“Welcome to Our Jungle”

Well it’s that time of year again...time to start preparing for 4-H Camp Ocala!!

This year we have a lot of new and exciting activities planned for camp and have an even more excited camp staff waiting for you to join them this summer.

Here is a sneak peak to some of the activities we have planned this year:

- Jungle Boogie
- Monkeying Around
- Junk Drawer Robotics
- Outdoor Survival
- Tons of Water Activities
- Archery

That’s all of the fun we can list...don’t want to spoil all of the good surprises.

While Camp is still 114 days away there are a TON of things to do in order to prepare.

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Area C Horse Show

This year the Area C Horse Show will be on April 26th at the Sumter County Equestrian Center.

The Area C Horse Show consists of contestants from four different counties: Sumter County, Marion County, Hernando County and Citrus County.

The 2014 Show Class List included events in the Western Division, Hunter Division, Ranch Division, Saddle/Gaited Division and Speed Events Division.

Winners from this event will advance to the State Competition in Tampa Florida on July 10-12, 2014.

More information can be found on our website under the “Events and Activities” page.
If you are new to Camp or just need a refresher here is a check list to follow in order to prepare for Camp.

1. **Check out the new Camp Ocala Campers Packet and Required Forms.**
   This can be found on our website under the “Events and Activities” Page. This packet contains all of the information needed to start preparing for Camp.

2. **If you are 4-H Age 13-14 decide if you would like to be a Counselor In Training (CIT).** If you are Age 14-18 decide if you would like to be a Camp Counselor. The application can be found on our website under the “Forms” page. Camp Counselor training is May 31<sup>st</sup> 9am -12pm @ the Marion County 4-H Farm. The second part will occur the Sunday before Camp check-in.

3. **Fill out the proper forms and turn them in by June 27<sup>th</sup> with a $25 deposit.** This fee is non-refundable. Scholarship money will be factored in after all registration forms are collected.

4. **Attend Camp Orientation on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the AG Center.** This orientation is especially important for parents.

5. **Final Payment for Camp is July 9<sup>th</sup> by 5pm.**

6. **July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> CAMP TIME!!!

After reading over the Camp Ocala Campers Packet if you have any other additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kalan Agers at kagers02@ufl.edu or (352)793-2728 ext. 235

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**Buccaneer Bay Day**

Come join your 4-H District VII Council for some exciting fun in the sun!

**When:** Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm

**Who:** All 4-H District VII 4-H Members, Families and Guests.

**Where:** Weeki Wachee Springs/ Buccaneeer Bay Water Park in Hernando County

**Pricing:**
- 5 & under = F.R.E.E
- 6-12 = $5.00
- 13+ = $10.00
- Parking is F.R.E.E

**Entry fee gets you into both Weekie Wachee and Buc Bay!!**

**Reservations and payment are due to the Extension Office by May 9<sup>th</sup>**
**Fun Facts...**

*Agriculture:* Agriculture employs more than 22 million people!

*4-H:* Did you know that the late night talk host David Letterman was a 4-Her?

**Calendar of Events**

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**
*Every 1st Thursday of the month*
6:30 PM
AG Center

**4-H DAY AT THE CAPITAL**
*April 26th*
Tallahassee, FL
Registration Due April 9th

**AREA C HORSE SHOW**
*April 26th*
Sumter Equestrian Center

**DISTRICT VII MEETING**
*December 16th*
6 PM
Sumter County Extension Office

**DISTRICT EVENTS DAY**
*May 3rd*
Citrus County
Sign-up by April 21st

**SENIOR PORTFOLIOS DUE**
*May 16th*
By 5PM
4-H Office

**BUC BAY DAY**
*May 17th*
Weekie Wachee, FL
Registration Due May 9th

**CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING**
*May 31st*
9 AM – 12 PM
Marion County 4-H Farm

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**Spring Fundraiser: Otis Spunkmeyer**

Our 2014 Spring Fundraiser has now come to an end and was a HUGE success! Within 33 days we were sold 264 items and were able to raise $1,689.60. Our overall goal was to reach $1,500.

This money is used to fund the Camp Ocala Scholarship account. This money is used each year to help Sumter County youth pay for Camp registration fees.

The orders should arrive April 17th here at the AG Center. Specific times will be emailed ASAP. Please come early to pick these items up because they come frozen.

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**Reminder to Club Leaders**

**VERY IMPORTANT**

Please check your emails in regards to the new youth protection policy and background screening procedures.
**4-H Spotlight!**

**Family Living Exhibit Set-Up**
Thank you to all of the 4-H members and families who came out March 2nd to help set-up and decorate Expo 6 for the Fair.

A VERY special thank you to Ms. Brenda Locklear, Ms. Rozanne Grady and Ms. Kathy Demaree for all of their hard work!

**Premier Exhibitor**
Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped during the skill-a-thons and knowledge tests. We could not have done it without you!

Thank you to all of those who sponsored the event:
- Mr. James and Susie Sutton
- Sumter County Farm Bureau
- Webster Farm Supply
- Treffeisen Family
- Sumter County Farmers Market
- Sumter County Cattlemen
- Sumter County Cattlemen
- Mr. Robert and Kathy Demaree
- Brite Leaf Nursery
- Republican Club of Sumter County
- Publix Supermarket
- CY Western Co.
- Mr. Cody and Sarah Hensley

**Contest Winner**

Muckateers 4-H Club

This year in order to help encourage people to volunteer at the 4-H Exhibit Hall during the Fair we created a contest amongst the 4-H Clubs to see who could have the most participation.

While we had many clubs who participated in this contest only one club came out a winner, the Muckateers!

We want not only to congratulate them but also thank them for their volunteer time! They have won a $20 Credit to the 4-H Mall to spend any way they please.

Thank You Again Muckateers 4H Club

Looking to be in the Monthly Newsletter?...

Send Ms. Kalan (kagers02@ufl.edu) an email at the beginning of the month for your chance to have your club highlighted in your monthly newsletter!
This year was my first Sumter County Fair and I enjoyed every minute of it! I am very proud of all of our exhibitors and it was a very heartwarming experience seeing all of our green 4-H jackets out there in that show ring. I enjoyed being able to help both 4-H and FFA members and loved getting to spend time with them while they eagerly waited for their turn to show the judge what they were made of.

This year’s Premier Exhibitor was a success with 76 participants this year. That is awesome considering the tests were offered three different days and not to mention during Spring Break! These kids did an awesome job and will be awarded during the 2014 Fair Awards Banquet in April.