



The Clover Chronicle

Baker County Extension 4-H Newsletter



February is here already. February is Black History Month. Spring is around the corner and before you know it summer camp! Start thinking about your plans for summer. We have scheduled a lot of fun camps for this spring and summer.

February will also bring registrations for Horsemanship School at Camp Welaka in the Ocala National Forrest. Members will register for the week of June 8th through 13th. Cost is usually around \$230.00 and you must have your own horse to take.

MARCH: Spring Break, March 24th through 28th, we will be hosting "Kids Taking Charge: On My Own and OK ". It is planned for 10 to 14 year olds to learn skills for those hours when they have to be alone after school or on school holidays.

JUNE: June is when the ball really gets rolling with Camp Cherry Lake for 8 to 12 year olds held June 16th through 20th. Older teens 13 to 18 are camp counselors. College students that have been trained for camp staff positions provide a lot of the workshop activities. It promises to be a ton of fun. I will be going with the camp counselors for training later in February and planning with them the different kinds of activities that will be offered during our week of camp. Baker will be camping with Madison and Nassau counties this year.

June 23 through 27th "Dog Days" Day Camp is scheduled to learn more about your canine friends. 4-H Legislature for the 14 to 18 year olds will also be that week in Tallahassee. Our Family Fitness Challenge will also be in June for those of you interested in a healthy life style. As well as the State Leaders Forum June 20 through 22nd.

JULY: July 1-3, "The One that Got Away" Fishing Day Camp; 9th through 12th State Horse Show; 14th-18th Environmental Day Camp"; 21st-25th 4-H Congress for 14-18 year olds; July 28-Aug 1st ATV Safety Day Camp.

AUGUST: 4th through 8th Crafty Campers Day Camp rounds out the summer.

Photography was scheduled for weekly in Feb and March but cancelled due to lack of enrollment. If you are interested in Photography but at a different time, please call me so I can set up the project.

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2007-08 Baker County 4-H Clubs

Check the monthly calendar in this newsletter or with your leader for dates and times of your club meetings.

CLOVERBUDS—Ages 5 to 7 year olds. Needs Leader—On hold until new leader found.

CLOVERLEAF CLOGGERS—Ms. Madeline Carroll & Ms. Janet Lawson

HORSE CLUBS:
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


ART CLUBS—
Art & Culture 4-H Club (for Teens): Ms. Kelley Lannigan
For Junior/Intermediates: Ms. Carolina Nelson (Club is Full) They will be naming themselves soon.


Plan your calendars now! Registration deadlines and fees will be posted in upcoming newsletters. All these fun camps are based on registration as space is available. Camps may be cancelled depending on interest and registration numbers.


Extension Agent I
4-H Youth Development

 **Kids Taking Charge Day Camp** — March 24th through 28th — Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. daily. Bring a Brown Bag Lunch. \$25.00 per youth ages 10 through 14 year old. **Pre-registration required by February 29th.** This day camp is to help prepare kids for times when they have to stay at home after school. It helps them learn basic safety principles, prepare healthy snacks, make good use of their leisure time, and in general cope with staying home alone for the brief time that a parent might be away. Lots of hands on activities have been arranged to make learning fun.

 **Volunteer Committee Needed to Organize Family Fitness Event**—February 11th at 11am—Classroom


 **Horse Council Forming** — The horse clubs are forming a leaders council for any horse club volunteers, interested parents and the executive officers of the clubs (President/Vice President and Delegate). They met twice in January to plan the March Horse Show. If you are a horse project volunteer or interested in becoming one, the meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the agricultural center. February 26th is the next meeting.


 **Camp Cherry Lake Cluster Meeting**— February 26th at 4pm. Camp Counselors and any parents interested in being involved with the planning of Camp Cherry Lake this year are invited to attend the camp cluster meeting at the Ag Center. We will poly com with Madison and Nassau county youth and volunteers to plan this exciting week at Camp Cherry Lake. This year's theme is "The Pirates of Camp Cherry Lake".

 **Poster Contest**— Use February to work on your poster for the State Poster Contest. The theme this year is "**4-H in Your Community**" "The Poster Art Program gives 4-H members an opportunity to pursue the visual medium of poster art to promote public understanding and support of the 4-H program. Program goals encourage 4-H club members to develop an awareness of visual imagery and its power to express thoughts and ideas" *State Events Handbook* . Divisions are Junior (8—10), Intermediate (11—13) and Senior (14-18). All ages are as of 9/1/07.


Guidelines: Posters must be designed on or affixed to poster board no larger than 14" X 22" (that is about 1/2 sheet of poster board. Posters may be horizontal or vertical. They can be in any art medium (paint, ink, crayon, etc.) provided they are not three-dimensional. Posters can not use copyrighted material or logos. Posters using computer assistance for any components should affix a statement of one paragraph explaining how the computer assistance affected the poster's composition and visual presentation. The 4-H poster Contest Certification Statement form must be signed by contestant and securely attached to the back of the poster in the upper right hand corner. Certificates are available at the website: <http://florida4h.org> and google "Poster Certification Statement". Youth's name, age and county must be clearly printed on this statement.

So make some posters at your next club meeting or make one at home on your own time. Have fun with it. **Posters are due in the 4-H office by March 3rd, 2008.**

 **Fifth Grade Arbor Day Posters due in Friday February 15th**—The theme is "Trees are Terrific...Inside and Out!" Each student creates a poster that reflects his or her understanding of the important parts of a tree and the functions they serve to help the tree live and grow.
Guidelines: This is open for original art work of 5th graders only. Poster size no larger than 14 X 18 (no smaller than 8 1/2 X 11) Any media markers, colors paint etc. No collage. No computer or photo generated art. Don't glue anything to your poster. No three D. Write first and last name in lower right hand corner on front of poster. **Drop them off at the 4-H Office before February 15th.**

 **Livestock Club** will meet only on February 5th at 5:30pm in the Auditorium. This will be for beef and swine only. There will be no more meetings for the remainder of February. Ms. Lovurn also needs everyone to bring her copies of their thank you letters for buyers and add-ons from the Baker County Fair.

Congrats to Hunter Whitty (Nassau); Clayton Lyons, Brad Rigdon and Derek Rigdon who will be going to the Florida State Fair to represent Baker and Nassau Counties in Livestock Judging Contest.

 **Horse Project**— The horse clubs had a great clinic on Saturday in spite of cold and rain out at Barbara Baris's farm in Taylor. Julie Sparks taught a fantastic introductory workshop for new horse show riders.

Congrats to Cheyenne Hutson, Lisa Stallings, Summer Sparks, Brittany Namwises and Sammy Stewart who are working really hard in Horse Judging. The Horse Judging Team will compete at the South Florida Fair and the State Fair this season.



BAKER COUNTY 4-H



February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Black History Month	Plant Seeds of Greatness Month	Registration for Horsemanship school should be out this month		1 Horse Judging South FI Fair	2
3 Horse Judging Team 2pm Ms. Barbara Baris' Home	4 Horse Judging 7pm Classroom	5 Beef/Swine Project Livestock Club 5:30pm Auditorium Hoof N Around Club 7pm Classroom	6	7 Sharp Shooters 6pm Fairgrounds Cloverleaf Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds Chinese New Year "Year of the Rat"	8	9 Horse Judging State Fair Hands & Hooves Arena Ride Art & Culture Club 10-12 Ag Center
10	11 Family Fitness Challenge Committee Meeting 11am Classroom	12 Hands & Hooves Club 7pm Classroom	13	14 Cloverleaf Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds Art Club 7-8:30pm Classroom Happy Valentines Day!	15 Deadline for Arbor Day Posters - 5th graders Newsletter deadline	16 Family Fitness Fun 9:30—10:30 Ag Center
17	18	19 Ms. Renee at New Agent Training through the 22nd.	20	21 Sharp Shooters 6pm Fairgrounds Cloverleaf Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds	22 Camp Counselor Training Camp Cherry Lake By previous registration only	23 Camp Counselor Training Camp Cherry Lake By previous registration only
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Save these dates. Check monthly for changes

March

Expanding Girls Horizons in Science & Engineering Month
Cloverleaf Cloggers Thursdays weekly 7pm Fair Grounds

- 2 Horse Judging Ms. Cathy's
- 3 State Poster Contest Posters Due "4-H In Your Community"
Horse Judging Team Mondays 7pm Classroom
- 4 Hoof N Around 4-H Club
- 8 & 22 Art & Culture 4-H Club (Ms. Kelley's group) Classroom
- 11 Hands & Hooves 4-H Club
- 14 Newsletter Items Due
- 15 Family Fitness 9:30-10:30Ag Center
- 14 – 16 3rd Executive Board
- 22 Baker County Horse Show
- 24-28 Kids Taking Charge Day Camp Req by 2/29
- 25 Livestock 6pm Classroom
Horse Leaders Council 6:30 Ag Center Kitchen

April

- Cloverleaf Cloggers Thursdays Weekly 7pm Fairgrounds
- 1 Hoof N Around 7pm
- 3 Baker County Events (Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Fashion Revue, Share the Fun, Photography Contest)
- 5 Family Fitness 9:30-10:30 am TBD
- 7 Family Fitness Committee meeting 11a.m.
Horse Judging 7pm
- 8 Hands & Hooves 4-H Club Meeting
- 12 & 26 Art & Culture 4-H Club 10 - 12
- 13 Horse Judging TBD 2pm
- 15 Newsletter Items Due
- 19 State Junior/Intermediate Horse Bowl at Central FI Fair (Tentative)
- 25 – 26 Area B Horseshow

