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*Happy Holidays 4-H'ers, volunteers and parents! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. With Christmas just a couple of weeks away many of our 4-H families will be traveling out of town or are preparing to have relatives visit. We wish each 4-H family a beautiful, joyous and safe holiday season.*

### GREEN HORSE FORMS ARE DUE



4-H Youth with Horses—Your green qualification forms for your horse are due January 20. These forms will be enclosed with your new project books. They must be completed and returned to the 4-H Office in order to compete at the Area A and State Horse Shows.



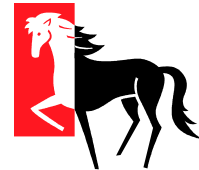
**L.A.W.—LEADERSHIP  
ADVENTURE  
WEEKEND - January  
20-22, 2006**



Leadership Adventure Weekend or LAW is held every year in January at Camp Ocala. This weekend is a youth-planned, youth-taught event where youth learn leadership skills. This event is open to all senior 4-H youth. Please call the 4-H Office for more information by December 19, 2005.

**Parelli Seminar**

“Live Your Dream With Horses” Seminar Conducted by Linda and Pat Parelli will be held at the Ocala Equestrian Center on December 10-11, 2005. This event is free for all 4-H'ers and volunteers. To sign up to go and for more information, call the 4-H Office. **The RSVP deadline is December 7th at noon.**



**We Want YOUR 4-H Stories!**

Florida 4-H wants youth to tell their 4-H stories! In an effort to create new 4-H marketing materials, we need 4-H'ers of all ages and from across the state, to share what 4-H means to you. We have five different age groups we would like to include:

- Cloverbuds, ages 5-7
- Juniors, ages 8-10
- Intermediates, ages 11-13
- Seniors, ages 14-18
- 4-H Alumni, all ages
- 4-H Leaders



***Call the 4-H Office  
today for more  
information!!!***

***What to Do:***

- Complete the form for your age group, interview 4-H alumni, or do both!
- Attach a print or digital photo of you with a 4-H project activity or at an event. If you are wearing a 4-H shirt, it's even better!
- Submit your stories to your county 4-H office.

***Selection and Recognition:***

With assistance from the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services (DACS) Marketing Division, a panel of 4-H staff and youth will review all entries. DACS will photograph and interview selected outstanding entries, then create new 4-H posters, brochures and other marketing materials for county and state use. All entries will be recognized with a letter and certificate of participation!



**National Youth Horse Leaders' Symposium  
hosted by the University of Florida**



The symposium will be held February 3-5, 2006 in Gainesville. This event will include live horse demonstrations, interactive workshops, classroom talks, and roundtable discussions, all designed for horse leaders. There are three tracks available – adult volunteers, industry professionals, and teen leaders. The Florida 4-H Horse Program will pay the registration of 4-H Agents and Adult volunteer horse leaders. Registration must be submitted by December 21, 2005 to receive this benefit. For more information call the 4-H Office.



## **ONLINE SAFETY**



The internet is a very useful tool and helps keep us in contact with people. But it can be a dangerous place to be if you don't know what you are doing. For the next several months we will include some helpful online safety tips for kids and adults. I hope you learn something new from the series.

### **Kid's Rules for Online Safety**

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.
2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across anything online that makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without checking with my parents first. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.
4. I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.
5. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do, I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the service provider.
6. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
7. I will not give out my Internet password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
8. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software. I will also check with my parents before doing anything that could hurt our computer or hurt my family's privacy.
9. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
10. I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the internet, computers and other technology.

(Rules 1-6 are adapted from the brochure Child Safety on the Information Highway by Jennifer Heady. Rules 7-10 are copyrighted by Larry Magid, founder of SafeKids.Com.)



# 4-H Club Reports



**Honor Club**— The Honor Club members will be meeting at “Okaloosa on Ice” at the Landing in Ft. Walton Beach for a fun evening skating. It opens at 5:00 p.m. and we will have a short meeting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for 90 minutes and \$2.00 for skate rental. Hope to see all of you there!

**Garden Club**— From the Garden Club we’d just like to remind you all to make sure to bring those little plants inside. To also remember to reset sprinklers...unless you like icicles hanging from your trees. \*SMILES\* Hope you and yours have a Merry Christmas!



## Winter Word Search

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w s n o w f l a k e o h i n k
w n s i j m o y j l s y x b t
i a w j f g e o o s a r m o s
b g o d p k y p t x z e i o o
d g l a c i e r q p p t t r
v o p o l a r b e a r p t s f
c b h z o d f l u r r i e s r
t o l t g r e b e c i l n e a
e t i s h o v e l t c s s t c
e e i n p e n g u i n z e a s
l k o o d i k s c c z y r k z
s c o w c g e i m e w z n s m
l a o m h q b s n o w b a l l
e j x a a a b g n i z e e r f
d w i n t e r s b s l u s h d

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**Just Kidding Goat Club**— I think we have all caught our breath, finally, from the fair! It was a lot of work, and it was a lot of fun! The goat show had a lot of participation and went well. All the kids were pretty tired towards the end, both human and caprine. It is all worth it, though, and thanks to all who participated and helped make it all possible! It was a great fair! Happy Holidays from The Just Kidding Goat Club!!!!

arctic  
blizzard  
boots  
coat  
cold  
flurries  
footprints  
freezing  
frost  
glacier  
hat  
hockey

ice  
iceberg  
icicles  
igloo  
jacket  
mittens  
penguin  
plow  
polar bear  
scarf  
shovel  
skates

skidoo  
skis  
sled  
sleet  
slippery  
slush  
snowball  
snowflake  
snowman  
snowy  
toboggan  
winter



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





# 4-H Calendar



## December

- 2-4 Second Executive Board Meeting, 4-H Camp Cloverleaf
- 3 4-H Livestock Judging School, Gainesville
- 10 4-H & FFA Horse Judging School, Gainesville
- 7 Deadline to register for Parelli Seminar
- 10-11 Parelli Seminar, Ocala
- 19 Call the 4-H Office by today for information on LAW Weekend
- 21 Registration due for National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium
- 25-26 Christmas Holiday, 4-H Office closed

## January

- 20 Horse Qualification Forms (Green Forms) due today!
- 20-22 LAW—Leadership Adventure Weekend, Camp Ocala

## February

- 3-5 American Youth Horse Council Youth Horse Leadership Symposium, Gainesville
- 9-20 Florida State Fair, Tampa
- 11 4-H Day at Florida State Fair, Tampa
- State Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Tampa
- State Fair 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Tampa
- State Fair Dog Shows, Tampa
- 11-12

## March

- TBA County Events
- 17-19 Third Executive Board, 4-H Camp Ocala

## April

- TBA District Events, Crestview, Okaloosa County Hosting
- 27 4-H Day at the Capitol, Tallahassee



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