Martin County 2011 Fair Kick-Off

The Martin County 2011 Fair Kick-Off is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010, in building A at the Martin County Fair Grounds. It will be 9AM and last until about 11AM. At this time, record books will be available and some Fair Livestock Rule Books. However, the Fair books are available for download at http://www.martincountyfair.com/livestock.html. Wendy Pattison will present a letter writing workshop at the kick-off. Focus will be on how to attract buyers for your livestock projects. This will count as one of the required workshops for Martin County 4-H. To be a 4-H member in good standing, each member is required to attend 2 workshops and four 4-H club meetings. Meeting these obligations will place the 4-H member in “good standing” and allow the youth to participate in the Martin County 2011 Fair.

Record Books

All record books, except Cavy and Meat Goat, are on line. You must go onto the Martin County 4-H WEB site, at http://martin.ifas.ufl.edu/. Go to the WEBsites Page and click on it and it will give you the record books sites. To get the Cavy and Meat Goat, please call the office at 288-5654 and request a booklet. It will be sent to you.

4-H Awards Ceremony

The Martin County 4-H Awards ceremony will be on Tuesday, September 28, at 7PM. Each child will be recognized for the 4-H work from the previous year. It will last about an hour and there will be cake, punch and coffee for the adults. Please plan on attending, it is a fun time for the Martin County members.

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!!
Why Do 4-H Record Books?
4-H is a program that strives to help youth grow into responsible, caring adults. Although, at times record keeping seems tedious, it actually assists in many ways. It helps each child with many skills that will be useful later in life. Some of the skills that record keeping addresses are:

- maintaining records of project and club work
- helps to demonstrate growth and measure achievement across years in 4-H.
- Improves written communication skills.
- Learn time management and organizational skills.
- Learn responsibility and develop goal setting skills.
- Reflect on yearly work completed.

What is included in your record book?
Record activities that enhance the member’s learning experience in their current 4-H projects, leadership positions held of events attended, Involved in a program of service to improve the community or assist members of the community, give a demonstration or an illustrated talk. Include all your 4-H activities.

- 4-H Projects Completed This Year
- 4-H Project Skill Activities
- 4-H Events Attended
- 4-H Leadership Development
- 4-H Citizenship/Community Service
- 4-H Honor and Recognition
- Lifestyle Activities

What should I write for my 4-H Story?
On separate sheets of paper, write or type your 4-H story. Tell about your activities and experiences, what you learned, what you would do differently, and how you feel about 4-H. Your story should be a record of all years in 4-H and emphasize your current year in 4-H. 4th & 5th Grades or First Year Member = 1 to 2 pages, 6 to 8th Grades = 2 to 4 pages and 9 to 12th Grades = 3 to 6 pages

How should my 4-H story be organized?
- Introduce Yourself
- Age
- Interests, parents, siblings
Car Wash– Martin Grade Rustlers 4-H Club

Congratulations

Our very own Erin Barbeau took first place on the state 4-H level with her Butterfly presentation during Florida 4-H Congress. It was deemed such an excellent presentation that the 4-H State Office video taped it and it will be placed on the Florida State web site. So keep an eye out for Erin on http://florida4h.org/

Are you into it? 

- Where you live
- Where you go to school
- When & why you joined 4-H
- Describe the things you have tried and found successful and some that were not so successful.
- How have you arranged for financing? Indicate profits, loses and savings.
- Include major learning experiences, special interest and unusual situations you encountered.
- Describe the things you have tried and found successful and some that were not so successful.
- Describe how 4-H participation has helped you to feel good about yourself, include your school and career goals and your use of leisure time.

Who should complete the 4-H record book?
- Make sure the 4-H member has the proper, and age appropriate record book
- The 4-H member should do all their own work.
- A parent can help but not do the book for the child.
- A sibling should not do the work.
- The 4-H member should not copy someone’s book
- A 4-H member should not copy their book from last year
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.”

Tidbits of Information

You must sign up for Martin County 4-H.

Go to https://florida.4honline.com/

Put in your e-mail, make a password, unless you already have one, go in as family, answer all questions, connect to your club. Make sure you know your leaders’ names and the name of your club. This must be done by the end of October 2010, to be counted as a 4-H Member in good standing.

JUST GET IT DONE!!

Interested in what is offered for 4-H on the State Level?

Go to http://florida4h.org/events/handbook/. This site gives you the Florida State 4H Events and Activities book. It will give you dates and information for you to participate in state level activities. Please remember that a senior 4-H member must be 14 by September 1, of 2010.