

FROM MRS. CA\$H'S DESK . . . AN UPDATE, 10/24/08

There is a race, called the Ragnar Relay, which will take place in November between Clearwater and Daytona. The Polk County 4-H Agent, Nicole Walker, is participating and is asking for our help. They need people to be at the stations. The closest stations to us are Alexander Springs and the Oceanfront Bandshell in Daytona. Volunteers must be 16 and provide their own transportation. They will perform various duties such as crowd control and providing directions. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt, race packet and can participate in the fun events. Shifts are 3-8 hours long and can be between 4:00 a.m. on November 14 to 11:15 p.m. on November 15. The proceeds go to Operation Kids (<http://www.operationkids.com>). The map is available at <http://www.ragnarrelay.com/florida/coursemaps>. To contact Nicole: nicwalker1@aim.com, 863-519-8677 or 863-797-5107.

Would you be interested in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity? Call Stan Major, Assistant Director, and co-leader of the 4-H Dog Club, at 386-734-7268. All ages can help: invite a speaker to your club, make a donation, organize a collection day for the Bargain Barn, help build a house, volunteer at the Bargain Barn and more.

Exhibit Workers are needed for the Florida State Fair. As you know, next year is our Centennial, and we're having celebrations all year. The "Centennial Kickoff Event" involves a 6-hole putt-putt golf course. The State 4-H Office needs volunteers to help with the golf course: handling materials, ensuring that people respect the display and follow the rules, etc. Admission tickets are provided and shifts are 4 hours long. There is a sign-up sheet in the 4-H Office. Contact Julie Wilson at 352-846-0996 if you have questions. If your club would like to decorate one of the six holes, pick up the form in the 4-H Office. Decorating will take place on Feb. 4, 2009 and take-down will be Feb. 17.

There will be a Marine Ecology meeting at 5:15 on Monday, October 27th. We will be preparing for the State Competition to be held on November 15 in Osceola County. All are invited.

Upcoming Animal Sciences Youth Events:

Registration due Nov. 14 for the Nov. 22 4-H/Swine Showmanship Clinic – Tampa – Check our website for the flyer

Registration due Dec. 8 for the Dec. 13 4-H/FFA Horse Judging School – Gainesville

<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/Youth/horse/horseJudgingSchool.shtml>

Registration due Dec. 12 for the Jan. 9-10 4-H/FFA Livestock Evaluation & Meats Judging Clinic - Gainesville <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/Youth/livestock/livestockJudgingSchool.shtml>

The 2009 Sumter County 4-H Youth Horse Show will be January 31st. You must pre-register by January 28th. Classes are \$8 and stalls are \$20. The flyer is available in the 4-H Office or you can go to <http://sumter.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H>.

The State 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a sporting clay event on Nov. 14 at the Quail Creek Plantation in Okeechobee to raise monies to support the state shooting sports program. Contact Bill Hill at 863-519-8677 or Kristen Bird at 352-846-0996. *Remember that air rifle practice will be this Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 1:00 p.m., at the Ag. Ctr. New members 8 years old and up are welcome. The cost is \$5. We'll be getting archery equipment in mid-November!!!

Miss Karly Vojnar, Miss Kelly Kollosi and Miss Caitlin Blais are all participating in the Miss Volusia County Fair Pageant to be held October 30th at 7:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. Admission is free. Come cheer on and support these wonderful 4-H'ers!

SPEAKING OF THE FAIR, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF JOBS. CONTACT THE VOLUSIA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE AT 386-734-9514. REMEMBER THAT COMMUNITY SERVICE IS A PART OF YOUR RECORD BOOKS, JACKET SCHOLARSHIPS AND CLOVER AWARDS.

Don't forget the Silver Sands Fall Festival, this Friday and Saturday, from 6-10 p.m. Food, games, Haunted House and more! The Silver Sands Equestrian Center is located on Hwy. 415 near Samsula.

Leaders: Remember that enrollment forms, participation forms, insurance premiums, charters and by-laws are due to the 4-H Office by October 31st!!!!!! If you have questions, please call the office at 386-822-5778. The new adult forms are now available and we will be putting all forms on the website soon.

County Council Meeting: November 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Who's cooking dinner?

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!!!