



Lafayette Parish 4-H Hotline

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March 2007

- 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 4-H Scholarship Applications Due 4-H Office
- 19-23 LEAP and IOWA Testing
- 26 Fashion Show, 4-H Office
- 27 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

April 2007

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 2 Area Cookery Contests, Crowley, LA
- 4 Showing Character Meeting 4-H Office
- 10 Let's Go Fishing Clinic, TBA
- 11 Bowling Against Dystrophy, Lafayette Lanes
- 11 Jr. Leader Meeting/Pre 4-H U Meeting, 4-H Office
- 12 Jr. Leader Po-Boy Sale, 4-H Office
- 12-14 Challenge Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- 16 4-H Scorecards Due to Leaders
- 17 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 17 Livestock Scholarship Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Garden Contest Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 18 Outstanding Senior Award Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 20-22 Cooperative Youth Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 24 State Ambassador Contest, LSU
- 28-29 Ag-Magic, Parker Coliseum, Baton Rouge, LA
- 27-29 State 4-H Leadership Conference Camp Grant Walker
- TBA 4-H Horse Camp, TBA

Sincerely,

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Achievement Day

Join us on Saturday, **March 31st** at our annual 4-H Achievement Day. Our theme this year, "Commit To Be Fit in 4-H" reflects the health and fitness emphasis for this event.

4-H Achievement Day will be at Lafayette Middle School at 1301 West University Street on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

This year's Achievement Day will involve exhibits, judging contests, interviews and demonstrations. Check your copy of the Achievement Day Rules for exact details and begin preparing for your contests today. Achievement Day this year will emphasize Health and Fitness. Most contests reflect this theme. Individual awards will still be presented as in the past and the highlight of the day will be the announcement of top point clubs for the day.

All 4-H'ers with exhibits must arrive about 8:30 AM to enter exhibits before the start of the opening assembly at 9:00 AM. Below is the schedule that will be followed. It also appears on the Achievement Day rules.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:30-9:00** Arrival and Entry of Exhibits
- 9:00-9:45** Opening Assembly Auditorium
- 9:45-11:45** Contests-Classrooms
- 10:30 - 12:30** Health Fair-Gym
- 10:00-12:30** Concession Stand Cafeteria
- 12:45** Afternoon Assembly in Auditorium; Health/Fitness Cheer Contest ; Awards
- 2:30** Dismissal

Character Corner

This month we celebrate our sixth pillar of character, and that is the pillar of **Citizenship**. We should all be good citizens and good neighbors. A good citizen cares about and works toward the common good.

As a good citizen we should do volunteer work to help our school and community be better, cleaner, and safer. We should always respect authority and the law. We should also play by the rules, obey parents, teachers, and others who are in authority.

Food & Fiber Program

As we continue our focus on Food & Fiber Science Experiments, we will concentrate on plants, with the lesson, "The Root of the Matter." The basic plant parts include the roots, stem, leaves, and either flowers, fruits or seeds. We'll look at each part to learn more about it in our lesson.

IN the lesson we will discuss such terms as fibrous roots, top root, petioles and photosynthesis.

Congratulations

Each year outstanding 5th, 8th and 12th graders are recognized throughout the parish as their school's Student of the Year. Several of those students are also outstanding 4-H'ers in the parish. At the recent parish contest, one of our 4-H'ers was named as Lafayette Parish Student of the Year. Congratulations to *Bianca James*, 5th grader at Alice Boucher. She was named Parish Student of the Year and now will compete on the regional level. Best of luck to Bianca!

News From MDA

Everyone should receive their "Strike Force" packet this month, and fill them up with donations. Get ready for our 18th Annual 4-H Bowling Against Dystrophy.

This event will take place on Wednesday, **April 11th**, at Lafayette Lanes beginning at 12:30 PM.

Remember, in order to bowl two free games on the 11th, you must collect at least \$20.00 in donations. Let's make this our best bowl ever.

4-H U Selection

4-H University is the name for the state program formally known as Short Course. It has undergone some changes, but will still reflect a great time for 4-H'ers to learn and appreciate the campus that you are a part of through your affiliation with 4-H. Our administration and committees are trying very hard for 4-H U to evolve with time and make the connection between the Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program and the university that you are a part of Louisiana State University (LSU).

If you are 13 years old or older as of December 31, 2006, you may be eligible to participate in state competition this summer from June 19th -22nd on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Over 2,000 4-H club members from throughout the state will be in attendance and it is very important for Lafayette Parish to be well represented. If you are interested in attending, you must attend a special meeting on April 11th at 2:30 PM at the Lafayette 4-H Office.

The following items will be considered when selecting participants:

1. Previous year's 4-H U /State Records performance.
2. Participation in Junior Leadership
3. Participation in Parish Contest(s) (i.e.. Judging Contests, Achievement Day, etc.)
4. Performance at Parish Contests
5. Completion of 4-H Record Book
6. Overall activeness in 4-H

If we do not hear from you, we'll assume you do not wish to be considered. Don't pass up this opportunity to meet new people and show off what you can do. Make every effort to be a part of Lafayette's Winning 4-H University Team.

4-H Vegetable Garden Contest

Attention all green thumbs! Don't forget about the 4-H Garden Contest. Applications are due on **April 18th**. Rules are available through the 4-H Office. Hurry and get your copy now. If you wait until after the deadline to apply, you may not be able to compete! Mail your form today!

Horse News

Attention all 4-H'ers planning to exhibit horses at the 4-H Horse Shows this summer. **April 1st** is the possession date for horses and the deadline for you to get your horse. Horse exhibitor's must be doing the majority of the work pertaining to feeding, care, etc., from that date through the 4-H shows.

There will be a meeting for all 1st year horse exhibitors and their parents to receive information on the program. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the **Grade Horse Clinic at Blackham Coliseum on March 28th**. It will begin at 5:00 PM in Barn "B", with the exhibitors meeting, followed by the clinic at about 6:30 PM. All exhibitors are responsible for getting your horses to the clinic. This clinic is **ONLY** for horses that do not have registration papers. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Charles at 291-7090.

Phone Book Recycling

The telephone book collection program ended with a bang, and once again our 4-H clubs did a great job. Results are not final as the Hotline went to print before the deadline. Next month's Hotline will have all results and clubs will be awarded as soon as possible.

Camp News

Four-H members in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades from this parish will have a chance to spend one week, from July 30-August 3, 2007, at 4-H Camp Grant Walker, located north of Alexandria, near Pollock, Louisiana. 4-H Camp is a fun-filled, exciting time for 4th-6th grade 4-H members. Activities at Camp include organized sports and games, an Olympic sized swimming pool, daily educational classes and workshops, a rifle and archery range, and an exciting 4-H dance each night.

4-H'ers qualify for Camp based on their activities in 4-H during the year. 4-H Camp Applications were given out in February and were due in the 4-H Office February 23rd. Those 4-H'ers selected to go to 4-H Camp this summer will be sent a letter during the month of March

Our camp group this year will consist of 4-H'ers from the parishes in the south central part of our state. Only 80 girls and 40 boys from Lafayette will camp.

Clubs of The Month

Results of the February meetings are in and are listed below. Congratulations to all of the clubs that did such a great job with their meetings!

Elementary

St. Genevieve Elementary; Holy Family; Evangeline; Duson J.W. Faulk; S.J. Montgomery; Westside; Fatima; CHEA; Woodvale, Burke; K. Drexel; Family Life, Carencro Heights, Alice Boucher, St. Pius X

Junior

L.J. Alleman; St. Genevieve Middle; Carencro Catholic; Scott; Sts. Leo-Seton; Edgar Martin; I.H.M; CHEY; Milton; Lafayette Middle; Acadian Middle;

High School

LCA; Comeaux; Teurlings Catholic, Carencro High; ACH; Comeaux High

Honorable Mention

Myrtle Place; Cathedral-Carmel, Paul Breaux, Broadmoor, Prairie; Live Oak; E. Gallet; Ossun; Youngsville;

Congratulations, too, to the following clubs that had outstanding meetings but were left off the list in last month's Hotline. **January:** S. J. Montgomery, Edgar Martin, Carencro Heights; *Honorable Mention:* Judice Middle; Duson;