



The Clover Patch Celebrating 100 Years of Louisiana 4-H

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Welcome

We have an exciting year in store for you! We're very happy that you have decided to join the largest youth organization in the world. Are you ready for the Fun? It's great to have all of you new members as well as returning members. Plan to take part in all of the workshops, camps, contests and other activities to really get the most out of your membership. Being involved is the key to enjoyment. Be part of the 4-H action!



4-H CLUB OFFICERS

All 4-H Clubs should elect a President, Secretary, Reporter, Treasurer and Community Service Chairman. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact your local club leader. All club officers should be selected by your October club meeting.



"CATCH PHRASE FOR CAMP" CONTEST
What's a good theme for 4-H summer camp? Send in your most creative ideas for a slogan in 7 words or less. The winner will receive a \$50 cash award. The deadline is **Friday, October 24, 2008**. You must submit your slogan with your name, age, parish, mailing address, & phone number to the 4-H Office. **Along with the phrase a drawing needs to be submitted reflecting the theme you submit. This is new this year so please be aware of this.**



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship & life skills.



JOIN 4-H JR. LEADERSHIP

4-H Jr. Leadership is available to those who are in grades 7 - 12, and who are enrolled paid member of a school or at large club. Becoming a 4-H Jr. Leader is a fun way to meet other teen 4-H'ers from across the parish while improving your leadership and citizenship skills. You might even find yourself on your way to our next trip destination. So come join the fun!

Please stay tuned for details on a get acquainted social to start our membership drive for the 2008-09 school year. Also, we are looking at the possibility of starting a face book or MySpace page to promote 4-H and provide information everyone who is enrolled in the club.



4-H LIVESTOCK & PET PROJECT

Do you love animals? Do you have a little extra space in your yard or home? Are you looking for a project which is fun-filled, family-oriented, and will give you the opportunity to meet other 4-H'ers from across the parish? If so, please consider the 4-H Livestock or Pet Project.

You may choose to show rabbits, dogs, cats, poultry, goats, sheep, swine, or beef cattle. The 4-H agent can help you find an animal that is right for you and your family. For more information about the 4-H Livestock Program, you may contact Shannon Dietz, at the Iberville 4-H Office, 687-5155 or by email at sdietz@agctr.lsu.edu



4-H LIVESTOCK POSSESSION DEADLINES

The possession and validation deadline for purchasing steers, commercial heifers, market lambs, market goats, breeding sheep, and commercial goats is **September 27, 2008**. The possession and validation deadline for purchasing breeding and market swine (hogs) is **December 6, 2008**. **These dates are a change from last year so be sure to let your parents know. This procedure is brand new this year...so please be aware!**



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 6-10

4-H WEEK SCHOOL DECORATING CONTEST

Theme is "Iberville 4-H - Promoting Healthy Lifestyle Choices" Schools have to register by calling the 4-H Office by Friday, Oct 3. School exhibits should be complete for judging by Tuesday, Oct 7 for judging on the next day. Three winners will be selected from all schools competing to receive a prize of \$30.00 for their club treasury. The more creative the better!

4-H WEEK POSTER CONTEST

National 4-H Week Poster contest
Theme: **"4-H - Promoting Healthy Lifestyle Choices"**

Posters due to 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2008
Use regular size white poster.



4-H Websites to Check Out

Please take the time to visit the following websites and bookmark them on your computer for future use. www.lsuagcenter.com/iberville is the site for local 4-H and LSU AgCenter information. This website is updated frequently and will always have information on upcoming parish 4-H contest and activities. You might also want to check out our new state 4-H website on the LSU AgCenter website. The address for that page is www.louisiana4h.org It offers several links to other areas of 4-H that are great to check out!



4-H INVITES PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER AS LEADERS

4-H is an organization that relies often on the need of individuals and parents who have free time to donate. If your parent or grandparent or anyone you know is interested in volunteering their time at your 4-H meeting or helping 4-H agents with other activities, please have them contact the **4-H office at 687-5155** or your local school club and speak to your leader.





Teen 4-H'ers make Iberville Proud at 94th Annual 4-H University

Twenty-two 4-H members from throughout Iberville Parish recently participated in 4-H University, the 94th annual state 4-H competition formerly known as Short Course. The event was conducted by the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service of the LSU AgCenter. Over 1000 youth from across the state competed in various contests and educational activities and were given the opportunity to live the college life for one week on LSU Campus. Niosha Price was the state winner in ATV Safety and was awarded a trip to Orlando Florida and Disneyworld! Congratulations Niosha!!

Blue ribbon winners from Iberville Parish include: **Lynzi Vaughn**- Child Development, 4th place; **Dakota Smothers**- Compact Tractor, 5th place; **Katelyn Persick and Emily Deville** – Consumer Decision Making, 4th place; **Ben Ramagos**- Diesel Equipment Operations, 6th place; **Precious Joseph**- Fashion Review (Ready-to-Wear), 9th place; **Joshua Randall and Brennan Vaughn**- Sports Broadcasting, 10th place.

Other participants included **Leo Jones**, Bicycle; **Jessica Granier**, Child Development; **Brittany Persick and Lacey Blanchard**, Consumer Decision Making; **Rose Haydel and Julia Comeaux**, Insect Identification; **Joseph LeBlanc**, Wildlife Habitat Judging. Also five delegates from Iberville Parish participated in the Clover College non-competitive tract, where they learned about performing arts, sports, teen clubs, and youth mentoring. These participants included: **Jamarcus Banks, Brittany Wise, Carly Gilchrist, Jakira Robertson, and Kinlyn Carlin**.

The entire Iberville staff would like to thank all parents, leaders, volunteers, and 4-H'ers for helping make this year's 4-H University a success. Congratulations to all who participated!



Fun for a Week, Memories for a Lifetime: 4-H Camp 2008

Forty-seven Iberville 4-H'ers, leaders, and counselors attended 4-H Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, Louisiana (near Alexandria) the week of July 21-25. Campers attended educational classes throughout the week covering topics including food, fitness, dramatic arts, Louisiana wetlands, outdoor skills, science, engineering and technology. Campers enjoyed the week participating in such activities as swimming, arts and crafts, sports, archery, hunter/firearm safety, line-dancing, canoeing, team building, bicycling,

and indoor game. 4-H'ers also participated in skits, Vespers, and cleanest cabin contests, and a birthday celebration for 4-H's 100th Year in Louisiana! The camp which is sponsored by the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service of the LSU Agricultural Service was attended by West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Terrebonne, West Carroll, Desoto, Avoyelles and Acadia parish 4-H'ers.

The 2008 group of Iberville 4-H campers were well-behaved and many were rewarded for their achievements. Many elementary schools from across the parish sent 4-H'ers including: East Iberville, Dorseyville, North Iberville, E.J. Gay, Crescent, and St. John. Iberville parish Junior Leaders who attended camp as counselors were Brennan Vaughn, Lynzi Vaughn, Jessica Granier, Niosha Price, and Precious Joseph. Adult leaders who chaperoned were Mrs. Brigette Diamond and Ms. Tashiba Franklin. Iberville AgCenter employees who attended were Mr. Shannon Dietz: 4-H agent, Mrs. Kathy Jones: 4-H program assistant, and Miss Amanda LeBlanc: summer intern.

The camp theme for the summer- 'Fun for a week, memories for a lifetime' is a perfect caption of 4-H Camp! Camp is one of the most valuable experiences a child can have. It's a learning experience that helps boys and girls appreciate the outdoors, live together as a group, get along with others and appreciate people with different interests and backgrounds. 4-H is available to 4-12 graders, ages 9-20 in all schools in Iberville parish. 4-H'ers in grades 4-6 who complete a full active year are eligible to attend Camp Grant Walker. If you or someone you know is interested in joining 4-H and representing Iberville Parish during this fun and educational filled week, tell them the new 4-H year begins in the fall shortly after classes resume for the 2008-2009 school year.



JUNIOR LEADER TRIP SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

4-H Jr. Leadership members from Iberville Parish recently visited Houston, Texas for the end of the year awards trip. While on the trip, 4-H'ers visited the Museum of Natural History, the Galleria, the Houston Aquarium and lastly Minute Maid Park where we watched the Houston Astros and an awesome fireworks display. Members attending were, **Niosha Price, Shawnice Christmas, Brittany Wise, Brandy Wise, Emily Deville, Henry Jackson, Quinetta Allen, Kendra Jones, Precious Joseph, Leo Jones, Vilien Gomez, Kerry Jones, Lynzi Vaughn, Halie Verret, Jessica Granier, Brittany Persick, Katelyn Persick, and Lacey Blanchard**. Volunteers attending were Tanya and Glen Persick along with LSU AgCenter staff Shannon

Dietz and Kathy Jones as well as Amanda LeBlanc, summer intern.



NUTRITION FACT!! MORE MATTERS!

Do you want a snack that is colorful, fun to eat and good for you? If so, then you need to know that More Matters when it comes to fruits and veggies. We should include plenty of fruits and vegetables in our diets each day. Snacking on fruits and veggies is a great way to get MORE in our diets. Whether it is fresh, frozen, canned, dried or 100% juice, fruits and vegetables are a quick, convenient and delicious way to stay healthy year round. Grab carrot sticks or broccoli with Ranch dressing or maybe a piece of fresh fruit the next time you feel a snack craving coming on. The health benefits of eating more fruits and veggies stack up quickly so More Really Does Matter!



THE 4-H CLUB PLEDGE



I Pledge...



My **Head** to clearer thinking



My **Heart** to greater loyalty,



My **Hands** to larger service, and

My **Health** to better living,

for my Club, my Community, my Country, and my World.



4-H MOTTO

"To make the best better"

4-H SLOGAN

"Learn by doing"



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