

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.

YOUTH CO-OP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 28th Youth Co-op Leadership Conference will be held Friday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 5th at Grant Walker Educational Center located in Pollock, Louisiana. Youth in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades are eligible to attend. The conference is designed to provide an opportunity for students to study and learn about the cooperative form of business, and to enhance teamwork, leadership, and communication skills. Interactive and educational programs along with team building activities will allow the delegates to explore the world of cooperatives and how this form of business compliments and benefits the citizens of Louisiana. The conference will be open to 120 participants and places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ten delegates will be selected for top awards. The top three (3) delegates will receive an Educational Trip later in the summer. The following seven (7) delegates will receive cash awards of \$50.00 each.

Requirements: \$25 registration Fee due to the 4-H Office by March 9, 2009
Completed Co-op Conference Application
Completed Camp Health Form



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.**

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March 2009



Dates to Remember:

<u>March</u>	
<i>Jr. Leadership Mtg.</i>	2
<i>Challenge Camp</i>	6-8
<i>Horse Club Mtg.</i>	10
<i>Contest Day Workshop</i>	11
<i>Jr. Leadership Conference</i>	13-15
<i>Spring Fling (Winter Contest)</i>	14
<i>District Cookery Contest</i>	25
<i>Record Books Due</i>	27
<i>Fashion Garments Due</i>	27
<i>Shirt Contest Items Due</i>	27
<i>Talent Show Names Due</i>	27
<i>Song Contest Tunes Due</i>	27
<u>April</u>	
<i>Livestock Thank You cards due</i>	1
<i>Jr. Leadership Mtg.</i>	6
<i>Horse Club Mtg.</i>	14
<i>Club Reporter Scrapbook due</i>	14
<i>Outstanding Member forms due</i>	24
<i>4-H Camp Applications due</i>	28
<u>May</u>	
<i>Achievement Day</i>	2
<i>Jr. Leadership Mtg.</i>	TBA
<i>Outstanding Member Banquet</i>	5
<u>June</u>	
<i>4-H Day at the Capital</i>	3
<i>4-H University</i>	23-26



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FASHION REVUE

This year's Fashion Revue has been moved to Achievement Day. It will be held at Crowley High School on May 2, 2009. All Sewing Garments and Ready to Wear forms are due in the 4-H Office by March 27. Entry forms can be found on our web-site or obtained from your club leader. You will be required to take a test and model your outfit in front of the judges and the Achievement Day crowd.

TALENT SHOW

We will continue with the Talent Show at Achievement Day. No Record Book winners will be announced. Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, May 2 at Crowley High School. We are asking that each club select only one talent to participate in the Talent Show. This is not a contest, just a chance to showcase your talent to the rest of Acadia Parish 4-H members. If you are interested, you need to contact your club leader.

CONTEST DAY WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop on March 11 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office. This workshop will assist youth in preparing for the contests to be conducted at Winter Contest Day. Youth will learn more about judging meat, poultry and food. If you are interested in teaching a session at the workshop, please contact the 4-H Office.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEMBERS

Just a Reminder: Those who are in the Photography Project need to turn in their Portfolio & photos for Achievement Day competition by March 27. These pictures should be mounted on a 8.5 X 11 piece of black construction paper.

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. Don't forget to use the ACADIA 4-H Web code No. WC3263.





LETS GO CAMPING! Wild Woods Wondering!

This year Acadia Parish has been selected to attend Wild Woods Wondering on July 26-31. Using the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge as the classroom, 4-H'ers attending Wild Woods Wanderings experience first hand the diverse dynamics of this forested wetland ecosystem. Wild Woods Wanderings planned educational activities include concepts related to forested wetland ecology, wetland functions and values, water quality and its relation to wetland, causes of pollution, water cycle, consumptive and non-consumptive uses of wetland resources, wildlife, forestry and fisheries management. The target age group for this camp is 10th - 12th graders that have completed at least one high school science and math course. If interested in attending the adventure, please contact the 4-H Office by April 15, 2009.



SPRING FLING (WINTER CONTEST) - March 14

Winter Contest Day has now turned into Spring Fling Contest Day! It will be held Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Redemptorist Catholic School in south Crowley. Contests held that day are Child Development, Poultry Judging, Meat ID, Consumer Foods Judging, Premier Exhibitor, & Public Speaking. Contests will begin at 8:30 a.m. Study guides for most of these contests are available from your leader.

4th-12th Grade Contest :

Consumer Foods Judging- Contestants will be asked to rank classes of given food situations. Senior members will give written reasons for one class.

Poultry Judging -- Contestants will identify poultry parts and grade eggs.

Meat Identification -- Contestants will identify common cuts of meat; senior members will judge one class of cuts. Study guides are available or visit the Texas A&M Meat ID website at <http://aggiemeat.tamu.edu> , link to the meat judging page.

Public Speaking -- Contestants can compete in two categories: 1) Any other subject or 2) Cooperative. Fourth, 5th, and 6th grade members' speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length, 7th-12th grade members' speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length.

Premier Exhibitor Contest- Open to all 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects. Test given are Sheep, Swine, Beef and Goat.

7th-12th Grade Contest:

Child Development -- Contestants will judge classes of toys and foods appropriate for children. Testing information will come from the 7th and 8th grade Child Development book.

4-H Game Day with the Zephyrs Baseball Team

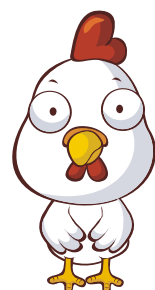
Mark your calendar for **Sunday April 19 at 2:00 p.m., for Louisiana 4-H Day with the Zephyrs**. This is a wonderful event for 4-H'ers and their families to take part in and raise money for 4-H. The cost of the tickets is \$7. For each ticket sold, \$2 will be donated to the Louisiana 4-H Foundation. To order tickets, please mail in a check made out to Acadia Parish 4-H Foundation



ATV Safety Lesson



Youth under the age of 15 are two times more likely to lose control of an ATV. ATVs are much heavier and faster than they used to be. The majority of accidents are from the ATV over turning. In the majority of accidents, the ATV was too big and the youth was not wearing a helmet or other important safety equipment. Seventy-five percent of ATV accidents result in damage to the head and spinal chord. In the year 2000 there were approximately 250,000 ATV accidents where the rider had to be treated for injuries.



ITS RECORD BOOK TIME

Each Record Book Contest is limited to those club members which have enrolled in and have received a 4-H Project Booklet. Within each Record Book Contest, contestants will compete against other 4-H'ers from throughout the parish within the following grade categories: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th, and 9th - 12th. **Members in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades may turn in Project Books. They do not have to complete 4-H Portfolio. They can add pictures to Project Books and place them in a 3 ring binder. If turning in more than one Project Book. Livestock Project members, however, still are required to fill out Livestock Record Sheets and a complete Record Book. All 7th - 12th grade record books should be assembled with the 4-H Portfolio. *Keep in mind that all Records will need to be turned in to your leader by your club's deadline.*** Club leaders will enter these records on the contest forms sent to them by agents. These forms, along with their club's Record Books must be turned in to the 4-H office **no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2009.**



JUNIOR WILDLIFE TOUR

Twelve Junior 4-H members (grades 4-8 and have not passed with 14th birthday on January 1, 2009), will be selected to participate in the Junior Wildlife Tour (mini-Marsh Maneuvers). Four-H Records on Wildlife/Environment/Insect activities including *Discovering 4-H, Learning More About You and the Environment, Creepy Crawlers, Hiking Trails, Shooting Sports, Camping Adventures, What's Bugging You?, Wildlife Conservation, You and the Environment, and Aquaculture* may be submitted. A club member may win the trip only one time. The tour is held in early August. Requirements:

- *The printed 4-H Portfolio is required. Note: Section 8 is where Wildlife/Environment/Entomology. Make sure you include each project in which you participate that relates to this award.
- *A 4-H Wildlife/Environment story not over six pages, double-spaced (story may be handwritten or typed).
- *No more than ten pages of Wildlife/Environmental project pictures with captions.
- *Current year record/project book in all related projects. Record Sheets and/or Project Book **must** be in member's own handwriting.
- *Label book on the front cover with index card. Include name, parish, Junior Wildlife Tour. Affix with rubber cement or staple. (No paper clips, please).

LETS GO TO 4-H CAMP!

WANTED: Boys & Girls Grades 4th - 6th

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: _____