Dear 4-H Family:

The New Year begins. Happy 2009. Think about your goals for 2009 and what you want to do in 4-H!

There are many projects to choose from. If your club wants something new to explore give me a call to talk about fun projects to bring to your club. Projects are also able to be completed individually. Take a look at our website found at http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu to see more about special interest projects.

Make a commitment for healthy lifestyles. Youth are invited to participate in a special after school project called Media Smart Youth. Learn to discover the hidden messages in the media about image, health and fitness. Make a plan and work together to make your own commercial about healthy lifestyles. It promises to be a lot of fun. See the article in the newsletter for how to register.

Happy New Year 4-H!

Reneé L. More
Baker County 4-H Agent

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

FLORIDA 4-H CENTENNIAL 1909 TO 2009

"FLORIDA 4-H CELEBRATES 100 YEARS THIS YEAR!"

Let us know how you would like to celebrate to commemorate 100 years of 4-H. Here are some ideas:

♦ Plan to do 100 acts of service in 2009
♦ Donate 100 dollars to the 4-H Camp scholarship program
♦ Find 100 people to sponsor 4-H programming by their donating $10 each to Baker County 4-H Programming
♦ Give 100 hours of volunteer service to 4-H
♦ Help plan a Centennial Celebration for 100 4-H Alumni in Baker County (see Ms. Renee to work on this committee)
♦ Put aside $1.00 a day for 100 days to make a donation to the Baker County 4-H camp scholarship fund.
♦ Get together with your 4-H Club and collect 100 pounds of aluminum to recycle
♦ Make a plan with friends to trail ride on weekends. Plan to log 100 hours this year or perhaps 100 miles.
♦ Have a pet food drive for the Animal Control Shelter. Try to collect 100 pounds of pet food 100 different weeks this year.
2008-09 Baker County 4-H Clubs

ARCHERY— January through May

BAKER BARKERS (Dog Project)—Ms. Renee Gore. January 3rd, 17th, 31st 9a.m. Ag Center North East Yard.

CLOVERBUDS— Ages 5 to 7 year olds. Ms. Joy Crosby 2 groups 3rd Monday or 3rd Friday monthly at 6pm

CLOVERLEAF CLOGGERS—Ms. Madeline Carroll & Ms. Janet Lawson Thursdays at the Fairgrounds 7pm

COMMUNITY CLUB -(DRAMA) - Age 8 - 10 year olds. Ms. Christi Fletcher 3rd Monday monthly at 3:30p.m.

CRAFTY CRITTERS CLUB— (Arts & Crafts) Ms. Kathy Wymer-Lilly 3rd Thursday monthly at 6pm.

ENVIRONMENTAL/FORESTRY PROJECT - Ms. Debbie Clark & Mr. Andy Lamborn (Forestry competition coach) 2nd Monday Monthly at 6p.m. (Looking for another volunteer)

HANDS AND HOOVES— Mr. Charlie Chanaki & Ms. Cathy Sparks 2nd Tuesday monthly at 7pm

HOOF N’ AROUND —Ms. Marjena Bass & Ms. Mary Pregler 1st Tuesday monthly at 7pm

LIVESTOCK—Ms. Lovurn Rivers See Calendar for dates.

SHARPSHOOTERS— Mr. Gary Stephens. On Hold until Range is set up.

CLUB REPORTS

Archery - A couple of leaders are trained and Ms. Renee’ is trying to get equipment on loan from the State 4-H Office. If you signed up for Archery already you will be contacted. Possibly starting practice in February.

Christmas Parade & Craft Fair - Hands & Hooves, Hoof N Around and the Clover bud Club all participated with the Christmas festivities in Macclenny this year. Hands & Hooves and the Cloverbud club had food booths during the craft fair. It seemed to have a great turn out. That evening for the parade Hands & Hooves and Hoof N Around 4-H clubs put floats in the parade. Everyone had a great time and the community got to see a little more of 4-H being involved in Baker County community. Great job everyone!!

Horse Leaders Council -
4th Tuesday Monthly for all Horse Club Leaders, volunteers, parents and teen youth. This advisory board helps plan and conduct the horse project in Baker County.

Livestock - Before you can move on to the next level book, you need to bring Book 1 to your next club meeting to have it graded by Ms. Lovurn. Check the enclosed calendar for all January meetings. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Lovurn or the 4-H Agent.

Clean-up Classroom and Auditorium After Use
We are asking that everyone please clean up after your club meetings. A list of clean-up procedures for the classroom is posted in the classroom. We will give you a clean-up list for the auditorium when you pick up the key. Thank you for your help.

Eat, Think and Be Active!
Media Smart Youth

A workshop for youth ages 11 to 13 will be held on the first Wednesday monthly for ten weeks beginning Wednesday, January 7th from 3:30p.m. to 5p.m. Call 259-3520 to sign up.

Have fun making commercials and podcasts while you learn about the media and the messages in the world about health, nutrition and physical activity. Learn fun team building games and how the sons of Job played pass the rock.

Take the power to think critically and make thoughtful decisions about nutrition and physical activity.

ATV Safety Instructor Training

February 9th through 12th, 2009. ATV Safety Instructor Training scheduled for Florida 4-H Staff and Volunteers at Camp Timpoochee. This training is for adults that will make the commitment to teach ATV Rider Safety Courses to youth in the Baker County geographic area. If you are interested contact Ms. Renee’ for information.
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classroom call 259-3520 to sign up.

TEENING UP WITH YOUR ADOLESCENT
Join us for this fun course learning to communicate with your adolescent child. Begins January 21st and continues on the third Wednesday monthly for approx. 7 months. Call to reserve a place before 1/16/09 904-259-3520

SIGN UP NOW FOR
CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

If you enjoy being outdoors, camping, mentoring kids (ages 8-12) and having fun, then this is the opportunity for you!

The State 4-H office is requiring that every camp counselor attend a weekend of Florida 4-H Camp Counselor Training for certification. The training will be held February 27th-29th at Camp Cherry Lake. You must be 13-18 years old to attend.

Registration fee is $85. Deadline to register is February 1, 2009. You may pick up registration forms from the Baker County 4-H office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Renee at 259-3520.