



The Clover Chronicle

Baker County Extension 4-H Newsletter



January is a time of new beginnings. Set some goals and do what it takes to make them happen. Think about the things that you have always wanted to learn, hobbies you are wanting to explore or a healthier life style that you would like to adopt. The 4-H program has a place for you to learn, grow and serve. Contact the office today to find out more.



This month we have a couple of great programs to help you get more out of your 4-H experience. First on Jan 7th 4-H will have a Portfolio Workshop. Then on January 22nd there will be a County Events Public Speaking Workshop. A Photography Special Interest Project starts on January 28th.

Join us for Family Fitness Morning for just an hour on January 12th to begin a couple of healthy habits with your family.

Check out the newsletter for details on all these great opportunities.

Make the Best Better

Extension Agent – 4-H



2007-08 Baker County 4-H Clubs

Check the monthly calendar in this newsletter 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

HANDS AND HOOVES— Mr. Charlie Chanaki & Ms. Cathy Sparks.

LIVESTOCK—Ms. Lovurn Rivers.

SHARPSHOOTERS— Mr. Gary Stephens

HOOF N' AROUND —Ms. Marjena Bass & Ms. Mary Pregler

ART CLUB— **Club will be creating their name soon!** —Ms. Kelley Lannigan & Ms. Carolina Nelson



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Enrollment Deadline January 15th.

This could be your last issue of The Clover Chronicle. If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H for the 2007-2008 program year **this may be your last newsletter.** Check out the website for enrollment materials at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu> All current members have been sent a 4-H I.D. Card.

2008 4-H Essay Contest sponsored by *The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Inc.*

2008 Theme is **“The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community”**

Essays Due January 25th. For full rules see Ms. Renee’

Animal Science

4-H Horse Program

HORSE JUDGING TEAM CONTINUES

Meeting January 7th, 14th and 28th 7pm in the Classroom at the Ag Center.

Hands and Hooves had a great Holiday Party at the Shaw home.

Hoof N' Around had a fun party at the Ag Center to celebrate the season. Check the calendar for meeting dates for January.

The Mock Show Clinic has been postponed. Leaders will be getting together early in January for an intensive planning session. Attend your club meetings to hear the plans for the rest of the year and how to get involved.

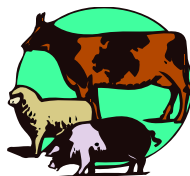
Trail Ride January 12th.

Arena Ride January 26th.

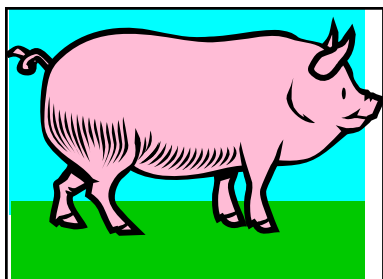


4-H Livestock

Livestock club celebrated the holidays with a Spaghetti Dinner in the Ag Center. Thanks to everyone who could come. Those involved in the State Fair should be studying up for the Skill A Thon on Reproduction.



Hog and Ham Program. The University of Florida sponsors this program. 4-H Youth learn about the swine industry by raising and processing their own hog. It is a great program. If you are interested in being part of the Hog and Ham Project this year let Ms. Renee know before Jan 11th. There is a mandatory workshop in Gainesville on Monday January 21st. You have to attend to do the Project. If enough members want to participate we can go down as a group to the workshop.



Cloverbuds Need Leader

The 4-H Office extends many heart felt thanks to Gail Elledge for the many years of service leading the Cloverbud 4-H Club. Sadly she is taking a break from leading the club to pursue other activities. She will be missed.

The Cloverbuds had a fun holiday activity of making Tissue Paper Trees. The club will be on hold until a new leader can be found.

Anyone interested in working with the cloverbud age group for a really rewarding experience contact Ms. Renee'.

LEADERSHIP/CITIZENSHIP

Leadership Adventure Weekend is designed to provide leadership training to 4-H'ers across the state.

The goal is for senior participants to use newly acquired skills in their counties and districts and to provide some training for other 4-H'ers on various leadership topics. 4-Hers will also learn more about 4-H opportunities, effective communication and how to be an effective member of a team. Intermediate LAW will run like Junior Congress. For registration forms go to <http://florida4h.org/events/LAW.shtml> or call the extension office. The cost is \$75.00/person/weekend.

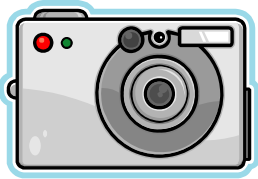


Senior Leadership Adventure Weekend (LAW) Open to Senior 4-H'ers ages 14 to 18 (as of 9/1/07) January 25-27, 2008 Camp Ocala Registration Deadline: January 4th, 2008

Intermediate Leadership Adventure Weekend (LAW) Open to Intermediate 4-H'ers ages 11 to 13 (as of 9/1/07) February 1 - 3, 2008 at Camp Cloverleaf. Registration Deadline: January 18, 2008

What's Happening in January Sign up Now!

Photography Project



UNLOCK YOUR CREATIVITY through
PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be a photography project being held for 10 weeks from 3:30 until 5pm on Mondays beginning January 28th. Come out and learn about digital photography. Great for anyone interested in taking pictures. This class is a great way to unlock your creativity. Prepare for the Photography Contest later this spring. Class costs \$10.00 per person. All you need is a digital camera, a way to download the pictures and save them to a disk or thumb drive for sharing. **Register by January 15th by calling the 4-H Office.**

Healthy Life Styles

Family Fitness Days

January is Family Fit Lifestyle Month. In honor of Family Fit Lifestyles, we will begin having family fun fitness activity morning each month. **The first Family Fitness is Saturday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30a.m At the Ag Center.**



Join us for a fun time together. Family fitness will meet monthly to encourage you in your goals toward choosing to increase your physical fitness as a family. Make healthy lifestyle changes and join us. Family fitness will work toward a fitness challenge event in June for all participants. **Register by January 11th.**

Environmental Education

ARBOR DAY



Celebrate Arbor Day January 18th.

Video is available for check out for your club "Arbor Day: The Holiday that Makes a Difference"

Arbor Day **Poster Contest** for 5th graders. Posters Due by January 23rd. Theme: Trees are Terrific...Inside and Out! Contact Ms. Renee, if interested for rules.

Recognition

PORTFOLIO & MEMBER RECOGNITION

There will be a workshop on January 7th at 6pm at the **Ag Center Classroom**, for all members interested in learning how to complete a portfolio for year end recognition. No project is really complete until the paperwork is done. There are a lot of ways to be rewarded for your project completion and work for achievements in 4-H. Would you like to be Horseman of the Year? Champion Exhibitor? Platinum Clover Award Winner? Come on out and find out how you can earn your way to awards and recognition for your 4-H work this year. **Register by January 6th**



Communication Arts

County Events

There will be a **County Events Workshop** **January 22nd at 7pm** at the **Ag Center Classroom.**

County Events night is where you can do a show and tell or a speech on something you have learned in your project.

I hope every member will come and learn how to prepare for the County Events night being held on April 3rd. County Events is one way to show you have completed your project. Doing a speech or demonstration can be counted for portfolio and clover recognition at year end.

This workshop will teach you the all about how to do a demonstration. It will help you pick a topic to do a presentation..

Register by January 15th.



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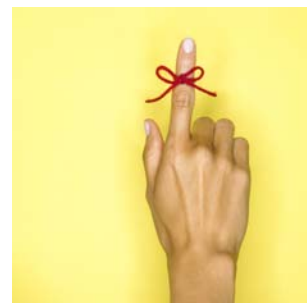
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<http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu>

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Save these dates. Check monthly for changes



- February** Youth Leadership Month "Plant Seeds of Greatness"
Cloverleaf Cloggers Thursday's Fair Grounds
Photography Project Mondays weekly 3:30-5pm Classroom
Horse Judging Mondays weekly 7 – 8:30pm Classroom
Horsemanship School Registration Opens
- 5 Hoof N Around Club
7 New Leader Orientation (New Leaders since Nov)
9 State Fair Horse Judging Contest (Tentative)
11 County Council: Youth 12 and older, Leaders, Adults
Newsletter Items Due
12 Hands & Hooves Club (Auditorium)
12 & 26 Livestock Club
14 & 28 Art Club
16 Horse Show (Tentative)
19 – 21 New Agent Training – Ms. Renee in Gainesville
23 Family Fitness 9:30-10:30 Place to be determined at 1st meeting Jan
25 Deadline Reg. "Kids Taking Charge" Spring Break Day Camp
29th – 3/2 American Youth Horse Leaders Symposium Raleigh NC Registration Req.

- March** Expanding Girls Horizons in Science & Engineering Month
Cloverleaf Cloggers Thursdays weekly 7pm Fair Grounds
Horse Judging Team Mondays Weekly 7pm Classroom
Photography Project Mondays Weekly 3:30-5pm Classroom
- 3 State Poster Contest Posters Due "4-H In Your Community"
4 Hoof N Around 4-H Club
11 Hands & Hooves 4-H Club (Auditorium)
14 Newsletter Items Due
15 Family Fitness 9:30-10:30a.m. Location To be Determined
14 – 16 3rd Executive Board
22 Baker County Horse Show
24-28 Kids Taking Charge Day Camp Registration required by 2/25






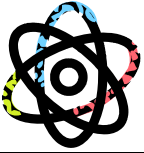
A healthy life style is only a decision away. Make the choice for health. 4-H has healthy life style projects for you to learn more about healthy choices. Join us for family fitness morning. (See Calendar)



BAKER COUNTY 4-H



January 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| | <i>Family Fit Lifestyle Month</i> | 1 NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6  | 7 6pm Portfolio Workshop 7pm Horse Judging | 8 Hands & Hooves 7p.m. Classroom | 9 | 10 Cloverleaf Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds | 11 Hog and Ham Registration due Gainesville. | 12 9:30—10:30 Family Fitness Time  |
| 13 | 14 Teen Club 7pm | 15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Deadline registration Photography Project Livestock Club 6pm Auditorium Hoof N' Around 4-H Club 7pm Classroom | 16 <i>Appreciate a Dragon Day</i>  | 17 Sharp Shooters 6pm Fairgrounds Cloverleaf Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds Art Club 7pm-8:30pm Classroom | 18 <i>Arbor Day</i>  | 19 |
| 20  | 21 Hog & Ham Workshop Gainesville | 22 <i>County Events Workshop 7pm Ag Center</i> | 23 <i>Arbor Day Posters Due at Extension Office for all 5th grade participants</i> | 24 Cloverleaf Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds | 25 <i>4-H Essay Contest Due Date "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community"</i> | 26 |
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