



HORSE CLUB MEETING

Come join the Horse Club this year! Some of our activities include: field trips, horse show clinics, guest speakers at meetings, and horse camps! The club is open to all 4-Her's. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H office in Crowley.

BROILER CHICK TIME!

It is time to order broiler chicks and enter exhibition poultry for the upcoming show season. This year you can show two pens of broilers, one pullet and one cockerel. At about 6 weeks of age, you will pick your best pen of three to show. This project will require you and your family to do some planning before the baby chicks arrive in early January. We recommend that you order 20-25 chicks if you plan on showing a trio at the poultry shows in February. Remember that the chicks will be straight run and not sexed, so you can show either male or female pens or one of each. **Pick up order form at the 4-H office.** Orders are due to the 4-H office by Monday, November 10, 2008.

VALIDATION FOR MARKET SWINE

Animals MUST be VALIDATED to be eligible to show. The validation dates for market swine are set for December 1st—6th at the 4-H Office. All animals must be brought to the 4-H Office to be validated. No exceptions!!

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- October 11th— Evangeline Parish Beef Classic Livestock Show
- November 21-22 -Jim Bowie Livestock Show, Opelousas
- January 21-24-Acadia Parish Livestock Show, Crowley
- February 2-7-District Livestock Show, Lake Charles
- February 14– 21 State Livestock Show, Gonzales

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

You will be receiving a packet in the mail by the end of this month containing information about the spring livestock shows along with entry forms. If you do not receive your packet, please contact the 4-H Office.

If you would like assistance with your animals on learning to show, feeding, grooming, etc. The 4-H agents will be more than happy to come out to your house and help you. If interested, please contact the 4-H Office to set up an appointment.



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Dates to Remember:

<u>October</u>	
National 4-H Week	6-11
Jr. Leadership Mtg	6
Circle of 4-H Day	11
Achievement Day Theme Due	13
Horse Club Mtg	13
Pumpkins Due	23
<u>November</u>	
Jr. Leadership Mtg	3
Horse Club Mtg	11
Outdoor Skills Mtg	17
Cookery & Demo Day entries Due	24
Home Environment wk shop	24
Elementary Wrkshp Day	25
<u>December</u>	
Parish Tag-in for market swine	1-6
Demonstration Day	6
Commodity Cookery	6
Horse Club Mtg	9
Jr. Leadership Mtg	TBA
Outdoor Skills Mtg	TBA

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - OCTOBER 5-11

National 4-H Week has been set for October 5-11! We would like to see all clubs participate in activities such as making treats for teachers, hanging signs or banners around school or have green and white dress up day, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS IOTA JR 4-H CLUB!

The Iota Jr. 4-H club was named the outstanding club of the year for 2007-2008. They are being recognized for their community service and leadership efforts across the parish and the state.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY THEMES

Do you enjoy drawing and expressing yourself artistically? If yes, then the Achievement Day Theme contest is for you! All you need to do is come up with a catchy slogan and a colorful picture. Draw your creation on regular 8 1/2" X 11" typing paper and turn it into your leader. Entries relating to the advertisement of cigarettes or alcohol will not be accepted. All entries must be turned in to the 4-H Office by 4:00 p.m. on October 13th. **No computer generated themes will be accepted!** If you have any questions, please call the office at 788-

JOIN THE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CLUB!

This club is open to all 7th-12th grade 4-H members. Junior Leaders have fun helping younger 4-H'ers with their project work and assisting the less fortunate in their communities. This club also participates in numerous activities where our members meet and make friends with other teenagers from throughout the state. **Dues are \$15.00 to become a Junior Leader!** Next meeting is **October 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at 4-H Office.**

"CIRCLE OF 4-H"

The Circle of 4-H will be held during National 4-H week. This event is open to all youth. Some of the activities that will be going on will be Exploring 4-H, a Pet Show, and a Bicycle Rodeo. This event will be held at Redemptorist Catholic located in South Crowley on Saturday, October 11 beginning at 8:30a.m. For more information, please see your 4-H club leader or visit our website.

RICE FESTIVAL TIME

The 71st International Rice Festival will be held October 16th –19th. Entry forms for the Creole Rice Cookery contest are available at the 4-H office. The Creole Cookery will be held Friday, October 17th at the Acadia Parish 4-H Office in Crowley.

PREPARING FOR THE STORM

Louisiana is no stranger to severe weather. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, thunderstorms, lightning, ice storms, strong wind, and extreme heat are all examples of severe weather that we commonly experience in Louisiana. If you are unprepared, severe weather can trigger emergency situations and cause damage to property and buildings, and may even result in a loss of life. Stay informed about weather developments in your area by watching your local television station or listen to the radio for accurate, timely storm updates in your area. Stay alert by observing current weather conditions are expected in your area. Use your best judgment to take cover when necessary from lightning and tornadoes. Remember when you approach flooding to seek high ground, and “Turn Around, Don’t Drown.” Most importantly, always heed evacuation orders issued by local officials.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

There will be a Halloween dance on October 25th at the 4-H Office from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. There is a \$5.00 entry fee. Dance is open to all 4-H members, parents, volunteers and 4-H guests. There will be a costume contest and many exciting games.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY HONOREE NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Achievement Day Honoree are due no later than November 17, 2008. A nominee can be any body who has been a supporter of the Acadia Parish 4-H program. Please submit the name of a nominee your club chooses along with a brief paragraph explaining why that person was chosen.

CAMP CATCH PHRASE CONTEST

What’s a good theme for 4-H Summer Camp? Send us your most creative ideas for a slogan -- in 7 words or less. Illustrations must accompany the phrase and will be part of the contest. 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 Camp Grant Walker. The slogan will be used on all publicity for camp and on the camp T-shirt. The winner will receive a monetary award. Think fast – the deadline is October 27th. Submissions must also include the following:

* Full name and age of person submitting the slogan

*Parish/4-H Club

*Complete mailing address

*Telephone number

CLOVERS TO:

- All new 4-H members and volunteers
- Hannah Miller and Austina Coolman for being selected as members to the State Food and Fitness Board
- State Record Winners: Meagan Murrell, 7th Grade Achievement; Hannah Miller, Healthy Living; Seth Guillory, 6th Grade Achievement-livestock
- Hannah Miller for participating at 4-H University, Rhiannon Monceaux for placing fifth in Insect ID., and Evan Devillier for placing fifth in Photography.

DEMONSTRATION DAY

Demonstration Day is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Iota High School. Please pre-register with your leader if you plan to participate in one of the demonstrations. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 24th. For more information contact your club leader or the 4-H office. Listed below are the categories for which may enter:

***Agriculture** (Individual or Team) Open to all 4-Hers.

***Family and Consumer Science** (Individual or Team) Open to all 4-Hers.

***Food** (Individual or Team) Open to all 4-H members.

***General**-such as how to make a necklace, horticulture topics. small engines, Chart a Hurricane, etc. Open to 4-Hers in grades 4-8.

COMMODITY COOKERY CONTEST

Do you like to cook? Is food one of your loves? Then the Commodity Cookery Contest is for you. It is open to all 4-H club members. The Commodity Cookery Contest is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at Iota high School. **All Participants must submit their recipe and entry category by November 24.**

Cookery contest categories are: Seafood, Sugar, Beef and Rice. For more information call the 4-H Office or ask your club leader. **MAY ONLY ENTER 1 DISH IN EACH COMMODITY**

- ◆ Dishes must be prepared at home and brought to the contest chilled, garnished and ready to serve. Each dish must be chilled on ice and brought to the contest in an ice chest. No hot dishes will be allowed. Bring only the dish and ice chest to the contest – no placemats, no serving utensils, no flower arrangements, etc.
- ◆ The entire dish must be displayed at the contest. For example, if the recipe states that it serves six, the entire six servings must be displayed.
- ◆ Creativity and originality are encouraged. The use of previous winning recipes is discouraged.
- ◆ Only one copy of the recipe is required. Recipe may be neatly hand written or typed. Include contestants name, grade, club and category on back of recipe.



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

There will be a pumpkin carving/decorating contest. For more information, contact your club leader.

ELEMENTARY PROJECT WORKSHOP DAY

Join us for 4-H Elementary Workshop Day on Tuesday, November 25. This fun filled project day is open to all 4th-6th graders. Registration fee is \$5.00 for lunch and all supplies are provided. Interested 4-Hers should fill out the entry from below and turn it in with money attached into the 4-H Office by November 14 or contact the 4-H Office. Please mail forms to: **Elementary Workshop Day** 157 Cherokee Dr. Crowley LA 70526

Elementary Workshop Entry Form

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____