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# The 4-H Green Express

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## Leader - Volunteer Meeting

During the leaders Meeting held Monday, November 2, 2009, it was discussed that each club will be invited to participate in the Christmas parade with 4-H as there will be two trailers available for members who would like to ride along. The parade will be December 5, 2009 and any members interested in participating will need to be there by 5:00pm. The theme this year is Magical Christmas and all members are asked to wear green and/or white. The decoration of the trailers for the parade will be that same day December 5, 2009 at 9:00am. Any and all members are asked to please come help decorate

The leader – volunteer meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month held at 6:00pm. They are open for any parent, volunteer, or leader. The information that is shared in these meetings is crucial to the programs progress. DeSoto 4-H appreciates the time and dedication that all the adults provide. **The next leaders meeting will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.**

## County Council

### Youth Organizational Meetings

The last County Council meeting was a great one. We had 23 4-H youth attend and speak their mind on several different topics. Once general business was complete we split off into two groups. One group worked on a community service project while the other group helped redo the 4-H board. The meeting ended at 7:20pm. **The next County Council meeting of the year will start December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00pm.** This meeting will be held at the DeSoto County Extension Office. During this meeting we plan to elect new officers and map out activities to come for the following year. All youth input is welcome.

All meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00pm. Each of the 4-H clubs is asked to send their County Council delegates to the council meeting, to represent their clubs. The responsibility of a County Council Representative (C.C.R.) include: taking information discussed at the county meeting and reporting that data back to the represented club. In addition, they help plan county wide events and raise awareness of 4-H on goings.



*This event will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Desoto County Turner Center – Indoor Are*

## Shooting Sports 4-H Club

On December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, at the DeSoto County Extension Office the DeSoto Shooting Sports Club will be holding their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Rick and Susan Hatcher are the new leaders of this club and they are looking forward to introducing youth to this exciting opportunity in archery and firearms. This meeting will be used for enrollment and club scheduling as well as safety precautions. Then on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm the group will meet at the extension office and travel together to the Polk County 4-H Skeet Shoot Facility. For Further information please call Miss Christi @ 863-993-4846.

## FAIR CONCESSION

The 4-H will be doing their annual concession stand during the fair. Every club is responsible for running at least one day of this concession. The starting date will be Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the closing date will be Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. All Clubs will be responsible for filling their time slots. Parents please know the more of you that sign up the less time you will need to donate. Sign ups for the club concession dates will be held at the leader volunteer meeting. Moreover, once a club has secured a date, the leaders will bring it back to their clubs and parents may sign up for slotted times. Parents if you have any questions please talk to your club leaders. Thank you!!



## FAIR EXHIBIT BOOTH

As we prepare for fair season, it important to remember that we have an exhibit booth to fill up. There are numerous arts, crafts, and food projects that can be done and displayed for all of our community to see. Entry forms and projects guides may be picked up at the County Extension Office. The entry deadline for the exhibit booth is Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Please return your forms to the 4-H office. The judging for exhibits will be Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We would appreciate as many youth participating in this event as possible.

Also, if you are interested in helping create and decorate the fair exhibit booth, please contact Miss Christi 863-993-4846. As usual she needs all the help she can get 😊 Furthermore, this years fair theme is “Going Green in 2010.”

## 4-H Jackets 4 Sale!!!!

The Fair is just around the corner and I would like everyone to spruce up the 4-H official dress, with the 4-H jacket. This is a way to give great representation not only to 4-H but to your individual club. The green jacket can come embroidered with your name, county, and club. The jacket's cost is 49.95 per jacket; however; there are discounts available for large orders. Thus, I would like to see the 4-H youth place an order with their clubs and then have all the clubs turn in their order, to the extension office, by Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm.

If you own a jacket, which you have out grown and would like to sell it at a discounted cost, please let Miss Christi or Ms. Cherie at the 4-H office know. DeSoto County 4-H is very proud of all their exhibitors and active club members. We hope you take advantage of this situation to show everyone you are just as happy to be a part of this organization. All jacket orders must be submitted to your club and then to the 4-H office by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, please know that a jacket is just a suggestion it is not a mandated requirement.

## Club Reports

### Rooters Swine Club:

The last meeting was a good one. Pyper Skinner called the meeting to order at 6:15. The pledges were said and then the officers gave their reports. Mrs. Jamie then talked to us about upcoming events and jacket orders. She also talked to us about a voluntary record book training that would be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:30pm. She reminded us that 3 buyers letters were due in December and if we had any questions to call her. The meeting ended at 6:50pm.

### DeSoto County 4-H Beef Club:

Our meeting started at 6:10pm. We all had to stand and say our names and talk about what we have noticed about our calves lately. Then we introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Kellie Martin and she talked to us about the signs of a sick calf and when to call a vet. She was really helpful and we appreciated her time. Next, Miss Christi talked to us about Parliamentary Procedure and how to use parliamentary law in our meetings. Miss Shawn then talked about the prospect show and what she needed help with. Finally Miss Diau talked about the record book work shop which will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> between 8:30am – 12:00pm. It was a good meeting and we were really grateful for all the information given. Our next meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00pm. Submitted By: Taylor Wiley

### A Stitch In Time 4-H Sewing Club:

The Stitch in Time sewing club has been very busy. In fact we have been sewing bags to sell for a small fundraiser. These bags will be available at Bryon's Farm Supply and we appreciate his support immensely. In addition to the bags that we have been sewing we are also working on snow flakes for the 4-H Float in the parade. We ask that if anyone is interested in joining our club please contact, Mrs. Janet Howard or the 4-H office. Our next meeting will be December 3rd and then January 7th at 5:00pm. We hope to see everyone there!! Submitted By: Emily Hatcher

## Officer Training & Installation

The officer training went extremely well. Just about everyone came and the County Extension Office was filled to the max. We broke out into officer groups, each one meeting in a separate room, and proceeded to learn about officer duties. Miss Christi took the Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Sergeant of Arms, while Mrs. Jayme Skinner helped teach the Secretary and Reporter duties, Mrs. Michelle Fields helped teach the Treasurer responsibilities, Mrs. Nikki McCall conveyed the duties of the historian, and finally Ms. Shawn Lyons taught the County Council their responsibilities. After the training session was over, the 4-H youth began their officer installation accepting their new duties over a candle light ceremony. ALL the youth did wonderful. Once the business portion of the meeting ended, we all had a pizza dinner and celebrated a fun evening.

### Educational Spot Light - "Running a 4-H Meeting"

All 4-H meetings are meant to be fun and full of laughter. However, these meetings are also the sole source of getting important information out and teaching youth to engage in conversations or decisions that affect them. Moreover, the easiest way keep business flowing efficiently and engage youth is to teach parliamentary procedure and use parliamentary law in these meetings.

All clubs should meet with their officer groups at least 20 minutes before the meeting or on a separate day before the meeting. Leaders should also have agendas prepared for the youth at this time. This will give the youth officers a chance to know what he or she will be speaking about; as well as, give them a general idea about how the flow of the meeting should go.

The President or Vice-President is known as the "chair" and it is their job to open up the meetings, ask for motions or seconds, and keep the discussion on track. The youth in the audience is known as the floor and they have the right to speak on anything that relates to the business at hand and they are heard one at a time. They also have the right to put motions (ideas) on hold or pass or fail motions. The vote goes with the majority.

The following are general definitions that everyone needs to know.

- 1. Motion** – A motion is a request from the floor that an idea or opinion be put to action. Only one motion should be placed before the group at a time. It is debatable and amendable. For example: "Mr. Chairman, I move that the DeSoto 4-H Rabbit Club invest in new rabbit cages."
  - 2. Second** – Someone from the floor must "second" the motion, or agree to the motion, so that it can be discussed. If there is no second from the floor the chairman may ask for one. If no one seconds the motion immediately dies.
  - 3. Discussion** – The motion "on the floor" is discussed by all members, addressing the pros and cons. This time can also be referred to as debate. In addition, if there are any amendments to the motion, they may be done here.
  - 4. Amendment** – To alter a motion by adding words to a motion, striking out words in a motion, or substituting words in a motion.
    - 4. Re-State the Motion** – The president re-states the motion or the amended motion before the group votes.
  - 5. Vote** – The group votes by voice – aye/no; by show of hands; by standing; by secret ballot; or by roll call vote.
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## Educational Spot Light - "Running a 4-H Meeting – Con't"

### **Making and Voting on Motions:**

A member who wants the club to vote on something makes a motion. That member raises one hand, or stands, and waits to be recognized. After being recognized by the president, the member says, "I move that.."

Another member says "I second the motion." This means that at least one other member thinks the club should consider it. (If the motion is not seconded, it is dropped.)

The president then asks for discussion. When discussion stops, the president asks, "Are you ready for the question?" (question means vote) If no one requests more discussion the club is ready to vote.

The president states the motion so everyone can hear it. The members vote when the president says, "All in favor say 'Aye,'" and "All opposed say 'Nay.'" The motion is passed if more members vote "aye" than "Nay." If the president is in doubt about the voice vote, he should ask for a show of hands or a standing vote. The president then says, "The motion is carried," or "The motion failed," according to the vote.

### **Use of the Gavel:**

All officers and members should understand the use and meaning of the gavel. It is the symbol of authority and, used correctly, ensures orderly meetings.

**One tap** follows the announcement of adjournment, the completion of a business item, or is a message to the members to be seated following the opening ceremony.

**Two taps** of the gavel calls the meeting to order.

**Three taps** of the gavel is the signal for all members to stand in unison on the third tap.

**A series of short taps** is used to restore order at a meeting. For instance, if discussion ventures away from the main motion and attention from the floor is needed, the chairman should tap a gavel a number of times to get the group's attention.

The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to promote efficient meetings so that business can be transacted in an orderly manner. Each club member should know how to take part in a meeting and how to conduct a meeting in order to protect the rights of all members. Furthermore, most parliamentary procedure is based on Robert's Rules of Order which describes procedures on how to conduct items of business.

If you have additional questions or would like additional information on Parliamentary Procedure, please see:

<http://columbia.uwex.edu/4h/officertraining/documents/parlipro.pdf>

[http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/4-H\\_Leadership\\_2008-01pr.pdf](http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/4-H_Leadership_2008-01pr.pdf)

<http://ohioline.osu.edu/4h-fact/0011.html>

<http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/parliament.shtml>





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**DECEMBER**

- 07 Leaders Meeting – County Extension Office – 6:00pm
- 07 County Council – County Extension office – 6:00pm
- 08 Rooters Swine Club – Turner Ex. Hall – 6:00pm
- 10 Shooting Sports Club – County Extension office – 6:00pm
- 12 Traildusters Horse Club (Beg.)– Val. Robinsons Res. - 10:00am
- 12 Just Kidding Goat Club – Fields Residence – 11:00am
- 14 DeSoto Beef Club – Turner Ex. Hall – 6:00pm
- 14 DeSoto Rabbit Club – County Ext. Office – 6:00pm
- 15 Beaks & Bills Poultry Club – County Ext. Office – 6:00pm
- 18 Shooting Sports Club – Skeet Shoot Trip / Polk County  
County Ext. Office – 4:00pm
- 19 **BEEF** Club Record Book workshop – County Extension Office -  
8:30am – 12:00pm
- 19 Rabbit Club Record Book workshop & Craft Completion
- 21 - 1 **Winter Break – Schools Out!!!**

**JANUARY**

- 04 Leaders Meeting – County Extension Office – 6:00pm
- 04 County Council – County Extension office – 6:00pm
- 07 A Stitch In Time Sewing Club – County Ext. Office – 5:00pm
- 08 Goat Record Books Due - County Extension Office – 5:00pm
- 09 Just Kidding Goat Club – Fields Residence – 11:00am
- 11 DeSoto Beef Club – Turner Ex. Hall – 6:00pm
- 11 DeSoto Rabbit Club – County Ext. Office – 6:00pm
- 12 Rooters Swine Club – Turner Ex. Hall – 6:00pm
- 16 Anglers Fishing Club – BBQ Dinner Sale –Bank Of Am.- 10:00am
- 21- 31 Fair

**FEBRUARY**

- 01 Leaders Meeting – County Extension Office – 6:00pm
- 01 County Council – County Extension office – 6:00pm
- 04 A Stitch In Time Sewing Club – County Ext. Office – 5:00pm
- 08 DeSoto Beef Club –Fussell’s Frozen Food– 6:00pm
- 08 DeSoto Rabbit Club – County Ext. Office – 6:00pm
- 09 Rooters Swine Club – Turner Ex. Hall – 6:00pm
- 13 Just Kidding Goat Club – Fields Residence – 11:00am
- 13 Traildusters Horse Club (Beg.) – Arcadia Saddle Club – 10:00am
- 13 Traildusters Horse Club (Adv.) – Arcadia Saddle Club - 1:00pm

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