



Madison County 4-H News



May / June 2008

ECOLOGY FIELD DAY

The 18th Annual 4-H/NFCC Ecology Field Day was held on Thursday, April 10th at North Florida Community College. Third graders from all over Madison County came to learn about Florida's Ecology. There were thirty college volunteers from NFCC that helped guide the groups and assist presenters. The students were split into six groups and rotated between six amazing presenters! The sky was clear the sun was hot and the insects were out!



The students caught insects and even the brave ones got to hold hissing cockroaches!!



The students captured small pond creatures, identified them and then let them go back into their natural habitat.

The students also go a chance to dig up a soil sample.



This was a hands-on educational experience about a variety of subjects about ecology. The students were interested and engaged at every station and were able to take home an appreciation for Florida's Ecology. Some of the teachers and presenters commented that this year has been the best and most organized.



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CAMP CHERRY LAKE

Come one, come all!!! Join us at Camp Cherry Lake on June 16th -20th. Registration deadline is May 14th for you to reserve your spot, a \$50 deposit is also due. All registration forms and fees are due no later than June 4th.



Councilor Training

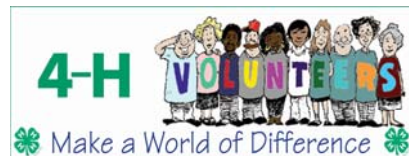
CALLING ALL CAMP COUNSELORS!!



We need Counselors to go to Camp Cherry Lake this summer. If you are over the age of 12 then we need you! We will be having a mandatory councilor training on May 31st in Baker County. If you are interested then please come by the Extension Office to get details and sign up for camp.

Volunteers NEEDED!

Its time for camp and we need volunteers!! If your child is going or you are available that week then please sign up to be a volunteer for 4-H Camp Cherry Lake. You will be able to stay at the camp and be with the groups as they rotate stations and take part in many different activities. We need **MALE** and **FEMALE** Volunteers so please ask your husbands to help if they can!! If you are willing and able to help then there will be an overnight volunteer training on May 31st from 9:30-12:30 in Baker County.



Photography Camp



Say Cheese! Photography is all around us. It's in our homes and businesses, in magazines, and in schoolbooks. It's on television and on our favorite pages on the World Wide Web.

A photograph can tell a story. It can capture a friend's smile or international news. It can become a canvas on which we express ideas and emotion. It can be an interesting hobby and a rewarding job. You can become part of the fun by learning to use your camera in creative and effective ways that result in great pictures!

Join us this summer as we explore life as a photographer. We will hear from a professional photographer, learn about digital cameras and printing pictures. We will make scrapbooks of our photos to share with our families and friends and we will each get a digital camera to use and take home at the end!

Nature and Insect Camp

Have you ever chased butterflies or caught lady beetles to get a closer look at them? If so, you've been attracted by the largest group of animals on earth— insects!

The study of insects is called **entomology**.

Did you know there are more different kinds of insects that all other animal life combined? You can watch and learn about insects almost everywhere. They live on earth's surface, in the soil and in water. Insects are at home in deserts, rain forests, hot springs, snow fields and dark caves. You can find insects to study everywhere, even in your own home or school.

Join us this summer when we take a closer look at the insects around us. We have partnered with NFCC to use their new science lab and teachers. We will get to use their hand held microscopes, their interactive projector board and more. We will also get to see all the animals and insects they have in their building!





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FISHING TOURNAMENT



It was a beautiful day for fishing on Saturday and the fish were biting! Each child that participated caught a fish. Everyone got a prize, ranging from smallest fish to largest fish caught! Thank you Kathy Register. Thanks to all those who donated their time and prizes to make this event successful!

RELAY 4 LIFE

L.I.F.E. Guardians Club held a booth at Lee Day this year to help raise money.

The Garden Club is growing marigolds and herbs to sell and proceeds will go towards RELAY 4 LIFE.

We are still looking for volunteer assistance to walk during RELAY 4 LIFE.



LIVESTOCK DINNER

The show is over, the animals have been sold and here comes the money! All the kids from the Livestock show came to the extension office on April 17th for the Livestock Dinner. There were awards given out and checks handed to the students.

Thanks to all those in the livestock club and volunteers who put time and money into this years livestock show! The renovations to the barn were greatly needed and appreciated this year! Thanks especially to Ed Sapp for all his work in making this show the best it could have been!

It was a great success and we look forward to next years show!



COUNTY EVENTS

This year there was no student interest to represent Madison County in the District Event. Therefore, I hope that next year we will have more students interested and participate in County Events. This will give you an opportunity to compete against each other and against other county participants.

More information will be coming soon on what types of events and the age groups that 4-H Clubbers can participate in. Until then have a great summer and start thinking of some possibilities that you can do next year at County Events.

TROPICANA COUNTY WINNERS

4th Grade Winners:

- 1st Place - Kaitlyn Farnell "The Iditarod"
- 2nd Place - Zackery Peterson "Steller's Sea Eagle"
- 3rd Place - Lizzie Frakes "My Baby Sister"
- Honorable Mention - Corey Brandies "Going Camping on the Suwannee River" & Beverly Oro "Saint Louis Missouri"

5th Grade Winners:

- 1st Place - Alex Henderson "Insects"
- 2nd Place - Hunter Robinson "Friendship Never Fails"
- 3rd Place - Sara Baltzwell "The Florida Black Bear"
- Honorable Mention - Tessa Andrews "Dance" & Jacob Moore "Piano Lessons"

6th Grade Winners:

- 1st Place - Whitney Stevens "My Relationship with Jesus"
- 2nd Place - William Pickles "The Hindenburg"
- 3rd Place - Kammeron Joseph "My Trip to Milwaukee"
- Honorable Mention - Ashley Walden "Farming"





4-H Calendar

MAY

- 2nd - 3rd—Relay-4-Life
- 7th—\$50 Registration Due for Camp Cherry Lake
- 10th—District Events
- 26th—Dairy Poster Due to County Office
- 31st—Mandatory Counselor Training/ Volunteer Training

JUNE

- 4th—All money and forms due for Cherry Lake
- 2nd - 5th—Photography Camp
- 16th - 20th—Camp Cherry Lake!

JULY

- 7th - 9th—Sewing Camp
- 14th - 17th—Nature & Insect Camp



Florida 4-H Congress

Open to all 4-H Teens ages 14-18 on July 21st-25th. This years theme is "It's a Green Thing". All interested teens must fill out registration form by May 9th.

2008 Legislature

Open to all 4-H Teens ages 14-18 on June 23rd-27th. Registration is due by May 12th.

For more information visit <http://madison.ifas.ufl.edu> or call us at 850-973-4138

BIRTHDAY WISHES

May Birthdays:

- Alison Gnann—3rd
- Scotty Wertz—6th
- Vikki Wertz—8th
- Richard Varn—10th
- Kaitlyn Kinsey—12th
- Melissa Burke—16th
- Lauren Demott—17th
- Daniel Blair—18th
- Matthew Hackle—21st
- Morgan Ellison—24th
- Ciera Roland—28th
- Haley Burns—29th
- Ashley Hollingsworth—30th



June Birthdays:

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| Nicole Addis—2nd | Christie Riley—25th |
| Riley Borgert—2nd | Emily Curl—30th |
| Alacia Cone—2nd | Lindsey English—30th |
| Zachary Cherry—3rd | Scott Hogan—30th |
| Clay Hall—3rd | Shelby Hogan—30th |
| Colleen Lawson—3rd | |
| Joseph Doyle—10th | |
| Seth Hollingsworth—12th | |
| Emily Bishop—14th | |
| Micheal Robinson—14th | |
| Lindsey Day—25th | |
| Canissa Griffin—25th | |

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