

## LAKE COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEER MEETING 9/28/2009 --- 7 P.M.

These notes follow the agenda items. Notes taken by Linda Lucero, Our Handiwork.

1. We went around the room and introduced ourselves.
2. There were 21 applicants for our agent position. The screening committee should be completed by 10/5. After that, final candidates will make presentations and be available to answer questions from the volunteers.
3. Goal is to move toward each 4-H family entering their own paperwork (password protected). Club leaders will have to approve.
4. Chaperone certification training has begun. Goal is to have all volunteers "certified" within 3 yrs. This year all volunteers that travel out of state with 4-H members will be tested. Next year will be volunteers that travel within the state of Florida. The following year is for all in-county travel. Volunteers will have to be recertified every 3 years. It will also be available on-line to work at your own pace. Must complete a test with 80% accuracy.
5. There was an e-mail dated 9/9 sent to all clubs. The information contained requirements for using the 4-H Logo (which are mandated by Congress). Each club must be chartered and this charter must be renewed every year. Some of the items on this list will be discussed at a later date.
6. Horse Program-They are working on putting everything on the calendar. Deadline for upcoming Rotary horse show is 10/30 and the show is on 11/14. There will be a required parent/exhibitor meeting on 1/11/10. Everyone showing must attend and sign in individually—parents must be present. Immediately following that will be the first of two required safety meetings (only one meeting is required). If you attended a safety meeting last year, that is good for two years. The second opportunity to attend a safety meeting will be 2/23 at 7 p.m. The Qualifying Horse Show is 3/14/10, and the paperwork deadline is 12/30/09. There are program requirements for showing, and the back page of the document must be signed.
7. County calendar is available on-line. The following is additional information for certain upcoming events:
8. Steer Program-There will be a steer seminar on 10/2 at 2 p.m. There will also be a steer weigh in. There is no minimum weight at this time. However, the minimum at the fair will be 1,000 lbs. and the steer must average 1.5# weight gain per day to fair weigh in. There will be an ultrasound to check for ¼" back fat. If the steer does not have ¼" back fat, the technician will find another way to measure and get a quality grade (they will accept anything select grade and better).
9. Pig mandatory meeting 11/19 (it is on the calendar). Technician from UF will be at the meeting. There will be a second meeting on 11/30. Individuals must sign themselves in. Swine weigh in 1/8/10.
10. Goat and Rabbit-We are trying to get a meat goat program going (no horns on goats). Go to [ocala4sale.com](http://ocala4sale.com) if you are interested in purchasing a goat. The intent of the goat program is to sell the goats at the county fair. This is the first year for a goat seminar. It will be held on November 7 at 11 a.m. at the Lantern Hill Farm. Fee is \$5. Don't bring a goat! There will be a rabbit seminar on 10/10 at 9 a.m. If your kids are interested in rabbits and don't know anything about them, this is the seminar for you. If you bring a rabbit, make sure it is healthy or it will be sent home. If it gets overheated or acquires other health problems during the fair, it will need to be taken home. If you bring a rabbit, you don't need to bring food—it will be provided. Also, there is a 15 lb. limit on meat pens so if you have three rabbits in a pen, each one can be no more than 5 lbs. Please call Terri to reserve a spot at the seminar—she needs to get a decent headcount for food that day. If you are going to purchase a rabbit for breeding, there is a purchase date requirement—be sure to check your rulebook.

11. A volunteer sign-up sheet for the new year was passed around.
12. Please, please turn in your paperwork. Even if your bank account has a zero balance, you must turn in your audit sheets. Copies of bank account statements should be sent to Vera monthly. Club starter packets due 11/1.
13. October is the month for the annual peanut butter food drive. If you are interested in participating in this event, you may contact Jennifer Sullivan as she may have a list of Publix stores that will support this endeavor. Jennifer can be contacted at [ahearthtoserve@aol.com](mailto:ahearthtoserve@aol.com).  
There are many other activities coming up. Be sure to check the calendar.  
County events handbook has not recently changed—just be sure to review it as it was updated for the 2008-2010 years.  
Lake County Fair Exhibit Premium book is now available on line.

Three other items of interest were brought up at the meeting. One was the issue of 4-H participation in Christmas parades. The Lake County Extension policy has been that there will be no 4H horse participation in parades because of liability. Also, they request that candy NOT be thrown. Issue is risk liability. Also, city or county governments may require more risk insurance than UF has. Juanita will check for Lake County. Second item was that the state does NOT require that 4-H members complete a project book each year. However, counties may alter this requirement. The third item was the question if TLC could be counted as a "club." In other words, if a 4-H member was involved in TLC but didn't have membership in a regular club, could the TLC participation be construed as a club? Technically it is not recommended at the state level nor highly encouraged. It was suggested that some of these items be addressed with the new agent at a time in the future.