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TO: Manatee County 4-H Youth Age 13 Years Old as of June 1, 2009

FROM: Diana L. Smith, Ph.D.  Kate Smith
Extension Agent – 4-H Coordinator 4-H Program Assistant

RE: March 14-15, 2009 Camp Counselor Training ~ DaySpring, Ellenton
April 11, 2009 Cloverleaf Camp Restoration ~ 4-H Camp Cloverleaf
June 8-12, 2009 Leadership Track at Junior Residential Camp

This **Camp Restoration** and **Camp Counselor Training** Registration packet and the **Leadership Track** Application are being mailed to you because you have turned 13 or will be 13 by June 1, 2009.

Please review the **Camp Restoration** and **Counselor Training** Registration Form. As you can see we are *strongly* encouraging you to attend the Counselor Training scheduled for March 14 & 15, 2009 at DaySpring in Ellenton. Your attendance will help you when selections are made for this 'limited space' leadership track at Junior Camp. The pre-registration form and fee of \$25 is due to the 4-H Office by Monday, March 9.

We are also asking that you and your family make an investment in the 4-H camping program by attending the **Cloverleaf Camp Restoration** activity on April 11. Again, pre-registration is necessary in order to accommodate everyone for meals and lodging (if you plan to spend the night Friday the 10th). Because camp restoration is a service project, the camp is offering RV hook-ups on site at no charge. The Youth Council will be providing your meals on Saturday April 11th; breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and lunch around noon. If you come over on Friday the 10th, you are on your own for dinner that evening. Your \$10 registration fee will help defray the cost of Saturday's meals and break refreshments. As always, with any registration fees, the Foundation's reimbursement policy does apply.

This correspondence also includes a **Leadership Track Application** and an **Adult/Teen Agreement** for Junior Residential Camp to be held June 8-12, 2009 at Camp Cloverleaf. A few years ago Manatee County introduced the leadership track that is held during 4-H county camp. It has been a successful venture and we will be offering it again this year. The **Leadership Track will be open only to 13 year old youth that have submitted an application to the 4-H Office by March 9, 2009.** Space will be very limited – one cabin of boys, one cabin of girls, so please review the program dates listed on the application, complete your application (including essay) and Adult/Teen Agreement, then submit them by the deadline date. There will be a selection process to determine what youth will be participating in the program. We have also included a Florida Participation Form in this mailing, just in case we do not have your current copy on file.

If you need additional information about the camping program, please call Ms. Kate at the 4-H Office.

c: Selected Organizational & Co-Leaders

Enclosures