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**Martin County 4-H, Working for the Community**

During the summer, not all Martin County 4-H Clubs were idle and enjoying the lazy days. The teens in the **Country Crossroads 4-H Club** were hard at work on their community service project. Using toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes, they made "firecrackers". Inside each one they put sample sizes of shampoos, lotions & candy, then wrapped in red tissue paper with a 'tinsel' fuse. Then they delivered them to a local nursing home for distribution to residents that seldom receive visitors or gifts. It was a fun project and the Club would like to do it several more times throughout the year. The club needs donations of small items to stuff inside to continue their project. Can your club donate some “stuff”? Bring it by the 4-H office and the office staff will make sure it get to the club.

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**Martin County 4-H/Fair Kick-Off**

The kick-off will be at the Martin County Fair Grounds, building A at 9AM on Saturday, September 15. There will be several different types of workshops, information about the fair, new rules for 4-H, and sign up for clubs. Also at this time record books and fair rule books will be available. If you are planning on showing in the fair this year, be with us on the 15th of September. A fund-raiser lunch for 4-H. All money raised from this lunch will go toward scholarships for the Martin County 4-H Club Youth. The lunch will be $5 and include hamburger or hot dog, beans, slaw and sweet tea.

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**Support 4-H**
4-H Information

Kick-Off— Saturday, September 15, 9AM to Noon, at the Martin County– this will count as one workshop
Rabbit Workshop – Saturday, November 17, 10AM to Noon– Bring your rabbit
Swine WS will be in October
Steer WS will be in October

Public Speaking and Leadership Workshops are on early release days from school, always on Wednesday
Public Speaking Workshop– Wednesday, September 26, October 31, November 28, Jan 30, March 5, and April 23, 2PM at the 4-H Office
Leadership Workshop– Wednesday, September 26, October 31, November 28, Jan 30, March 5, and April 23, 4PM at the 4-H Office

4-H HORSE SHOWS
4-H Horse Show– January 19, 2008 at Timer Powers Park
4-H Horse Show– March 15, 2008 at Timer Powers Park

MARTIN COUNTY FAIR
The Martin County Fair is February 8 through February 16. Barn work days, are February 2 and February 23.

New Rule for 4-H During the Fair

During the 2008 Martin County Fair, Martin County 4-H youth will be required to wear a 4-H shirt at all times, while you are at the fair. The only exception will be during show time and sale time. A club t-shirt is quite acceptable, however, at the first barn day (Saturday, February 2ed) 4-H shirts will be available through your clubs and also through the 4-H office at $5 each.

2007 Southern Regional Leader Forum

This is a fun opportunity for 4-H leaders from 13 southern states to meet, greet, learn and just have a great time. All forms and money must be in the Martin County Extension Office by Friday, August 17, 2007. Presently we have 2 leaders going and several others interested. To find out more about this program and to download applications and health forms go to

http://florida4h.org/volunteers/srlf/index.shtml
Martin County 4-H

In Sync with the Indian River Lagoon

The Martin County 4-H Day camp teamed up with Martin County’s Artificial Reef program. Kathy FitzPatrick, P.E., Coastal Engineer, Baret Beal, Environmental Lands Field Tech, Jessica Meinardi, Administrative Assistant and Nicole D’antonio, Student Coastal Assistant helped us make “Reef Balls” that would be used to create an artificial reef in the Indian River Lagoon. Our day camp youth all 26 of them, and 4 camp counselors worked hard at preparing the molds, mixing the cement and pouring the mixture into the molds to create the “Reef Balls.” Ms. FitzPatrick and Ms. Beal arrived at the 4-H office with a power point to explain the loss of aquatic habitat due to human impact and how we could help with this problem by helping to create artificial reefs. They explained there were many different types of artificial reefs including, sunken ships, large concrete debris, and even decommissioned airplanes which were stripped and sunk to be utilized as artificial reefs. The youth first had to prepare the molds. Then they had to mix the cement and pour it into the mold. The cement structures had to set up overnight before they could be “hatched” out of the molds. After they set and harden, about 6 months, they will be placed into the Indian River Lagoon to become a new habitat for our aquatic animals.

For more information on this really great environmental project go to www.martinreefs.com

Martin County 4-H Scholarships

Martin County 4-H was able to give out 3 scholarships totaling $1000. The Scholarships went to (pictured) Anthony Stracuzzi, Daniel England and Peter Linde. Peter is planning on finishing at University of Florida. Daniel is planning on attending North Florida and Anthony is attending IRCC and pursuing a degree in fire science. Martin County 4-H wishes all our scholarship recipients the best of luck.
4-H Pledge

“I pledge My head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, and My health to better living, For my club, my community, my country, and my world.”

To Make the Best Better

We are on the WEB

Local  http://mcifas.com
State   http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/index1.htm

The Power of Youth

Tidbits of Information

NEW CLUB– 4-H Camping for Teens – Space is limited in this program – Call Cindy Harris for more information. 288-5654
Do not forget the kick-off– on our web site there are links to Fair, Fair books and this news letter in color. Take a look

http://mcifas.com

Feeling Stressed ??

Exercise for 30 minutes 3 to 5 times a week. You can walk, run, swim, dance, bike, play sports, or any other activity that gets your body moving. Exercise is a great way to release extra energy and keep fit.

4-H Awards Ceremony

You are invited to the Martin County 4-H Awards Ceremony. Come and have your 4-H accomplishments recognized.

When: Tuesday, September 25, at 7PM
Where: At the Martin County 4-H Extension Office
Who: You are the honored guest

Plan on attending and bring, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, sisters, brothers and friends. Hope to see you there.