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TO: 4-H Members, Parents, and Club Leaders

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RE: County Events Day

County Events is a very special time for the Manatee County 4-H Youth Program.

- It is a time for you to show others what you have learned in your 4-H project.
- It is a time for you to sharpen your presentation skills.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity for you to shine as a Manatee County 4-H’er. To get started, please review the enclosed County Events booklet and note the following important dates.

Thursday, April 1  Registrations Due in the 4-H Office for County Events Day

Tuesday, April 6  Mandatory Clothing Selection and Share-the-Fun Dress Rehearsals
  5 – 8 p.m.
  Bring music, props, etc.
  Call the 4-H Office at 722-4524 to schedule an appointment

Saturday, April 10  County Events Day
  8:00 a.m. – Registration
  8:45 a.m. – Event starts

Between now and County Events Day, you should be preparing your project demonstration, public speech, talent act, clothing selection, poster or photography exhibit. To help you prepare, we have included some tips in the enclosed booklet. A demonstration training video is also available from our office. Additionally, all leaders attending the February 11th Leader’s Council Meeting will receive a special handout on demonstrations and illustrated talks. Copies of the various County Events activity judging forms can be found on the Manatee County 4-H website at:

All blue ribbon winners in the various categories will represent Manatee County at District Events on Saturday, May 8th in Hillsborough County. Some top senior category winners will qualify for state competition at County Events.

If you have questions, about County Events criteria, please refer to your Explore Florida 4-H Events and Activities Handbook, September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2010.

We look forward to seeing you at County Events Day on Saturday, April 10.

Enclosures