



Florida 4-H Congress 2009

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Celebrate 100 years!

The History of 4-H

4-H began as a simultaneous response to needs throughout the country, rather than as the idea of one individual. The goal of the program was to extend agricultural education to rural youth by organizing boys and girls clubs and through "learning by doing."

The roots of 4-H began at the turn of the century when progressive educators started to emphasize the needs of young people and to introduce nature study as a basis for a better agricultural education. Boys and girls clubs and leagues were established in schools and churches to meet these needs.

Through the years, the overall objective of 4-H has remained the same: the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. 4-H serves youth through a variety of methods:

- Organized clubs
- 4-H special interest/short term groups
- 4-H school enrichment programs
- 4-H instructional television
- 4-H camping
- 4-H activities
- 4-H centers
- As individual members

Florida 4-H Centennial

Please tear off and mail to:

State 4-H Events Office
Congress 2009
P.O. Box 110225
Gainesville, FL 32611-0225

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Amount of Donation _____

If you would like to make this donation in memory or in honor of someone or as a company sponsorship, please specify the name below.

Please make checks payable to : Florida 4-H Foundation, Inc.



What is Congress?

Held on the campus of the University of Florida during the summer, this is a week in which 4-H members can have fun and learn alongside other 4-H'ers from all over Florida. Congress is divided into competitive and non-competitive sessions. The non-competitive portion is devoted to educational workshops on a variety of subjects addressing the interests of Florida's youth.

The competitive portion of the event is where first place senior District Winners compete against other District Winners in a variety of events. County 4-H Teams also compete against one another in various Judging Team Contests. This includes demonstrations, public speaking and project area competitions. Share the Fun is also held at Congress, in which district winners compete in a talent competition.

In addition, youth can submit detailed portfolios which may allow for Interviews to be conducted at Congress for awards trips or scholarships.

Not only is Congress a place to be rewarded for hard work at District and County events, but it's also a learning experience for all youth who attend. Educational workshops and tracks are offered throughout the week in which Florida's youth get to learn through hands-on activities.



Florida's Youth

Florida 4-H is proud to have 223,000 young people affected by our programs with offices in each of the 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. These youth participate in competitions, activities, workshops, camps and educational trips; all of which are teaching leadership, teamwork and create positive change in youth, their families and communities.



How You Can Help

Because Florida 4-H is a tax-exempt non-profit educational foundation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, producing an event as large as Congress can sometimes be seen as a challenge. We are trying to make Congress 2009 as cost-effective as possible and this is how you can help.

There are various events occurring at Congress that you can be a part of. Whether through sponsoring a specific event or contributing to the overall funding of Congress, any support you can give to Florida Congress 2009 will be greatly appreciated. We hope that you will consider helping to make this event even better than it has been in past years.

Levels of Donation

Emerald: \$ 2500 and above

*Emerald donors will receive:

- two Congress 2009 t-shirts
- a plaque of appreciation
- a Florida 4-H Centennial book
- two tickets to the Thursday night banquet

Gold: \$ 1000 - \$ 2499

*Gold donors will receive:

- two Congress 2009 t-shirts
- a plaque of appreciation
- a Florida 4-H Centennial book

Silver: \$ 250 - \$ 999

*Silver donors will receive:

- two Congress 2009 t-shirts
- a plaque of appreciation

Bronze: \$ 100 - \$ 249

*Bronze donors will receive:

- a certificate of appreciation
- a Congress 2009 t-shirt

Green Clover: \$ 99 or less

*Green Clover donors will receive:

- a certificate of appreciation

All donors will be recognized at the event. Signature sponsorships will be available for special events at Congress. This includes our banquet, our Share the Fun talent show, a Fashion Revue as well as educational programming.

If you would like to sponsor an event at Congress 2009, please contact:

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