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Season's Greetings from your County 4-H Office. We look forward to celebrating the season with you at our annual 4-H Christmas Party on December.

One very important component of our Christmas Party will be the drawing for prizes in our County 4-H ATV Safety Program. There will be more than \$200 in cash and prizes given away that night. Be sure to get your name entered by completing the online safety class. It takes



about one hour to complete, and be sure to print out your certificate from the class. The directions for finding and complete the ATV class are on page 3 of this newsletter.

We encourage everyone to come out and get fully involved with our Christmas Celebration. Clubs should all plan to have a "Make it... Take it" table set up.

Each participant should bring a canned good or non-perishable item for our community service project. These items will go to



the school Food-4-Kids Backpack Program (*list of items needed on page 4*).

Overall, the Christmas Party will be fun for everyone. Come out and warm by the fire, enjoy the food, make something to take home or just meet new people. Be sure to bring a friend!

*Albert & Fuller 4H*

Albert Fuller  
County Extension Director 4-H

**CALENDAR**

**4-H ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 15**

Clubs Set-Up	4:30 - 5 P.M.
Party Starts	6:00 P.M.
Chili Cook-Off Set Up	5:30 - 6 P.M.
Judging	6:30 P.M.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**DECEMBER 16**

4-H	5:30 P.M.
Overall	7:00 P.M.

**NO SHOOTING SPORTS THE FOLLOWING DAYS**

**DECEMBER 18, 25 and JANUARY 1**

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**NEW!**



**GIFT EXCHANGE FOR YOUTH!**

**ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS PARTY GIFT EXCHANGE. BRING A \$5 WRAPPED GENDER NEUTRAL GIFT TO SHARE.**

## 10th Annual 4-H Bake-Off and FCS Fun Day Held

Sidney Bray of Afterschool Adventure Outdoors was our Overall and Intermediate Cake Winner with her Salted Caramel Layer Cake. Sidney was one of 18 participants in the 10th Annual 4-H Bake Off and Fun Day. It was held Monday, November 10 at the Levy County Agricultural Complex in Bronson.

Other Division and Category Winners were: Brooke Batey of Outdoor Adventures won Junior Cookies with her Pecan Mini Kiss Cups; Riley Bray of Afterschool Adventure Outdoors won Junior Cakes with his Chocolate Layer Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting; Devin

Rogers of Kountry Bumpkins won Junior Quick Breads with her Pumpkin Roll and Kelly Runnels of Outdoor Adventures won Intermediate Yeast Breads with his Sticky Lemon rolls with Lemon Cream Cheese Glaze.

Other participants were Outdoor Adventure Club members Aubrey Catlett, John Long, Sabrina Brice, Lila Runnels, Felicia Sisk, Casey Owens, Madison Brice and Misti Brice; Bee Keepers Club member Sara Hamilton; Kountry Bumpkin member Regan Varnes, Afterschool Adventure Outdoors member Abigail Johnson and Members-at-Large Samantha Carswell and Patrick Whitehead.

While the baked foods were being judged by Ken and Helen McIntosh, the youth were participating in a Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Challenge.

The FCS Challenge consisted of a course of four stations that everyone had to visit and complete the task at that station. Each individual had to decide which pair of western boots to choose at the Consumer Judging station. At the Food and Nutrition station they made a peanut butter ball from the protein group. The 4-H Fun station featured a 4-H canning jar

ornament to create and the 4-H and Nutrition Fun station was the last stop with several word games to finish. Everyone, including adults, who completed the course, received 4-H bracelets.

After the judging and the FCS Challenge, everyone completed the evening with a sweet taste test of all the baked items.

Many thanks go to Brenda Heberling, 4-H Program Assistant who prepared supper for all takers. And many more thanks to all the participants and their parents.

For more information about this program or any other 4-H program, be sure and contact the UF IFAS Extension Levy County program at 352-486-5131.



# 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL

## JOINT COUNCIL

Joint Council:

Call meeting to order at 6:45 pm

American Pledge

led by Libby Hagan

4-H Pledge led by Jamiya Fuller

Roll call by Dominick Suarez

Secretary Report

Jamiya Fuller made motion to approve. Alan Hagan seconded.

Minutes approved.

Treasures' Report – Balance

\$2,444.38. Jamiya Fuller motion to approve. Libby Hagan seconded.

Report approved

Business for Joint Council:

Christmas Party will be held the third Monday (12/15) at 6 p.m. A bon fire, Smores, ornament contest, make it-take it club tables, Adult chili cook-off, and the youth wanted a \$5 gift exchange (the gift must be generic – not specifically for a boy or girl and wrapped. Each person bringing a gift, will receive a number and they will then choose a gift with that number later in the evening. The Hagans will be handling the ornament contest. There will be a food drive at the event to benefit the Backpack 4 Kids program. Each person should bring a can of non-perishable food to the Christmas Party.



ATV Safety- Mr. Fuller reminded the youth to go online and take the ATV online course. If the course is completed by the youth, their name will be entered into a drawing at the Christmas Party.

### Introduction of Garden Project

Dietrich Stewart handed out a flyer for the upcoming garden project. Local farm supply companies will be donating supplies. Mr. Anthony Drew will be hosting a workshop for the youth and adults on February 1 about soil samples and other new gardening information. All are welcome to be a part of it.

Day Camp Sampler Club took their first outing. They went fishing in Cedar Key. Next event will be the second Saturday in December.

North Florida Fair Levy Extension office and staff won second place in their booth at the fair.

S.T.E.M. Explorers have another field trip planned to Crystal River State Archeological Park December 13th, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

## ADULT COUNCIL

### Christmas Party

Leslie will take care of the Adult Chili Cook-Off. There will be a \$5 entry fee.

### Garden Project

26x20 garden, seeds and fertilizer

will be needed for the garden project.

### Volunteer Training

Alan, Dietrich and Mary presented on what they learned at the training.

### 4-H Handbook

Updates for the new 4-H Handbook. Add to calendar the Feeder Steer & Swine Tag in December. Add website pages for SRF, LCF, NFF, FSF. Add constitution to the back. Bona fide member suggestion - to not miss more than 3

## **ALL YOUTH & ADULTS and FRIENDS**

**TAKE AND COMPLETE THE ATV ONLINE COURSE.**

**THERE ARE PRIZES TO BE WON.**

**A DRAWING WILL BE HELD DURING THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CALL THE OFFICE.**

**[www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)**

On the right click E-Course and register. Create an acct. Leave off state course, so there is no fee. Print the certificate and bring it to our office .



## 4-H DAY CAMP SAMPLER CLUB

On their first outing the 4-H Day Camp Sampler group went to Cedar Key for a day of fishing. Their next event will be Dec. 13. Watch the Levy County 4-H Facebook page for details.

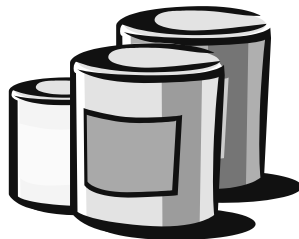


## WHISPERING WINDS SPIRITS 4-H CLUB

Whispering Winds Spirits 4H Club helped the 4th grade class of Whispering Winds make dog cookies for a fundraiser benefiting the Levy County Humane Society.



## CHRISTMAS CANNED FOOD DRIVE



We are collecting cans again this year for the **FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM**. Please remember to bring a can or two to the Christmas Party!

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Canned Stuff (pasta, soup, veggies, meat)
- Juice Boxes & shelf stable milk
- Breakfast stuff (instant oatmeal, breakfast bars, cereal)
- Snacks (raisins, pretzels, crackers, granola)
- Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly
- Fruit and pudding cups





## 2014 Levy County Ornament Contest

### Contest Guidelines

Open to all Levy County 4-H members.

Entries will be displayed and judged at the 2014 Christmas Party on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Entry forms are requested to be submitted by Friday, December 12, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the UF IFAS Levy County Extension Office, but forms will be accepted until 6:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Entries are to be turned in by 6:15 pm on Monday, December 15, 2014 and picked up immediately after award presentations. They may be donated and hung on the 4-H tree, if desired.

Prizes will be awarded after the Christmas Party, but before dinner is served unless otherwise announced.

Individual entries will be accepted in the following age divisions (as of September 1, 2014):

Cloverbuds – ages 5 – 7

Juniors – ages 8 – 10.

Intermediates – ages 11 – 13

Seniors – ages 14 - 18

### Ornament Guidelines

Ornament should be no larger than 5" wide X 5" high X 5" deep.

Ornament should be light in weight so as not to bend a limb on the tree.

Ornament can be of your own design OR may be reproduced using a kit or other directions.

Ornament cannot pose a safety hazard to anyone, so please avoid the use of sharp, toxic, or easily breakable materials.

Ornaments should fit into one of these categories:

Nature – made of natural materials

Recycled – made of materials that have previously been used or could be used for another purpose.

Traditional – made using traditional colors, symbols, etc.

Other – does not fit into the above categories.

### Judging Guidelines

Judges reserve the right to move the ornament into the correct category, if need be.

Judging will be done on the following criteria.

Adheres to ornament guidelines ( see above)

Adheres to category selected (see above)

Degree of difficulty – increasing as age increases

Originality/Creativity – own work or follows directions and/or kit directions

Overall appearance of the finished work – neat, visual appeal.



# Ornament Contest Entry Form & Scoresheet



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/1/2014: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Club and Leader: \_\_\_\_\_



Category (circle one):                      Nature                      Recycled                      Traditional                      Other

Judging Criteria	Max Points	Points Scored	Comments
Adheres to ornament guidelines	20		
Adheres to category selected	20		
Degree of difficulty - increasing as age increases	20		
Originality/Creativity - own work or follows directions and/or kit directions	20		
Overall appearance of the finished work - neat, visual appeal	20		
Total Points (100 Possible)	100		