



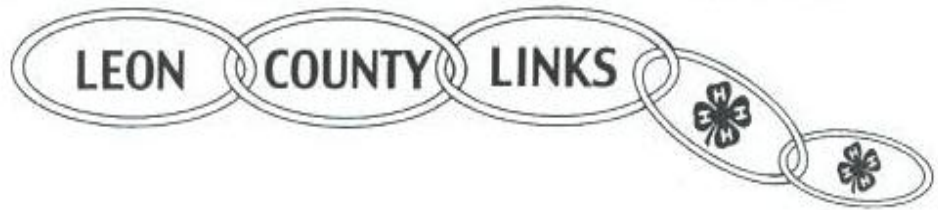
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2012 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

TIME: 9:00AM

LOCATION: LAKE HENRIETTA PARK

Leon County and the City of Tallahassee will jointly celebrate Arbor Day 2012 with a volunteer tree planting at Lake Henrietta Park on **Saturday, January 21, 2012** from 9:00 am until all the trees are planted.

Leon County 4-H is seeking youth and volunteers to assist with this event. The annual Arbor Day tree planting is a great opportunity for clubs to participate in a county-wide service project and work with local arborists to expand your knowledge of north Florida's environment.

This year, over 90 trees will be planted including southern crabapple, red maple, live oak, tulip-tree, longleaf pine and eastern hophornbeam. Please make plans to attend this great community event. If you have a shovel, feel free to bring one along with you!

For more information about Leon County's Arbor Day Celebration, please contact the 4-H Office.

THE LEON COUNTY 4-H SEWING CLUB HAS ARRIVED!

Attention Leon County youth and parents! After months of searching, we have finally found a wonderful volunteer willing to take on the challenge of leading a youth sewing club in Tallahassee!

All interested youth and parents are asked to attend an informational session on **Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 11:00AM at the Tallahassee Grapevine**. The Tallahassee Grapevine is located at 200-D John Knox Road.

Youth participating in a sewing 4-H club will have the opportunity to participate in events such as: county events, district events, Fashion Revue, consumer decision making, exhibit items at the North Florida Fair and much more!





2012 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITAL

This year Florida 4-H'ers will be turning Tallahassee Green for the day on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012!** This event is a great opportunity for our youth to promote 4-H while learning more about the state government. Registration forms and a schedule will be released as soon as they are finalized. We look forward to seeing you there!

Information about the 2012 4-H Day at the Capital will be posted at this website:
http://florida4h.org/events/Capitol_Day.shtml

County Registration Deadline: TBA. However, if you wish to attend, please send an email to leon4h@ifas.ufl.edu and we'll be sure you receive a registration form!

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS: IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!

ATTENTION TEENS! If you are interested in attending Camp Cherry Lake as a camp counselor, this message is for you!

Camp counselor trainings begin next month! Please call the 4-H Office to sign up and receive a list of training dates/times/locations. If you do not register to be a camp counselor, you cannot attend the trainings.



DISTRICT 3 BLITZ

DATE: MARCH 31, 2012

TIME: 10:00AM - 3:00PM (REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30AM)

LOCATION: NORTH FLORIDA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER; GADSDEN COUNTY

WHO CAN ATTEND: YOUTH AGE 8-13 (AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2012

Juniors (8-10) and Intermediates (11-13) still trying to find a project that fits?
 Want to learn more about 4-H?
 Need help creating a county event project?



Come to **District 3 Blitz** to explore four hands-on activities designed to introduce you to what 4-H has to offer. Teens teaching workshops will show you how science, citizenship, and healthy living can be **fun and rewarding!**

Registration will open January 30, 2012. Cost to participate is \$6.00. Lunch is included. Transportation for the first 11 youth to register will be included. Adults willing to transport youth can contact the 4-H Office. Drivers and volunteers are always needed!

If you have questions about District 3 Blitz, please contact the 4-H Office. We are always happy to answer your questions.

NORTHWEST VOLUNTEER LEADER FORUM: FEBRUARY 17-18, 2012

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

TIME: 7:00PM (FRIDAY) - 4:00PM (SATURDAY)

LOCATION: 4-H CAMP TIMPOOCHEE, NICEVILLE, FL

Volunteers wishing to attend this leader forum will have the opportunity to attend one of two tracks: 1) shooting sports training or 2) new/seasoned volunteer training.

Registration for this event will open Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Cost of the event will be determined by which track you attend. Please contact the 4-H Office for more information or to register. Volunteers wishing to stay overnight Friday will stay at 4-H Camp Timpoochee. A welcome from 4-H Dean, Dr. Kieth Diem, will take place that evening.

3RD EXECUTIVE BOARD: MARCH 16-18, 2012

LOCATION: CAMP CHERRY LAKE, MADISON, FL

Youth ages 14-18 as of September 1, 2011 should plan on attending 3rd Executive Board! 3rd Exec is open to any **Senior 4-H member that wishes to attend**. Executive Board is made up of members that are responsible for planning events such as Senior LAW, Congress, Intermediate State, 4-H Day at the Capital, and 4-H Legislature. This is a great weekend to meet youth from all over Florida, attend workshops, and explore the possibility of running for state office in the future.

The cost of attending 3rd Executive Board is \$95.00/youth. Screened adults are welcomed to attend as chaperones. Partial scholarships are available for active Leon County 4-H members. Transportation arrangements will be made once a head count is determined. Please get your name on the list early!

Registration and payment for Leon County 4-H members are due to the 4-H Office by **5:00PM on Friday, February, 24, 2012**. **Late registration and payments will NOT be accepted**. Please visit the 3rd Executive Board website for registration materials: <http://www.florida4h.org/youth/third.shtml>

Parents, would you like to attend overnight trips as a chaperone? Contact the 4-H Office about overnight chaperone training!

4-H TEEN CLUB MEETINGS

Are you the President or Vice President of a 4-H Club in Leon County? Are you between 12-18 and looking for something to do on Thursday nights? 4-H Teen Club is seeking new members looking to enhance their leadership, communication, and citizenship skills!

Date: First Thursday of every month

Time: 6:30PM - 8:00PM; **Location:** Leon County Extension Office

Light snacks are provided. If you are not on the email list for the club and wish to be included, please email: leon4h@ifas.ufl.edu

ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS AND CO-LEADERS:

Your attendance is requested at the 2nd Quarterly Leader Meeting of the 2011-2012 4-H year. This meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 17, 2012** from 6:00PM - 7:30PM at the Extension Office.

A light dinner will be served from 5:30PM - 6:00PM. Please kindly RSVP to Zulema Wibmer (850-606-5204) by January 13th if you will be attending this meeting.

Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to: upcoming webinars and other volunteer events and opportunities, spring break opportunities for youth, and much more!

CALLING ALL CLUBS!

CLUB LEADERS, in an email to the 4-H Office, please send the following information:

- *Club Name
- *Leader Names
- *Officer Names
- *Upcoming Club Activities to share
- *CURRENT pictures of club activities



Don't have a lot of extra time on your hands? This is a great activity to assign to your club secretary or reporter! We NEED this information and YOU can have youth help out!

LEON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

January 2012

- 5: 4-H Teen Club at the Extension Office (6:30PM)
- 16: 4-H Office Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- 20-22: Senior LAW at Camp Ocala (Pre-Registration REQUIRED)
- 23: District III Council Meeting; 6:00PM; Leon County Extension Office
- 28: 4-H/Tropicana County-wide Public Speaking Contest

February 2012

- 4: 4-H Sewing Club at Tallahassee Grapevine; 11:00AM
- 17-18: Volunteer Leader Forum (Camp Timpooshee; Niceville, FL; Pre-Registration REQUIRED)
- 24: Registration DEADLINE for 3rd Executive Board
- 28: 4-H Day at the Capital (Pre-Registration REQUIRED)

March 2012

- 9: Registration DEADLINE for District III Blitz
- 16-18: 3rd Executive Board (Camp Cherry Lake; Madison, FL; Pre-Registration REQUIRED)
- 22-24: Spring Break Day Camps! Look for more information next month!



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4-H is the youth development program of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The focus of 4-H is to provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills through participation in community clubs, project clubs, day camps, residential camps, school enrichment programs, and competitive events. 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 5-18 regardless of gender, race, creed, color, religion, or disability. Persons with disabilities should notify the office at least 10 working days prior to a 4-H event so that proper consideration can be given to the request.