



# The 4-H Green Express

June 2012

DeSoto County

## Are You Going To Be In The Sun This Summer?

### Five Tips to Help Choose the Best Sunscreen for You:

- 1.) Choose a sunscreen that offers UV protection and is water resistant. Apply a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more to all exposed skin.
- 2.) Choose the form of sun protection you like. Select from cream, gels, sprays, wax sticks and/or ointments.
- 3.) Apply before you go outside. Sunscreen should be applied to dry skin 15 minutes BEFORE going outdoors. Coat the skin generously and rub it in carefully. Be sure to reapply your sunscreen every two hours.
- 4.) Look for an expiration date. Unless indicated by an expiration date, the FDA requires that all sunscreens be stable at their original strength for at least three years.
- 5.) Protect your lips, too. Do not forget that lips get sunburned too, so apply a lip balm that contains an SPF of 30 or higher.

Information provided by the University of Texas Health Science Center

## Mark Your Calendar

Canoeing, kayaking, swimming, recreational games, archery, campfires, fishing, healthy lifestyles, food, friends, and much much more....

If you are between the ages of 8 and 13, a week full of fun at

**Camp Cloverleaf** is waiting for you!



**The dates for Camp Cloverleaf (in Lake Placid) are:**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: May 31<sup>st</sup>**

If you are 14-18 you can sign up to be a camp counselor!

## Awards Banquet



**"A BLAST FROM THE PAST"**

June 23, 2012  
Calvary Baptist Church  
6:00 pm  
**RSVP BY JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>**

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# 4-H Congress

When: July 30 – August 3,  
2012

Where: University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL

Who: Senior 4-H'ers  
Ages 14-18

- \*Meet other 4-H'ers from around the State of Florida.
- \*Stay in dorms at the University of Florida.
- \*Picnic at the Stadium.
- \*Attend Workshops related to subjects you are interested in.
- \*Night at the Museum
- \*Community Service



Please contact the Extension Office for more information if you are interested.

## 4-H Alumni

**Do you know a past 4-H'er? DeSoto County 4-H is looking for people ages 18 and over who have been enrolled in 4-H in the past. It does not matter if they were enrolled in 4-H in Florida or another state, we would still like their name and contact information. Please e-mail [kpopa@ufl.edu](mailto:kpopa@ufl.edu) with any names or information.**

# What's New?

## County Events

Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Fashion Review, Share the Fun, and Photography. The night of March 27<sup>th</sup> was full of 4-H members showing off their knowledge, talent, and confidence. The results from 2012's County Events are as follows:

### Photography:

**Lauren Hatcher** – Old Truck (blue 2<sup>nd</sup> place); Hibiscus (blue); Cool Fall Day (blue); Cowboy Boots (blue); Grandpa's Tom (Red)  
**Alyssa Pomerleau:** Orchid (blue 1<sup>st</sup> place); English Lop (red)

### Share the Fun:

**Lauren & Emily Hatcher** – "What a Savior" (blue 2<sup>nd</sup> place)  
**Ricky Hatcher** – Instrumental "Gospel Medley" (red)  
**Alyssa Pomerleau** – Vocal "American Honey" (blue 1<sup>st</sup> place)

### Fashion Revue

**Kori Davis** – skirt (blue)  
**Emily Hatcher** – dress (blue 2<sup>nd</sup> place)  
**Lauren Hatcher** – dress (blue 1<sup>st</sup> place)  
**Aubree Patton** – skirt (blue)

### Demonstration

**Alex Montalvo** – "How to Make a Nesting Box" (red)  
**Emery Skinner** - "How to Make a PB&J Sandwich" (green)  
**Emily & Lauren Hatcher** - "The Ins and Outs of Poultry Showmanship" (blue)  
**Luke and Ricky Hatcher** – "Safety on the Range" (blue)

### Illustrated Talk

**Tyler Mansfield** – "Baseball" (red)  
**Kori Davis** – "LaManchas" (blue)  
**Robbie Dixon** – "Rabbit Body Parts" (red)  
**Pyper Skinner** – "Swine Breeds" (blue)  
**Brittany Ritenburg** – "Swine Reproduction" (blue)

## District X Events

On April 28, 2012, DeSoto County 4-H hosted District Events at Calvary Baptist Church. A big thanks goes out to everyone who participated and/or volunteered their time to make this program a success.

Over 60 4-H'ers from five counties participated in this event, with each 4-H'er receiving a blue, red, or white ribbon. A number of 4-H'ers will be moving on to the State Competition which will be held at 4-H Congress in Gainesville. I would like to recognize our DeSoto County 4-H members who participated in District Events:

- \*Emily and Lauren Hatcher
- \*Kori Davis
- \*Alyssa Pomerleau
- \*Pyper Skinner

### **Great job girls!**

\*Emily & Lauren Hatcher will be moving on to the State Competition in August.

**ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR: BEEF PROSPECT SHOW - NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> @ AGFEST**

**Thank you!**

We would like to give a big Thank-You to **Mosaic** for sponsoring paper newsletters this year! With their help, each 4-H member will receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail each month.

# ONA Youth Field Day

On June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ona Research Center, Ona Youth Field day will take place. The Youth Field Day is geared towards children ages 8 to 18. With check-in beginning at 8:15, you will soon begin your day with a ranch tour, followed by an invasive alien invader game, dynamic dirt experiment, rumen dissection, a tour of the hay barn, lunch, and info about livestock shows. This is a great experience for anyone who owns or is interested in cattle. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact the extension office or register online at <http://yfd2012.eventbrite.com/>

DeSoto County 4-H hosted our Spaghetti Dinner in April. We were successful in raising \$1,000.00 to donate to Relay for Life. Thank you to everyone who donated food, cooked, and served as well as those who purchased dinners.



## PAPER CLOVER FUNDRAISER

DeSoto County 4-H participated in the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser from May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to find out how much money we raised for DeSoto County 4-H. Thank you to everyone who came out and worked and/or supported our members.

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## 2012 DeSoto County 4-H Summer Camps

### Doggy Day Camp

July 12<sup>th</sup>

This camp open to ages 8-18 will cover basic canine care, treat and toy making, identification of plants/foods poisonous to dogs, health, breeds and much more. No dog necessary.



For more information about these camps or to register, please contact the Extension Office at (863)993-4846.

### From Farm to Fork

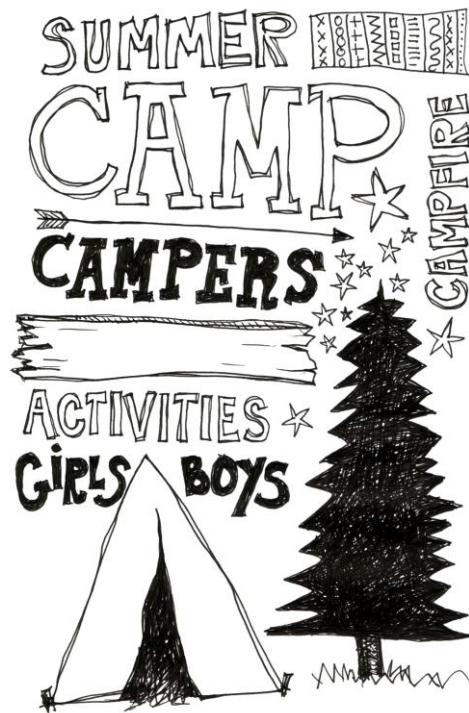
July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

This cattle centered summer camp open to 4-H'ers ages 8-18, will address beef animals in the pasture, at the market, through slaughter, and in the supermarket, as well as breeding animals and dairy cattle. This camp will cover selection, grading, care etc. You do not have to own cattle to attend!

### Horse Camp

Date T.B.A.

This camp, open to 4-H'ers ages 8-18, will cover horse grooming and care. Attendees from this camp will be eligible to participate in the Horse Grooming Competition on November 17<sup>th</sup>.



### Cost:

Doggy Day Camp: \$25.00  
From Farm to Fork: \$50.00  
Horse Camp: TBA

# DeSoto County 4-H

## June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1.	2.
3.	4. Leader's Meeting <b>*NO COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	5.	6.	7. Last Day of School	8.	9.
10.	11. Camp Cloverleaf	12. Camp Cloverleaf	13. Camp Cloverleaf	14. -Camp Cloverleaf -ONA Youth Field Day	15. Camp Cloverleaf	16.
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23. Awards Banquet
24.	25. Legislature	26. Legislature	27. Legislature	28. Legislature	29. Legislature	30.
<b>Looking Ahead:</b>	<b>July 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Doggy Day Camp	<b>July 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> From Farm to Fork	<b>July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 4-H Congress	<b>REMINDER: MANDATORY LEADER'S MEETING ON AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.</b> (no meeting August 6th)		

## Tropicana

### Speech Contest

All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in DeSoto County will be participating in the Tropicana Speech contest within their classrooms. Classroom winners will move on to the school completion, and school winners will compete in the county competition. The Tropicana speech contest put on by 4-H will hold its county competition on May 22, 2012 at the Turner Exhibition Hall.

## 4-H Members Around Town

# 2012



