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**TO: Youth 14 and Older as of September 1, 2009 Enrolled in the 4-H Citizenship and Community Service Projects**

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**RE: Citizenship Trip Opportunities - 2010 Florida 4-H Legislature & 2010 Citizenship Washington-Focus**

The opportunity to participate and represent Manatee County at these citizenship activities is a privilege extended by the Manatee County 4-H Foundation to a select number of youth. Those who work hard in this project and demonstrate a true enthusiasm, interest, and commitment in the citizenship project should make application to attend these programs. **Interested, qualified youth must submit an up-to-date citizenship record book and application by Friday, December 11, 2009.** Applicants will then need to complete an interview with a 4-H Citizenship Trip Subcommittee during the week of December 14, 2009. ***Citizenship trip participation is limited to those selected by this Subcommittee.*** In addition to the record book and application, those wishing to be considered, must have a recommendation from their club leader.

***CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)*** - National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland (Washington DC). ***June 27-July 3, 2010.*** For youth age 15 and up (as of September 1, 2009) currently enrolled in a 4-H citizenship project (Book Levels 4, 5, or 6). The week-long program is designed to help youth understand how their individual actions can make a difference in our world. CWF uses the nation's capital as a classroom to foster appreciation, understanding, and involvement in civic responsibility, government operations, and current issues. CWF also combines educational workshops and operational simulations with educational field trips and professional consultations. Approximate total cost is \$1,200, with the Manatee 4-H Foundation providing a substantial portion of the financial support. Transportation to Washington, DC will be provided by Manatee 4-H Foundation. **If selected to participate, a \$ 150.00 deposit must be received in the Manatee County 4-H Office no later than Monday, January 4, 2010.**

***FLORIDA LEGISLATURE (Leg)***- Florida State University Campus in Tallahassee. ***June 21-25, 2010.*** For youth ages 14 and above (as of September 1, 2009) currently enrolled in a 4-H citizenship project (Book Levels 4, 5, or 6). The week long program is designed to help youth learn about the functions of state government, becoming informed about the state system of government, and the roles of legislators and lobbyists. Leg uses the committee rooms of the Congress, the State Capitol, Supreme Court, Archives and other state buildings as the classroom for this program. The program registration is approximately \$225 plus a transportation fee. The county 4-H Foundation will provide the following scholarships: 75% registration fee scholarship and 100% group transportation fee. Transportation to Tallahassee is arranged by the Manatee County 4-H Program through a charter bus from the State 4-H Office.

**REMEMBER, your CWF deposit is due in the Manatee County 4-H Office no later than Monday, January 4, 2010.** Additional details for LEG are pending at this time. If you have questions, please give us a call at (941) 722-4524.

c: 4-H Organizational and Co-Organizational Leaders