

## **FROM MRS. CASH'S DESK . . . AN UPDATE . . . 11/5/08**

**The Marine Ecology Club is meeting Monday afternoons from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. in preparation for the State competition next Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008. New members: All Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors interested in marine ecology are invited to attend meetings after the competition. This will be a year-round program, with field trips, project books, and outside study. To find out more, call the 4-H Office or go online to <http://florida4h.org>, click on "Events & Activities," then "State Events," then "Environmental Education." Scroll down to Marine Ecology, click and look at the information available.**

**Outdoor Adventures will meet Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ag. Ctr. for Air Rifle practice. The county competition will be Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. This will determine the Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams. The archery equipment will soon be available. Call the 4-H Office for more information.**

Teachers: There will be a Summer Plant Camp put on by the University of Florida and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission from June 14-18, 2009. For more information, go to <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/education/plantcamp>. Applications will be available in January. The camp is limited to 24 teachers.

Melanie Baggs, leader of the Ranch Raiders, is the Florida, Southern Region and National 4-H Volunteer of the Year for volunteers with less than 10 years of service. If you'd like to nominate someone this year, go to <http://florida4h.org/volunteers/> for more information, scroll down to the bottom and click on "Volunteer Recognition Awards." There is an application and three letters of recommendation must be written by a fellow volunteer, a 4-H youth and a 4-H staff member. Applications are due to the 4-H Office by November 25 and are also available in the 4-H Office.

**There will be a Hog and Ham Workshop on January 19, 2009. Go to <http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/meat/hog%20and%20ham%20flyer.pdf> for more information. Remember that Meat and Livestock Judging Clinic registration is due by Dec. 12, 2008. Go to:**

**<http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/meat/Youth/LivestockMeatsClinic%2009.pdf>.**

**4-H Horse Judging School - Pre-registration due: Dec. 8, Event is Dec. 13. Go to: <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/Youth/horse/horseJudgingSchool.shtml>.**

4-H Fun Dog Show in Bartow - Contact Cynthia Purvis at 863-512-0618 or e-mail at [purvisclan@verizon.net](mailto:purvisclan@verizon.net). State Fair 4-H Dog Show entries are due by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see the calendar for the entry form. Contact Michelle Giles at 813-621-7821 or e-mail: [gilesm@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:gilesm@doacs.state.fl.us). Remember that a great service project related to pets is the supply drive through Nov. 7 for the ARNI Foundation. Contact Kristen McManus at 386-334-6688.

**ALSO, PERIODICALLY GO BACK AND CHECK PREVIOUS UPDATES!!!**

**OPERATION MILITARY KIDS AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HAVE CREATED AN ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 10-12. THE TOPIC IS: "STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS: HOW AMERICAN VETERANS HAVE SHAPED THE WORLD." THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A TRIP TO THE AUXILIARY'S AMERICANISM YOUTH CONFERENCE, MARCH 5-9, 2009, AT VALLEY FORGE, PA. THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2008. CONTACT GEORGENE BENDER AT [GMBENDER@UFL.EDU](mailto:GMBENDER@UFL.EDU) OR CLIFF LEWIS AT [SGMLEWIS@UFL.EDU](mailto:SGMLEWIS@UFL.EDU).**

**ALSO, IF YOUR CLUB WOULD LIKE TO SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE TROOPS, PICK UP A FLYER IN THE OFFICE. ALL DIRECTIONS ARE INCLUDED!**

**HEY - MARK FEBRUARY 1, 2009 ON YOUR CALENDARS - WE'RE HAVING A BOWL-A-THON AT THE ORANGE CITY BOWLING ALLEY! WE'LL HAVE CONTESTS, FUN AND RAISE MONEY FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY 4-H! MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

**The next County Council meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Is there a club planning to provide dinner at 5:30 – pretty please?**

**Cumberland Farms Believe and Achieve Scholarship – Go to [www.CumberlandFarms.com](http://www.CumberlandFarms.com) for more information. The deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Indian River County is having a Prospect Show for swine, steers and heifers on Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Go to <http://indian.ifas.ufl.edu/prospectshow>. All money goes to benefit the county 4-H livestock program. There's a jackpot for grand and reserve and cash prizes for class winners.

On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10-3, there will be the First Annual Pet Fall Festival at Barkley Square Dog Park in DeLand. This is for PAWS (Providing Animals With Service), a Stetson University non-profit. If you'd be willing to man a 4-H booth, please call the 4-H Office. The event is open to everyone and their pets!

There are 8 llamas in the Lake Placid area that need a new home. Contact Linda Osburn at 863-465-3181.

The Manatee County 4-H Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, in Palmetto. Pre-registration is preferred by Nov. 5, but accepted at the show. Contact Diana Smith at 941-722-4524, ext. 244 or Karen Katzenberger at [bunnycottageduet@aol.com](mailto:bunnycottageduet@aol.com).

**The long awaited Jr. Congress applications are now available – online or in the 4-H Office! The cost is \$90 and they are due 12/2!!!**