



THE CLOVER TIMES



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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Clubs have started submitting entries to the fair by: Alex Diaz

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition is nearly here, and now is the time to start getting your youth entry items registered into the fair.

The final registration to the fair for: exhibits, crafts, illustrated talks, demonstrations are February 3, 2009. This year we have created a website at our county website that has all the information you need to know to register your entries into the fair.

Visit: <http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/4h> (find County fair link at left-hand 4-H main menus)

New Record Book Regulations

by: Alex Diaz

4-H project books are curriculum that youth can explore on their own with adult supervision. 4-H has an array of curriculum topics, over 50! There is curriculum on: computers, leadership, health, finance, public speaking, sewing, and sport fishing to name a few.

Project record books are sheets that are completed by the youth that tell what the youth learned and did from their exploration of their topic through 4-H project books. Youth's Record books are judged and awarded prizes at the end of the year at the member award ceremony.

Record book guidelines have changed. These guidelines can be found inside the PowerPoint presentation found on the "Project book & Record Book Training" section of the main 4-H website:

<http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/4h>

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A Note From the Editor

4-H website has become a resource for educators, parents, and 4-H members. Make sure to visit our website.

Sincerely,
Alex Diaz,
October's Clover Times
Editor

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Very Important News on Talk & Demos by: Ivette Valentin

Miami-Dade County 4-H, the place parents & educators go to for educational answers.

New Guidelines for Illustrated talks at the Fair! 4-H Illustrated Talks (category 02).

This competition will be held at the Fair on Saturday, March 28 beginning at 12:30pm

1. If Power point presentations are used at the Fair, they **must be copied onto a CD and submitted to the 4-H office no later than March 10, 2009.** (Remember to call the office first or drop it off thru the gate).

*No emails, flash drive, pen drive will be accepted at any time!
(only cd)

*Power point presentations that don't follow these instructions won't be accepted.

2. Illustrated boards are encouraged. Boards may also be submitted as an exhibit (category 01) at Fair check in. If boards are needed for talks during 4-H day an agent will remove the board from the exhibit area prior to the talk.



Club Award by: Alex Diaz

The 4-H advisory committee has revised the guidelines for this award as follows:

- This award is open to ALL ENROLLED Clubs.
- To qualify for this award you must submit an entry tag with “club award” listed under the organizational club leader’s name.
- Each club will have their fair entries displayed together as a club.

Each club should make a sign with the club name, (no larger than half a tri-fold or half a poster board), with the attached entry tag. It is optional as to whether it is decorated with member names or pictures.

Judging Criteria:

- The average number of entries per member.

Extra credit will be awarded for outstanding (purple) exhibits.

Awards:

- One, First place award will receive a trophy and \$100
- One, Second place: \$50
- One, Third place: \$25



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Are you into it? 

Fair Registration

All registration is due to the Fair no later than February 3rd.

- Registration should be completed under the club name. This can be on-line, www.thefairexhibits.com or by mail to the fair. The on-line method will allow you to print exhibit tags immediately.
- All 4-H day activities: talks, demonstrations, talent and fashion, must be approved by the 4-H office, no later than February 3rd. Email Liz, Liz1960@ufl.edu, with member name, club and activity. For group talent acts, enter the fair as an individual, but notify 4-H with all names in the talent act.
- There is a limit of one talk OR demonstration, and one talent and one fashion. All fashion entries MUST be sewn by the member entered with other exhibits at check-in on March 19 or 21.
- For complete details on fair entry registration Visit our main 4-H website: <http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/4h> (find County fair link at left-hand 4-H main menus)

QUESTIONS: please come to the training or call Kathie, 305-888-5010, ext 107 or email, roberts@ufl.edu.

Florida 4-H: 100 years of Youth Success!!



**Miami-Dade County 4-H
Centennial Celebration Committee Meeting
Monday, February 2
International Mall 4-H office
305-592-8044/1455 NW 107 Ave next to Dillard's.
7 - 9PM (Refreshments served at 6:30)**

Calling all 4-H Alumni, Volunteers and 4-H members – There will be a great Miami-Dade County 4-H Centennial Celebration Fair hosted by The International Mall, one of our oldest partners, Saturday, October 3, 2009. BUT! We need you to make our Golden Anniversary a celebration they won't soon forget!

Please come join us as we work on ideas for 3D displays, stage setting decorations, and exciting activities for adults and students. We would also love to have many of our alumni be part of the talent, and fashion show.

For further information please contact Terri Schroder tschroder@ufl.edu/305-888-5010

Miami-Dade 4-H County Council Meeting

Monday, February 9, 6-9PM
International Mall 4-H Office
305-592-8044



4-H District 13 Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 17
Broward Extension Office
3245 College Ave, Davie
33314
954-370-3725

6:30PM

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County Council Meeting by: Terri Schroder

Miami-Dade County 4-H, the place parents & educators go to for educational answers.

Miami-Dade 4-H County Council Meeting. Monday, February 9, 6-9PM @ International Mall 4-H Office. Phone: 305-592-8044. Please note: State Legislature training begins this council meeting 7PM sharp. Any one interested in going to State Leg this summer must attend. Your M-D County Council has been busy this year working on the Centennial Scrap book, planning a camping trip, organizing a wonderful community service project. We really need your help to make our Miami-Dade County the best County Council in the state!

Many hands make light work so come be a part of your 4-H County Council.

2008-2009 Officers

President - Rebekah Diaz
 Vice-President - Lynette Herbert
 Secretary/Reporter - Daniel Ledon
 Photographer/Historian - Dominique Cespedes
 Sergeant-At-Arms - John Coolidge
 Chaplin - Katrina Gaura



All 4-H'ers 12 (by September 1, 2008) and up are welcome to join the council. Siblings are welcome when accompanied by parent.

Any questions please contact Terri Schroder tschroder@ufl.edu.

District 13 Council Meeting by: Terri Schroder

Tuesday, February 17

Broward Extension Office
 3245 College Ave, Davie 33314
 954-370-3725

6:30PM

Our district includes Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Your district officers and council are planning a great all day fun adventure for students 8-12 called Jr Congress that will be held at the Broward Extension Office Saturday, April 25. They would love to have your help making this a special day for younger 4-H'ers in our district.

Being part of your District 13 council is also a great way to make friends from across the state.

Come let your voice be heard!!

Any questions please contact

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4-H County Events...is coming soon! by: Ivette Valentin

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It's Time...to start preparing for the 2009 County Events program (April 18, 2009.)

You will learn that County Events is a fun, organized competitive opportunity for 4-Her's to give "show & tell" presentations about their 4-H project or other activity of their interest. Participants can also give speeches, exhibit posters and photos, and be in a fashion show!

With County Events you will realize...that it provides 4-Her's the opportunity to enhance their preparation and presentation skills.

With County Events you will...understand 4-Her's must participate in County Events in order to qualify for 4-H District Events. (District Events will be in Palm Beach on Sat, May 9th)

So-o-o all 4-Her's should start gathering their information in preparation for this spectacular event...more details next month...**sooo Don't Let The Time Slip UP ON YOU!**

Check out the Florida 4-H Events & Activity Handbook at: http://florida4h.org/events/files/events_and_activities_handbook.pdf to see the specific guidelines and categories for fashion revue, posters, photography and demonstrations!

If You Care to Make a Difference by: Ivette Valentin

Did you know that the average life span of an American cell phone is less than 18 months? According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, there are more than 260 million cell phones in use in the U.S. Approximately 170 million are replaced each year, with 90% thrown into the trash and only 10% reused or recycled.

Used cell phones are considered electronic waste, or "e-waste." Cell phones contain hazardous substances such as lead, cadmium, chromium, copper, and mercury. Cell phones dumped in a landfill or burned in a trash incinerator release hazardous substances into the environment. You prevent this contamination.

Recycling a cell phone can also help protect wildlife habitats. Coltan is a metallic ore used in making cell phones, and 80% percent of the world's known supply of the Congo. It is mined by hand by groups of workers digging away dirt to get to the muddy Coltan underneath. Illegal Coltan mining is known to occur in wildlife-protected lands across the Congo. Recycling used cell phones not only reduces the number of new phones needed, it also reduces the need for Coltan mining.



help protect wildlife habitats. making cell phones, and 80% percent is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Recycling used cell phones not only reduces the number of new phones needed, it also reduces the need for Coltan mining.

The Miami-Dade 4-H office is starting a cell phone recycling campaign. Please bring your old cell phone to our office located at the Miami International Mall office. You can also do some research online and find out about all the different companies that collect them for various purposes; charity and fundraiser among others. Do not discard them in the garbage please RECYCLE your old or broken cell phone!

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Florida 4-H State Legislature

Submitted by: Terri Schroder

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Florida 4-H State Legislature

June 22-26, 2009



Are You Ready!!

Miami-Dade County 4-H teens are gearing up for this year's **Florida 4-H State Legislature** to be held in Tallahassee, June 22-26. There will be training and prep classes at each County Council meeting. These prep classes are required and are designed to help each student really enjoy the experience. Maybe you are not quite sure what State Legislature is all about and how you can be involved.

The Florida 4-H Legislature provides a "Learn-by-doing experience in state government each summer. During this 5 day event, students take on the roles of Lobbyists, Representatives, Senators and reporters, experiencing the three branches of Florida's government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

Throughout the year 4-H'ers across the state write numerous bills that many times mirror the bills currently being debated by congress. These bills are considered and passed or vetoed in a model legislative session. Lobbyists, after presenting their bills to several committees, have the opportunity to be part of a mock trial at the Florida State Supreme court building.

No other state has a program quite like ours. In 2007 Florida 4-H State Legislature was given the honor of being designated as "A 4-H Program of Distinction" by Resolution NO 07-01. Florida 4-H is very proud of this event.

Most 4-H'ers say this is their favorite 4-H Event. If you are interested in being involved this year, come to the County Council meetings where experienced 4-H'ers share their knowledge and expertise. All 4-H'ers who are 12 and up (by last Sept first) are welcome to participate in the preparation classes. However, to attend Florida 4-H State Legislature this summer you must have been 14 on or before September 1, 2008.

Keep your eyes on the Clovertimes for more info regarding opportunities for 4-H teens. If you have any questions please contact Terri Schroder - tschroder@ufl.edu.

Also found online!



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2008—2009 4-H Calendar

<p>September</p> <p>4-H Kick off/Open House 4 County Council 8 State First Executive 12-14 Achievement night 18 Coastal Cleanup 20</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Open House 4 S. Region Leader Forum 2-5 National 4-H Week 5-11 County Council 6 Marine Photo contest 17 Leader Recognition 25 Marine Ecology Contest 27</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Enrollment Forms due 1 Marine Ecology Competition 15 County Council TBA District Council Meeting TBA National 4-H Congress 28-30 Training "how to complete a project book" 19</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Second Executive Board 5-7 (Ocala, FL) County Council 8 District Meeting 10 Deadline for Leadership Adventure Weekend 15 Leadership Adv. Weekend 23-25</p>
<p>January</p> <p>Deadline Tropicana 5 District Meeting 7 Training: "Fair" 8 LAW registration 15 LAW (Cherry Lake) 23-25 (Leadership Adventure Weekend) Fair Pre-approval to 4-H office 29 Homestead Rodeo Parade 31</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Fair registration deadline 3 Florida State fair 6-19 Training "How to give a Talk" 11 Intermediate LAW 6-9 (Ocala, FL) District 13 JR Congress 20 or 27</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Fair Exhibit Check in 19,21 Third Executive Board 20-22 Miami-Dade Fair Opens 26 4-H Day at the Fair 28 Registration deadline for County Events 31</p>	<p>April</p> <p>Fair Last Day 12 Fair Exhibit Check out 16 Bayanza 18 County Events 18</p>
<p>May</p> <p>Congress Registration TBA Area F horse show 1-3 Camp registration deadline 28 District Events (elections) 9 Tropicana 19 Leg registration TBA</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Horse Public Speaking 1 Portfolios to State Office 1 Camp Counselor training TBA Camp Cloverleaf 22-26 Legislature 22-26</p>	<p>July</p> <p>District 13 pre Congress party TBA State Congress 27-31</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Projects books due 19 Centennial Ball (Orlando, FL) 30</p>

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Teamwork Lesson Taught by Geese

Submitted by: Ivette Valentin

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Fact # 1 – As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent greater flying range than if one bird flew alone. Lesson Learned – People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the strength of one another.

Fact #2 – Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. Lesson Learned – If we have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are ahead of where we want to go and be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.

Fact #3 – When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. Lesson Learned – It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership.

Fact #4 – The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Lesson Learned – We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging, and not something else.

Fact #5 – When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again, or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or they catch up with their flock. Lesson Learned – If we have as much sense as geese do, we too, will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.



Quotes of the Month

Submitted by Alex Diaz



“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”-Henry Ford

Henry Ford ([July 30, 1863](#) – [April 7, 1947](#)) was the [American](#) founder of the [Ford Motor Company](#) and father of modern [assembly lines](#) used in [mass production](#). His introduction of the [Model T automobile](#) revolutionized transportation and American industry. He was a prolific inventor and was awarded 161 U.S. [patents](#). As owner of the Ford Company he became one of the richest and best-known people in the world. He is credited with "[Fordism](#)", that is, the mass production of large numbers of inexpensive automobiles using the assembly line, coupled with high wages for his workers. Ford had a global vision, with consumerism as the key to peace. Was able to amount a fortune in today's dollar value of: \$188.1 Billions.