Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Parents,

Hello everyone. We have been having a great summer, hope yours has been just as wonderful!

We are at 4-H Camp as I’m writing this. The kids are having a “super” time! And we’ve already had Legislature, Wings butterfly Camp and Congress.

It’s amazing how time flies when you’re having fun!

Learning by Doing,

Amy Duncan 4-H Agent

4-H Awards Ceremony - August 14, 3:00 P.M.

All Citrus County 4-H’ers and their families, and volunteers are invited to come to the Annual 4-H Awards Ceremony Saturday, August 14th, beginning at 3:00 P.M. at the Citrus County Auditorium, next to the Fairgrounds in Inverness. The 4-H Foundation is providing drinks. Each 4-H Club is asked to sign up for a type of “finger food” to bring to share with everyone. Categories already chosen include wings, chips and dip, cheese and crackers, and more. Contact the 4-H Office to register your “finger food.”

We’ll have the decorated dessert contest again this year too. You’ll get to sample some of these beautiful creations made by Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H’ers!

This event is a time to honor the accomplishments of the past year and kick off the new year with a bang! Please wear your best 4-H attire. This is professional dress event, shorts are not appropriate.

Then after all the awards have been passed out, our 4-H County Council is sponsoring a dance. Everyone is invited to stay for two hours following the Awards Ceremony for Karaoke and dancing appropriate for all ages. Even the adults will have some music they’ll recognize and dance to, because the adults are required to stay and chaperone their own youth.

Theme: A Country Picnic

Special Upcoming Dates:

- August 14 - 4-H Awards Ceremony, 3:00 P.M. at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness
- August 26 - Leaders Meeting at the Extension Classroom in Lecanto, 6:00 P.M. RSVP for Dinner!
- September 1 - First Day of the new 4-H Year, see your leader to re-enroll!
- September 30 - October 2, 2010 Southern Region Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle 4-H Center Eatonton, GA
- October 14-17, Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference, Clyde M. York 4-H Center, Crossville, TN
4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Meeting

This mandatory meeting is **August 26th, 6:00 P.M. at the Extension Office in Lecanto.** All registered 4-H club leaders, including Organizational, Co-leaders, and Resource Leaders are encouraged to attend. At the very least each club should have at least one representative attending to collect all the new 4-H year forms and materials.

We will also be introducing the leaders to using the 4-H Online system. Bring your laptops with wireless internet if you have them. If you don’t have your own, we’ll have a few computers for you to use for “hands on learning.”

Dinner will be provided. RSVP to the 4-H Office to indicate your intentions so we may provide enough food by Monday, August, 23rd.

Decorated Dessert Contest

Cloverbuds, Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members

Contestants in each age category will win prizes for bringing their sugary creations to the 4-H Awards Ceremony. Bring the desserts a little early to get checked in.

Remember the theme is: A Country Picnic

Welcome, new 4-H Club!

We are recruiting members to join a new 4-H Club forming in the Beverly Hills area. This Project club will be a “Horseshoe” club. Now, that is not the kind of horseshoes that go on the hooves of horses! This is a horseshoe pitching club. This club is recruiting youth who are 11 years old, and up, who would be interested in trying out this exciting sport. The leaders are planning an orientation meeting sometime soon for interested kids and their parents or guardians. If you would like to try out horseshoe pitching, please contact the 4-H Office for more information.

Delegates form District VII had a ton of fun getting peppe up for the “Spirit Rally” during 4-H Congress at the University of Florida campus. The Senior 4-H’ers representing Citrus County were Emily Dampman, Alicia Indelicato, David Meeks, Nathan and Olivia Snipes, Chrissy and Nikki Uzar, and Bryce Uzzolino. The Citrus County delegation earned the right to attend by doing demonstrations, fashion review, share the fun, serving as our representatives on the State Council, or having senior scholarship interviews.