



## THANK YOU LETTERS

Parish market animal sale checks will not be mailed to the exhibitor. They will only be issued to the exhibitor when a thank you letter, along with a stamped envelope, is turned in to the 4-H Office. **THANK YOU LETTERS SHOULD BE TURNED INTO THE 4-H OFFICE BY APRIL 1.**

## STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA

If you wish to show at the State Fair of Louisiana in October, please contact the 4-H Office as soon as possible so we can send you the proper information to get registered for the show. Listed below are the validation dates.

Market Steers must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor on or before May 10, 2009; Market Lambs & Comm. Ewes July 10, 2009; Market Heifers, Comm. Heifers & Comm. Dairy Heifers July 10, 2009; Market Goat & Comm. Does July 10, 2009; and Market Swine & Comm. Gilts August 10, 2009.

### Nominations

All Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Market Goats, Market Heifers, Commercial Does, Commercial Gilt, Commercial Heifers and Commercial Ewes are required to have DNA identification along with an ear tag. There is not a limit to the number an exhibitor can validate, however, an exhibitor will be permitted to enter and exhibit a maximum of (3) Market Steer, (3) Market Heifers (5) Market Lambs, (5) Market Goats, (5) Market Swine, and (3) Commercial Heifers. Entry deadline will be September 7, 2009. Late entries will be accepted September 8 thru midnight September 21 at **double** the regular entry fee. Please read all of the rules and regulations in our premium book.

**DNA Kits and Ear Tags Will Be Issued To 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors ONLY. Cost for DNA Envelope and Ear Tags is \$6.00 per head**

### SCHEDULE TO ORDER DNA KITS AND EAR TAGS

Market Steers ----- April 15 thru. May 10, 2009  
 Market Heifers ----- June 15 thru July 10 2009  
 Lambs, Commercial Ewes ----- June 15 thru July 10, 2009  
 Goats, Commercial Does ----- June 15 thru July 10, 2009  
 Commercial Dairy ----- June 15 thru July 10, 2009  
 Commercial Heifers ----- June 15 thru July 10, 2009  
 Market Swine, Commercial Gilt -- July. 15 thru Aug.10, 2009



### DNA SAMPLES AND INFORMATION CARD MUST BE IN STATE FAIR OFFICE BY REQUIRED DATE

Market Steers ----- Postmarked no later than May 10, 2009  
(CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST)  
 Market Heifers ----- Postmarked no later than July 10, 2009  
(CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST)  
 Market Lambs & Comm. Ewes ----- Postmarked no later than July 10, 2009  
(CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST)  
 Market Goats & Comm. Does ----- Postmarked no later than July 10, 2009  
(CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST)  
 Commercial Beef & Dairy Heifers ---- Post market no later than July 10, 2009

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## April 2009

### Dates to Remember:

<b>April</b>	
Livestock Thank You cards due	1
Jr. Leadership Mtg.	6
Horse Club Mtg.	15
Club Reporter Scrapbook due	14
Outstanding Member forms due	24
4-H Camp Applications due	28
4-H University applications due	30
<b>May</b>	
Achievement Day	2
Jr. Leadership Mtg.	TBA
Register 4-H Day at Capitol	4
Outstanding Member Banquet	5
<b>June</b>	
4-H Day at the Capital	3
District Horse Show	29-30
4-H University	23-26
<b>July</b>	
4-H Camp	6-10
<b>August</b>	
LOST Camp	3-7
State Educational Trip	1-5

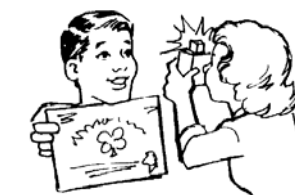


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## 4-H UNIVERSITY

Four-H U is a statewide 4-H activity held on LSU campus. It is scheduled for June 23-26. Four-H members from throughout the state compete against each other in over 30 contests. To be eligible to compete at 4-H U, 4-H'ers must have participated in a related parish contest. First preference is given to 9th - 12th grade club members; however, several contests are open to club members that have reached their 13th birthday as of January 1, 2009. Preparing for 4-H U is a lot of work, but state winners in each contest are awarded great prizes such as all expense paid educational trips to different parts of the United States. So start thinking about what contest your club members might want to compete in. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office.

## OUTSTANDING MEMBER RECEPTION



The Outstanding Member reception has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rayne Civic Center. The ceremony will include a meal and presentation of awards. The top ten percent of each club's membership is eligible. See your leader if you are interested in applying. Names of outstanding members **MUST BE** turned into the 4-H Office by **4:00 p.m. on April 24, 2009.**

## 4-H FUNDRAISER

There is a new fundraiser for ACADIA PARISH 4-H. For every magazine purchased or renewed, we receive 40 percent profit. This money will help cover cost for parish activities, transportation to camp and many others. AMERICAN PUBLISHERS HEARST has over 700 magazines to choose from, including many big-name titles. These magazines are at low, discounted prices compared to ordering directly from the publishers or newsstands. Look at these ways to support ACADIA PARISH 4-H. For further information or to look at more than 700 magazines offered, visit [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com). Don't forget to use the ACADIA 4-H Web code No. WC3263.

## LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK CLINIC

Please come join us on Saturday, May 9, 2008 for the 1st Annual North Louisiana Livestock Clinic! It will be held at the Northeast District Livestock Show facilities in Delhi, Louisiana. There will be demonstrators coming from all over north Louisiana to give you tips on how to show your animal, as well as how to groom and take care of your animal at home. Don't forget about the showmanship show after the clinic! This will be a jackpot show, and it will payout 1st-3rd. For more information, please contact the 4-H Office. The deadline to register is Friday, April 24th.



### ACHIEVEMENT DAY CONTEST

Achievement Day is on May 2, 2009 at Crowley High School.

- 8:15 a.m. Opening Assembly -Gymnasium
- 8:45 – 11:00 a.m. Test and Contest-Classrooms
- 11:00 a.m. Song Contest-Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon-Cafeteria
- 1:00 p.m. Dedication to Honoree-Gymnasium
- Talent Show-Gymnasium
- Award Ceremony-Gymnasium
- Fashion Revue
- Achievement Day Results



### CONTESTS OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS

#### Judging and Identification Contests —

These four contests are open to all 4th -12th grade club members regardless of the projects they are enrolled in. A study guide prepared by the 4-H Agents can be obtained from your Club Leader.

- \*Insect Identification
- \*Wildlife Habitat Judging
- \* Horticulture Identification and Judging
- \*Forestry Judging

### CONTESTS OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS ENROLLED IN THE PROJECT

**Written Tests —** Test items will only come from the 4-H project booklet.

- Bicycle Test (4th – 6th)
- Computer Test (4th – 12th)
- Six Easy Bites (4th – 6th)
- Wood Working Exhibit (4th –12th)
- Discovering 4-H (4th – 6th)
- Pet Identification (4th – 12th)
- Food & Nutrition (7th & 8th)
- Home Environment Exhibit (7th-12th)

### ACHIEVEMENT DAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer help is key to a successful Achievement Day. This offer goes out to parents, grandparents, other family members, school leaders and principals. If you would be interested in assisting with Achievement Day, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office. Come share in the celebrations.

### ACHIEVEMENT DAY LUNCH

This year at Achievement Day, there are two options for you to get a tasty, nutritious meal. You may bring \$5.00 to eat either the meal provided by the school cafeteria or you may wish to buy a bag lunch including a sausage po-boy, chips, and a drink for \$5. If interested in having one of these lunches, please contact your 4-H Leader. FYI: The money for the bag lunches will go towards the Acadia Relay for Life team.

### Keep Your Eye on the Prize

Youth Wetlands Week is excited to once again partner with the America’s WETLAND Foundation to bring you the second annual Keep Your Eye on the Prize: Art, Photo, and Poetry Contest. From **February 2 – May 15**, Louisiana students K-12 are encouraged to depict the impact of the wetlands on their own lives in an educational and creative way. Works of art, photos and poems can be easily submitted at [www.americaswetland.com](http://www.americaswetland.com). Contest winners will receive special recognition on May 30th at the America’s WETLAND Foundation’s Storm Warning Concert being held in New Orleans. First, second and third place winners will receive a US Savings Bond worth \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively.



### LOST CAMP

Louisiana Outdoors Science and Technology Camp is open to youth in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. LOST Camp is intended to promote the awareness of career choice opportunities in science through hands on scientific learning and discovery. Cost is \$110.00 per child and this does not include transportation. The dates Monday-Friday August 3-7, 2009. If interested in attending please send in the application to the 4-H office by May 12

### 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The eighth annual *4-H Day at the Capitol* will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2009. It will take place on the steps of the Capitol this year. Appointments should be made with legislators before attending the 4-H Day at the Capitol. These appointment times can be prior to the 10:00 a.m. assembly or after 10:45 a.m., whatever is best for your legislator. Legislators truly enjoy this day and many have expressed their eagerness to meet 4-H members on June 7. Please feel free to bring a lunch and enjoy the Capitol grounds at noon. If you plan to attend 4-H Day at the Capitol, you need to register with the 4-H office by May 4, 2009.



### LOOKING FOR PICTURES

If you would like to view pictures from the livestock shows, please visit Flickr.com and type Acadia Parish 4-H then select Group. You can view pictures, post pictures and even add comments. This is a great place to find pictures of you doing or participating in 4-H activities. Coming soon will be pictures from other 4-H functions.

### BOAT SAFETY



One thing that many people forget that is just as important as having a life jacket is that the life jacket must fit properly!! If you have a life jacket that doesn’t fit well then it can’t do its job properly.

A proper fit means once it's zippered and/or buckled, it should keep your head and upper shoulders above the water. If it fits too loose, the flotation will push the jacket up around your face. If your life jacket is too small, it won't keep your body afloat. A general rule is that the life jacket should not come up above 3 inches over your shoulder.

### DO YOU HAVE HORSE SENSE?

There will be a horse clinic on April 17, 2009. Topics to be included will be showmanship, proper show attire, premier exhibitor, ground work, rules and regulations, proper grooming, etc. The clinic will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00p.m. The clinic will cost \$10.00 and is open to any 4-Her enrolled in the horse project. The clinic will be held at the Rice Arena in Crowley. For more information, please contact the 4-H Office.

### LETS GO TO 4-H CAMP!

**WANTED:** Boys & Girls Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

**WHEN:** July 6 to July 10

**WHERE:** Camp Grant Walker in Pollock

**HOW:** Applications & \$50.00 Deposits are due **April 28, 2009** to:

**Acadia Parish 4-H Office 157 Cherokee Drive Crowley, LA 70526**

**(make checks payable to: Acadia Parish 4-H Foundation)**

**COST:** \$125 – This includes transportation cost, lodging and meals.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: BOY / GIRL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How Many times have you been to 4-H camp? \_\_\_\_\_

