

October

1 Exhibition Poultry Possession Date
 1-7 National 4-H Week
 2 First Day of Club Meetings
 5-8 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
 6-8 Cattle Festival, Abbeville, LA
 9 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
 9 Possession Date for Rabbits
 9 Rabbit Entries Due, 4-H Office
 9 Rabbit Clinic, 4-H Office
 13 Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leaders
 14 "Annual 4-H Football Game" LSU vs Kentucky, Baton Rouge, LA
 19 4-H Officer Training, Lafayette Middle School
 19 4-H Parent/Volunteer "Get on Board Orientation Mtg." Lafayette Middle School
 19-20 Due Date for 4-H Dues, 4-H Office
 19-20 **Final Call** - Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Cards, 4-H Office
 19-20 National 4-H Week Applications Due, 4-H Office
 20 (tent) Candy Sales Begin and Delivery Begins
 23-26 National 4-H Agents Convention, Milwaukee, WI
 25-Nov. 3 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
 25 Smart Bodies School Assembly, Ridge Elementary
 TBA Smart Bodies School Assembly, J.W. James Elementary
 TBA Smart Bodies School Assembly, Burke Elementary
 TBA Smart Bodies School Assembly, Cathedral Carmel Elementary
 TBA American Character Week & Character Counts!
 TBA Junior Leader Meeting
 TBA Junior Leader Officer Meeting

November

1 Exhibition Poultry Entries Due
 1 Possession Date for Beef, Sheep & Goats
 2 First Day of Club Meetings
 3-4 Louisiana Volunteer Leader Forum, Chicot State Park
 8-13 Livestock Educational Trip for Beef and Sheep, Louisville, KY
 10 Final Day of Candy Sale
 11 4-H Fall Fest, Evangeline Elementary
 13-15 Deadline for turning in Candy Sale Money, 4-H Office
 15 Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
 19-21 4-H Educational Trip, New Orleans, LA
 20 Service-Learning Workshop, Lafayette Middle School
 21 Livestock Farm Tour, 4-H Office
 23-24 **Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed**
 23-28 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia
 28 Lafayette 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, 4-H Office
 29 Record Book Workshop, Lafayette Middle School
 30 4-H Quarterly Training, TBA
 TBA Swine Educational Trip, Louisville, KY
 TBA Junior Leader Meeting
 TBA Junior Leader Officer Meeting

Sincerely,

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Lafayette Parish 4-H Hotline

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 337-291-7090; 337-291-7099 (Fax)
 www.lsuagcenter.com

Officer Training

All 4-H officers are to attend the Parish 4-H Officer Training Meeting to be held:

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006
TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
PLACE: Lafayette Middle School
1301 W. University
Lafayette, LA 70506

Officers will learn what their duties are and how to perform those duties.

Project Books

Each 4-H member who paid their dues should receive a project booklet for each of the 4-H projects selected. 4-H members should start reading and working in their booklets today. Record sheets located in each book should be completed over the next five (5) months. For 5th - 12th graders, these record sheets will be incorporated into the overall 4-H Record Book that 4-H'ers are to turn in on February 23.

How to complete a 4-H record book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for November 29, 2006. The workshop will be held at Lafayette Middle School. More information will be in the November Hotline.

New CRD Project

In an effort to help the many students who have affected by last year's hurricanes, 4-H'ers are continuing the "Operation 4-H Hope" campaign. This year we will collect children's books, both new and "gently used", to be donated to the libraries in affected areas. 4-H'er are asked to bring children's story books to both Officer Training and Fall Fest. Please support this worthy cause.

National 4-H Week

October 1-7 is NATIONAL 4-H WEEK. The purpose of National 4-H week is to tell everyone around you what 4-H is about. Your club can celebrate 4-H Week by: providing refreshments for your teachers, having special programs at school, making and wearing 4-H name badges, attending church as a group, having cleanup the campus days, flag raising ceremonies, Green & White Day, or preparing a 4-H exhibit in your school or area library for EVERYONE to see.

This year, each club participating, will receive 10 points toward the Achievement Trophy. Help your leader by thinking of ways to publicize your club, taking part in activities and setting a good example for others. How many clubs will contact the local TV stations and be interviewed on TV concerning 4-H? This year we challenge EACH 4-H club to get some sort of TV coverage at least one time during the school year!

Club of the Month

Beginning with the November 4-H Club Meeting, your 4-H agents will be judging your meetings to determine which clubs conduct the best meetings. The contest will be conducted each month and the winning clubs will receive a certificate and extra points toward the Achievement Award.

The meeting will be judged on parliamentary procedure and participation by club members.

An evaluation sheet will be available for your leaders which will have the breakdown of points, if requested.

Be A Jr. Leader

Be a part of the action! Stand apart from the crowd! Being a Lafayette 4-H Junior Leader certainly has its advantages. The Junior Leadership Club takes the lead role in parish-wide CRD activities. The Club also helps out in other parish 4-H activities, such as contest days, workshops, etc.

Being a Junior Leader also helps you get selected for State 4-H University and State Record Book competition.

Any way you look at it, you can't afford not to be a 4-H Junior Leader. Membership is open to all 8th-12th graders in Lafayette Parish. Dues are \$5.00 for one year.

If you missed the September meeting, try not to miss the next one scheduled for **Oct. 17th at 5:30 PM.**

Character Counts

The **Character Counts!** program is based on the "six Pillars of Character" and those are: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Each month will be devoted to one of these pillars, and to start off, we will devote October to **Respect**.

When we use good manners, are courteous, polite, and civil to others, we are being respectful. Respect is treating others the way you want to be treated. We should respect other's property. We should be tolerant of others and we should resolve disagreements without anger and violence.

These are just a few ideas for all of us to put our first pillar of character into practice. Can you think of others?

Bottled Water Project

The Lafayette 4-H Foundation has taken on another very worthwhile fundraiser. As always, funds raised will benefit the Lafayette 4-H program. The 4-H program will be selling bottled water with a 4-H label. In order to make this a successful fundraiser, we are asking for sponsors for this program. Any 4-H family, business or even a 4-H club who would like to donate at least \$100.00 would become a 4-H sponsor and be recognized at all 4-H events. For more information contact the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Fall Fest

All 4-H'ers and their families can make plans to attend the 17th annual **4-H Fall Fest** scheduled for **November 11th** at Evangeline Elementary School. 4-H members will have a chance to compete in various contests. See the separate sheet for rules and contests.

The day should be lots of fun. We are encouraging 4-H members, leaders and parents to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and make plans to spend part of the day with us. Check the Fall Fest Rules and Regulations given to all members for the time schedule and specific contest rules. We hope to see you there. **Special Note: All Cats And Dogs Entered in Either The Dog or Pet Show Must Show Proof of Rabies Vaccination. Farm Animals And Captive Wild Animals Are Not Allowed at Fall Fest.**

Candy Sale

This year, 4-H clubs in Lafayette Parish will participate in a candy sale to raise money for the parish 4-H Foundation and local clubs. The sale will be held from **October 20th to November 10th**. The candy sale will not only provide funds to carry out parish activities, but each club will get to keep a portion of the profits to fund local clubs activities.

The top selling club will receive a pizza party as an award for their efforts. Let's all work to make this year's candy sale a big success!

Selecting Livestock Animals

In selecting a show animal, it is important to remember that every animal is **not** a potential show animal. Show prospects should be of highest quality. For members and parents just starting with livestock, it is most important to get help from someone who has experience in selecting show animal projects. One of the 4-H county agents should be able to assist you if you need help. Also, remember that the best places to buy your show animal prospect are from a "reputable" breeder or at a proven show prospect sale.

Contact Mr. Charles or Ms. Angie for information about upcoming sales or if you need help.

Livestock Program

Now is the time to begin preparing if you plan to exhibit livestock at the 4-H livestock shows in January and February, 2006. Members can show cattle, sheep, goats, swine and/or poultry at these shows. Interested students should already have joined 4-H and enrolled in the appropriate project (beef, sheep, etc.)

To be eligible to show livestock in the January and February shows, 4-H'ers must get their animals before certain **POSSESSION DATES** each year. Currently, these are as follows:

Market Steers, August 1; Beef Breeding, Dairy Breeding, Sheep Breeding, Market Goats & Market Lambs, Nov. 1; Market & Breeding Hogs, December 1; Poultry, October 1.

The 4-H horse shows are normally held each year in July, separate from the livestock shows. Possession date for the 4-H horse shows each year is **APRIL 1.**

Food and Fiber Lessons

As part of the LSU AgCenter, the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station strives to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens through basic and applied research. This research helps make the best use of natural resources while protecting the environment. Many new agricultural practices have been developed through the research done by the 19 LSU AgCenter research stations throughout our state.

For the next 7 months, we will explore the world of science through our Food & Fiber-Science Experiment lessons. This month we will "Dive into Science" as we learn about the scientific method.

Rabbit Shows

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Rabbit Show will be conducted on November 11th at Evangeline Elementary School as part of the 17th annual 4-H Fall Fest.

All 4-H'ers who have enrolled in the Rabbit project should receive a letter about the show. Only those 4-H'ers who enrolled in the rabbit project are eligible to show. **Check the Fall Fest rules and regulations for further information on the Rabbit Show.**

Any 4-H'er who has followed the above directions and does not receive a letter by October 7th should contact Ms. Angie at 291-7090.

Catch Phrase for Camp

What's a good theme for 4-H Summer Camp? Send us your most creative ideas for a slogan – in 7 words or less. The contest is open to all 4-H Club members. The winning slogan will be one that is brief and "catchy", capturing the spirit of 4-H and Camp Grant Walker. The slogan will be used on all publicity for camp and on the camp T-shirt. The winner will receive a \$50.00 cash award. Think fast – the deadline is **October 17th.**

Submissions must also include the following information: **Full name and age of person submitting the slogan; Parish/4-H Club; Complete mailing address; Telephone number.**

Send your entry to the following address:

Angie Arnould
"Catch Phrase for Camp"
1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325
Lafayette, LA 70501

Volunteer Orientation

Plans are well underway for our 4-H Parent/Volunteer Orientation meeting titled, "Get On Board". It is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2006, at Lafayette Middle School. This meeting will be held in the cafeteria beginning at 4:10 PM through 5:15 PM. It will be held in conjunction with our parish officer training.

The purpose of this orientation is to increase communication efforts, learn what opportunities are available for volunteers, to gain knowledge and a better understanding of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and the 4-H Program. We encourage parents, grandparents, friends and relatives to join in and get involved by becoming a volunteer in the 4-H Youth Development Program.