. If you would like tickets, please contact the 4-H office. Tickets need to be ordered by October 15th.

It’s Jackson County FAIR Time Again!

The Jackson County Fair is just around the corner, it is scheduled for October 5th – 10th at the fairgrounds on HWY 90. This year, plan on participating in one or more of the following: beef show, hog show and poultry show, quilt show, arts and crafts exhibits, canning exhibit, or agriculture judging contest. Poultry, and beef cattle entries are due no later than September 15, 2009. Check out our website for details about shows, exhibits, and contest. If your club plans to have a club booth, please let the 4-H office know by September 15th so a space can be reserved for you.

September Club Reports

**Character Keepers** – All members will meet at the Melvin’s home on Sept. 15th @ 1:30 p.m. On Sept. 25th the first assembly is set for 3:30 p.m. at Golson and the Garden Apartments. For more information call Patti Melvin at 482-6674.

**Dayspring Eagles 4-H** – This club will meet Sept. 14th at 3:30 p.m. at Dayspring. If you need further info concerning this 4-H club, please contact Mrs. Beebe at 209-1822 or e-mail her at 4h@dayspringchristianacademy.net.

**Graceville Kountry Kids** – Laurel Merritt is currently the leader of this club. If you need any info concerning this club, please contact Mrs. Merritt at 334-671-2027.

**Grand Ridge/Sneads 4-H** – A brand new club will be forming in this area in the near future so keep watching your newsletters, or contact Ms. Peacock at the 4-H Office 850-482-9620.

**Panhandle Pioneers** - We are in the process of seeking a new leader, contact the 4-H Office at 850-482-9620.

**Sharp Shooters** – This club is in serious need of participation if you would like to see it continue!!!! If you need any information or would like to join, contact Anita Githens at 850-482-4351. The leaders of this club will be contacting its member one more time to schedule a meeting before they disband the club.

**Eureka 4-H Club** - Eureka will meet September 3rd at 12:30 p.m. If you need further info, please contact Kate Bagy at 850-482-3022.
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