



Lafayette Parish 4-H Hotline

January 2007



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January 2007

4 First Day of Club Meetings
 4 Showing Character Meeting
 4-H Office
 4 Broiler Pick Up, 4-H Office
 5-6 State Executive Committee Meeting
 Camp Grant Walker
 8 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
 8 January Records Due, 4-H Office:
 (Governor's & Superintendent's
 Livestock Awards; Attorney Gen-
 eral's Livestock Leader Award)
 11-14 Mid-Winter Rodeo, Blackham
 Coliseum
 15 M.L.K. Holiday, 4-H Office Closed
 15 Parish Livestock Show Set Up
 Blackham Coliseum
 19 Arbor Day in Louisiana
 18-20 Parish Livestock Show & Sale
 Blackham Coliseum
 22 Jr. Leader Meeting
 24-27 Acadiana District Livestock Show
 Blackham Coliseum
 31 Poster Due, 4-H Office

23 Junior Wildlife Tour Applications Due
 4-H Office
 26 Livestock Advisory Mtg., 4-H Office
 27 4-H Quarterly Training, St. Gabriel, LA
 20 **Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
 TBA Junior Leader Meeting
 TBA Junior Leader Officer Meeting

March

1 First Day of Club Meetings
 2 Challenge Camp Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
 5 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
 5 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
 12 Clothing Garments Due, 4-H Office
 12 National 4-H Conference Applications Due
 4-H Office
 12 Citizenship Washington Focus Applications
 Due, 4-H Office
 12 4-H Scholarship Applications Due, 4-H Office
 19-23 LEAP and IOWA Testing
 23 4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets,
 New Orleans, LA
 26 Fashion Show, 4-H Office
 27 (tent) Livestock Judging Contest
 Blackham Coliseum
 28 1st Year Horse Exhibitor's Meeting
 Blackham Coliseum
 28 Grade Horse Clinic, Blackham Coliseum
 31 4-H Achievement Day
 Lafayette Middle School
 TBA Area Cookery Contest, Crowley, LA

February 2007

1 First Day of Club Meetings
 6 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
 10-17 State Livestock Show, Gonzales, LA
 14 **Happy Valentine's Day**
 23 Parish 4-H Record Books Due, 4-H Office

Sincerely,

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Records

How are those Record Books coming along? By now they should be close to completion. Here are a few things to remember:

- All records are due February 23.
- All record book information is on the 4-H website
- You must DO something in order to RECORD IT.
- The contests you entered and the awards you won from March, 2004 to today should be entered in your book.
- List in detail the work you did and the things you learned.
- 7th -12th graders- You will be using the new 4-H Portfolio
- 5th -6th graders-Put the entire project book behind Section 2.
- 4th graders-Complete your entire booklet and turn it in to your leader.
- Also, ribbons will be given to those who place and \$10.00 will be given to 4-H'ers in each Division who have outstanding Record Books.

Candy Sale Update

Our 10th annual 4-H Foundation Candy Sale has been another success thanks to the hard work of so many of our leaders and 4-H members. Of our 50 clubs, 20 clubs took part in this fund-raiser. In some cases, if a club did not participate, individual members sold.

We do not have final numbers as some clubs have not yet turned in their money. We will give you the final results next month. Thanks to everyone for making this a success.

Livestock Time

Late January, early February is livestock time in Lafayette Parish. Many 4-H'ers have been working long and hard with their projects in preparation for the livestock shows. Let's recognize these members and congratulate them for their efforts.

Also, meetings will be conducted after all of the livestock shows are over to take recommendations for next year. Contact one of the members of the Livestock Advisory Board if you would like to make a recommendation about the 4-H Livestock Program.

Character Corner

As we start the new year and the second year of the new century, lets start on the right foot. Let's make a promise to make the world a better place. One way to keep that promise is to practice the six pillars of character. January is the month for Trustworthiness. A trustworthy person is a person of integrity. A person who stands up for his/her beliefs. If you are trustworthy you follow your conscience. Always have the courage to do what is right and to try new things even when its hard.

Being trustworthy means always telling the truth and nothing but the truth. Be sincere. Don't lie, cheat, steal, or sneak. Just practice the pillars of character and start the year off right!

Wildlife Trips Available

Any 4-H member 8th grade or younger, who is enrolled in any of the wildlife projects could win an all expense paid trip to one of the state's many Wildlife and Fisheries Management and Research areas. Crabbing, fishing, swimming, boat rides, and much more could be yours if you submit your wildlife record book to the 4-H office by February 23th along with parish record books. 4-H members may need to do additional work to qualify for this contest; however, the parish record book may be enough to qualify. The top two parish books will be sent on to the state contest to compete for the trips.

The wildlife records include Wildlife activities in Discovering 4-H, You and Nature, You and Plants, Wildlife Pioneers, Aquaculture, Birds, Insects, Forestry, and Fur. Interested 4-H'ers MUST contact Ms. Angie at 291-7090 as soon as possible.

Food & Fiber Program

We are continuing to focus our monthly lessons on Food & Fiber with this month's focus on fiber. Each of the 7 lessons being taught this year will address specific Grade Level Expectations. This will be helpful on the LEAP and IOWA tests.

Fibers may be classified into one or two major classifications— 1) Natural Fibers—fibers obtained in usable form directly from animal, vegetable or mineral origin. 2) Man-made Fibers—fibers produced through chemical reactions controlled by people, as opposed to those fibers occurring naturally.

A system of classification became necessary when man-made fibers became so numerous that consumers were confused. In 1960, the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (TFPIA) went into effect for consumer protection, and was updated in 1984. This requires that specific information on fiber content, manufacturer identification, and country of origin be included on a garment or furniture label. All information must appear on the same side of the label. This and much more will be discussed in the lesson.

Let's Go Fishing

We are very excited about our new 4-H Fishing Sports Program that began several years ago. Many agents and volunteers have learned lots of fun and exciting things about fishing, casting, water ecology, and tackle making. We are making plans to conduct another Fishing Clinic in April 2007 at a local pond. This will be an educational workshop for both the experienced and inexperienced fisher.

Since this is a new program, the number of members who can participate is limited. Only twenty-four, 4th-9th grade members will be able to participate in this intensive training program. Members who participated in the past are not eligible for this clinic. Members will be selected from a random drawing. Those who are selected will receive additional information through the mail.

If you are interested, please submit the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade and School. This information should be mailed to: Fishing Sports, Charles Hebert, 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite, 325, Lafayette, LA 70501, by March 3, 2007.

Garden Contest Entry Form

NAME _____

GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

4-H CLUB _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: April 15, 2007

*On a separate sheet of paper, draw a map showing where you live.

Club-Of-The-Month

DECEMBER CLUB-OF-THE-MONTH

Results of the December meetings are not all in and will be listed in next month's Hotline. Congratulations to all of the clubs that did such a great job with their meetings!

4-H Vegetable Garden Contest

Attention all green thumbs! All Lafayette Parish 4-H Club members have the opportunity to participate in the annual 4-H Vegetable Garden Contest this Spring. This must be a vegetable garden grown primarily by the 4-H'er. The contest is open to all 4-H'ers, regardless of the project you are in. When you enter the contest, information will be sent to you to help you with your garden. 4-H'ers will be divided into two or three age divisions. Contact Ms. Angie if you have any questions.

Rules for the 4-H Garden Contest:

1. Garden must be worked primarily by the 4-H member. Adults may help with:
a) heavy plowing or tilling; b) spading; c) pesticide spraying
2. Garden must include at 32 square feet. A 4 foot by 8 foot garden is 32 square feet.
3. Each 4-H member's garden must be an individual plot, marked off by rows or ditches from other plants, or from the main family garden. Family plots can not be judged.
4. Garden will be scored as follows: a) Garden display & Harvest record, 20 points; b) Variety of Vegetables, (9 or more types receive max. points), 20 points; c) Insect & Disease Control, 20 points; d) Weed Control, 20 points; e) Neatness, General Appearance, & Site Selection, 20 points; f) Response to questions, general knowledge about gardening, 50 points.
5. Judges will visit and judge you and your garden sometime during early June. Plan your garden to be at its peak at that time. You will be notified later of the exact date.
6. Entry deadline is April 15, 2006. Mail your entry form to:
Angie Arnould; 4-H Garden Contest; 1010 Lafayette St., Ste 325; Lafayette, LA 70501
PLEASE include a map or Driving Directions, starting from school, of how to get to your home. Your parents can draw this map. Use street names and road numbers. Please return with garden entry form (located on page 2) by April 15, 2006.

4-H Night with the Hornets

4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets will be Friday, February 23, 2007. The game against the Seattle Supersonics will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, LA.

If your club is interested getting group tickets (\$16 each person), contact the 4-H Office. We have all of the details for the event.