Dear 4-H Family:

September 1st starts the new 4-H year. The Kick Off is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th. It is an open house opportunity for families in 4-H and The Baker County Community to learn more about the clubs and program. Families can sign up for 4-H that night. Leaders are encouraged to set up a display to share their club with visitors attending the event. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends. We’ll see you at the Kick Off.

It’s hard to believe that August starts my second year in the Baker County 4-H Family. I am looking forward to another great year! I will be spending time in August to review last year and make plans for the 2008-2009 4-H Year. My door is open and the phone is on if parents want to take a moment to talk with me about their ideas for the coming year.

Baker County 4-H Kickoff
Tuesday, September 9th
6pm
Bring your family and friends to sign up for the 2008-09 4-H year at the 4-H Kickoff. Hotdogs and Drinks will be provided.

New Requirements for Livestock Club Members Participating in Fair

Livestock parents and leaders met at the beginning of the summer and started working on reasonable requirements for participating in the Livestock Project. A Livestock Participation contract was created. All members are asked to read and sign a livestock contract for participation in the project.

The biggest change is that we are asking for a 75% attendance at all scheduled club meetings annually. Fair time is coming fast so make sure you know the requirements to be involved in the project.

These changes are part of efforts to improve the quality and direction of the Livestock Club Projects.
2007-08 Baker County 4-H Clubs

ART CLUB— For Junior/Intermediate- Ms. Carolina Nelson
ART & CULTURE CLUB— For Teens- Ms. Kelley Lanningan
CLOVERLEAF CLOGGERS—Ms. Madeline Carroll & Ms. Janet Lawson

COMMUNITY CLUB (DAYTIME) - Age 8 - 11 year olds. Ms. Christi Fletcher
HANDS AND HOOVES—Mr. Charlie Chanaki & Ms. Cathy Sparks
HOOF N’ AROUND—Ms. Marjena Bass & Ms. Mary Pregler
LIVESTOCK—Ms. Lovurn Rivers
SHARPSHOOTERS—Mr. Gary Stephens

CLUB REPORTS

COMMUNITY CLUB— Our current topic, Performing Arts, will continue to be our main focus for the next year as we plan to perform skits/plays in the community. Last month we worked on sound and movement and its significance in role-playing. During our August 25th meeting, we will continue to work on physical movement in acting and also improvisation, which is going to be great fun! It’s okay to “act up” at our meetings - if you’re 8-11 years old, try us out!

HORSE BUSINESS— Horse Council Members a meeting is scheduled for August 26th at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars now. We will need to begin working on the fall Horse Rally in September and the Fair Horse Show in October.

LIVESTOCK CLUB - VERY IMPORTANT
All Livestock meetings in August have been moved to Tuesdays due to a large number of people having conflicts with Thursday nights. See the calendar in the newsletter for this month’s dates. It is very important that everyone attend these meetings to get prepared for the upcoming fair.

LEADERS LOOK HERE LEADERS

The next leader training workshop is offered Thursday, September 25th at 6p.m. All new leaders are invited to attend. Topics covered this month are Essential Elements and what to do with them. Is Experiential learning only about experiences? Leader training will be offered quarterly with a variety of topics to interested leaders RSVP NOW!

All workshops are offered and conducted based on enough people signing up to attend. Workshops without sufficient attendance RSVP will be cancelled.

What’s Next for our 4-H Club?
During this next year clubs will continue being recognized with an official Florida 4-H club Charter. Clubs will organize and begin the new year again in September. Some clubs elected their officers in the Spring others will elect them with the beginning of the new year. Having Club officers such as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary give youth a way to have a say so in what their club does for fun, education and service to the community. A club officer workshop is being offered Tuesday, September 30th, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Ag Center, make sure you sign up and are there to learn how to be a good officer and work with the adult leader to guide your club. Call the office to sign up for the workshop. 259-3520. Leaders are invited to attend with your members

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Save these dates. Check monthly for changes

September
09/09 Fall 4-H Kick Off 6pm - 7:30pm
9/14-9/18 Ms. Renee out of town
National Professional Conference
09/25 Leader Training 6pm
09/30 Club Officer Training 6pm
4-H Horse Rally see next month for details

October
10/2/-10/05 Rock Eagle Leaders Forum
10/3 Baker County Fair Opens
10/6 - 10/12 National 4-H Week
10/16 Nassau Co Fair Opens
10/29 Jacksonville Fair Opens

November
11/17 - 11/20 4-H Administrative Conference
Ms. Renee out of town

December
12/6 Christmas Parade