

March
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ALLEN 4-H CLOVER TALK
4-H Monthly News Letter



Up-Coming Events



Allen Parish 4-H Spring Garden
Contest Rules & Regulations

- Garden must be worked primarily by the participant. Adult help will be allowed for plowing, roto-tiller, and pesticide spraying.
- Garden should be well planned and utilized current production innovations such as black plastic, irrigation, proper orientation of rows and crops, neatness and attractiveness.
- At least one row containing at least one vegetable from the following three crop types may be planted: Root Type Crops; Fruit Type Crops; and Vine Type Crops.
- A minimum of 30 row feet is required for the contest. The row feet can be several rows or just one row. At least two to three different types of vegetables should be grown.
- Crops will be judged according to the following standards: a) Crop Types - 20 points; b) Weeds and Cultivation - 20 points; c) Insect and Disease Pests - 20 points; d) Quality of Produce - 20 points; e) Ability to Answer Questions About Garden - 20 points. Total possible points - 100.
- Crops are to be judged June 2 - 5, 2009.

Scholarships

4-H Scholarship - available to Allen Parish Seniors.
Johnson Family Scholarship - Oberlin 4-H Seniors only.
Contact your 4-H agents (639-4376) if you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships.

CLUB MEETING PROGRAM
FOCUS on SAFETY
MONTHLY TIP

YOUR SKIN

Reapply sunscreen when:
Sweating
Swimming
Sport Activities

March

- 2 - 12 Club Meetings
- 6 - 8 Challenge Camp
- 13 - 15 Junior Leadership Conference
- 16 End Penny King & Queen Contest
- 19 Area Cookery Contest
- 20 Pre-Registration Due for Achievement Day
- 20 Best Club forms, Good Grooming, Resumes due for Achievement Day
- 23 Record Books Due

April

- 1 Beef & Dairy Posters Due
- 1 Horse Show possession & certificates
- 3 - 5 Co-op Camp
- 10 Holiday
- 21 State Ambassador Contest
- 23 Achievement Day
- 27 - May 7 Club Meetings



- June 23 - 26 4-H University
July 20 - 24 Summer Camp

4-H Camp - July 20 - 24, 2009

Notice: Elementary 4-H'ers!! Summer Camp is only four months away! So it's time to start making plans now to attend. The parishes we will be camping with this year are: Lafayette, Rapides, Evangeline and Avoyelles Parishes. Note: Camp cost are tentatively as follows: Camp Fee \$125.00 (includes transportation); picture (optional) - \$5.00; T-Shirt (optional) - \$6.00. Those who wish to participate in 4-H Camp must do one major parish wide activity or contest. 4-H'ers are selected on a first come first serve basis! **NOTE:** To participate in camp, all information and registration fees are due by April 30th. No refunds will be granted after May 15th.

Record Books Due!!!

Notice! Record Books are due into the 4-H office March 23rd.

⇒ The 4-H Portfolio must be completed by all 4-H'ers competing in the 4-H Records Contest.

⇒ Four-H binders are on sale in the 4-H Office for \$2.00 each

Awards will be presented at Achievement Day!



- * 4-H'ers participating in the livestock shows.
- * 4-Her's participating with 4-H Penny Queen & King Contest.
- * 4-Her's participating in 4-H Demonstration Day.
- * Oberlin Elementary 4-H for concession at Demonstration Day.



SHOOTING SPORTS: Practice events are held on Saturdays, call the 4-H Office for times and locations.

Summer Horse Shows

The District Horse Show will be held June 24 - 25, 2008 and the State Horse Show will be held July 10 - 14, 2007, at the Ike Hamilton in Monroe. Now is the time to make sure all the necessary paperwork has been taken care of.

April 1 - Exhibitors must have possession of their horses by this time.

April 1 - Grade horse certificates must be completed. Documentation on horses that are in an immediate family member's name must be in the county agent's or FFA advisor's office. Horses must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family on or before this date.

4-H Day at the Capitol

The seventh annual 4-H Day at the Capitol has been set for Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The 30 minute assembly will begin at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol followed by visits to legislators by 4-H members. Last year 800 4-H members attended the assembly at the state capitol. If you are interested in attending this year, please call the 4-H Office.

CHARACTER COUNTS!



Tip For March - Citizenship

Your Character Really Counts! Are you a good citizen? Good citizens . . . are good neighbors - care about/pursue common good - volunteer - help school/community be better, cleaner safer - protect environment - conserve resources, reduce pollution, clean up after yourself - make things better - voice your opinion, vote, serve on committees, report wrongdoing, pay taxes - play by the rules - obey parents, teachers, coaches, others who have been given authority - observe just laws - honor-respect principals of democracy.



JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 9th at the Oberlin Library at 6:00 p.m.

Best Club Meeting Award

January

- Elementary Elizabeth
- Junior Elizabeth
- Senior Elizabeth



2009 4-H UNIVERSITY

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge on the LSU Campus on June 23-26, 2009. (Remember, you must compete at Demonstration Day or Achievement Day to qualify to participate in 4-H University!) This contest is available to 13 year olds and older 4-H'ers.

Fair Slogan Contest

The Allen Parish Fair Board is looking for a new slogan this year and all school members in Allen Parish can participate in a contest to help them come up with one. You can submit your slogans on a sheet o paper with your name, address and telephone number. The winner will receive a free pass to the fair and will be recognized at the opening ceremony.

Return by April 1, 2009 to: Syble Ryder, P O Box 188, Oberlin LA 70655.

My Fair Slogan: _____

Name: _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

Address: _____



4-H Achievement Day- APRIL 23rd 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Oberlin schools will once again host 4-H Achievement Day. Please contact your leader(s) by March 20th to sign up. Only 4-H'ers who have pre-registered by March 20th may participate in these contests. Transportation plans must be made, so an accurate count is necessary! Remember - only those 4-H'ers who have attended school the morning of April 23rd will be excused from class to participate in Achievement Day. When you arrive in Oberlin please go straight to the Elementary School Auditorium for registration and instructions! Please remember all 4-H'ers and 4-H leaders must wear a name tag to identify the school you are representing and your name! (You may use the same design used at Demonstration Day. There will not be a contest for name tags.)

DISCOVERING 4-H ACTIVITY - (open to 4th graders and first year elementary 4-H'ers only)

4th - 6TH GRADE TEST AVAILABLE: You must be enrolled in the following project in order to be eligible to take the test.

Table with 3 columns: You and Citizenship, You and Environment, Lift Off, See Them Sprout, First Aid in Action, Booting Up, Let's Get Growing, Discovering Myself, Play the Role, Growing With Others, Six Easy Bites, Creepy Crawlies, Magic of Electricity, Bicycle Adventure, Hiking Trails, Under Construction, Follow the Path

BIRDS (Elementary Only)

- 1. Contestant should be enrolled in the 4th grade project.
2. Bird houses will be judged. Bring to Achievement Day. (Must be a newly constructed bird house and/or feeder to enter contest)
3. Elementary will identify 20 birds from study guide.

CONSUMER POWER CONTEST (Elementary Only)

- 1. Open to all Elementary 4-H'ers.
2. Contest will evaluate 4 products (ex. tooth brushes, paper plates, hair spray). There will be four different brands for comparison. Contestant must select the most appropriate one for the situation.

CLUB REPORTER (Elem, Jr and Sr)

- 1. Each local club reporter may enter this contest.
2. Neat, not decorative, scrapbook should be used for mounting clippings.
3. Typewritten articles are not to be considered as exhibits or newspaper publicity. The newspaper clippings and/or stories that appeared in mimeographed publications such as school papers, church papers, etc. are what is wanted. Typewritten copy should be used to show material sent, ad used on radio or television. Such copy should have a notation telling how and when the material was used.
4. Clippings and pictures that appear between State 4-H University's comprise the material judged.
5. Number of clippings does not form the basis for measuring the effectiveness of publicity. Regularity of coverage, such as a story every week, and the variety of events covered, should be a big factor in grading scrapbooks.
6. Clippings must be stories written by the reporter, or from notes given to editor or a representative of a paper by the reporter.
7. Clippings about 4-H members in parish appearing in farm publications or out-of-town papers do not constitute an entry unless the reported is responsible for getting the material to the publication.
8. The reporter must put a notation on all stories, pictures or items shown in scrapbook telling what part the reporter had in getting the item published. Some typical notations include: written and submitted, gave information to editor, arranged for picture to be taken, etc (VERY IMPORTANT)

DAIRY JUDGING (Elem, Jr and Sr) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

- 1. Elementary, Jr. and Sr. members will judge pictures of dairy cattle.

FORESTRY - (Elem, Jr and Sr) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

- 1. Will be required to identify, by common name, native trees from leaves from study guide.
2. A written test will be given from forestry project booklets.

GROOMING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

(Elementary, Junior and Senior) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

NOTE: Boy and girls will compete together.

- 1. Contestants will be judged on appearance, poise and personality.
2. Elementary members must have filled out the Personal Development form and returned to 4-H office on March 20th. Junior and Senior must complete job application form and will be interviewed. Due into the 4-H office March 20th!

HORTICULTURE CONTEST (NJHA)

(Elementary, Junior and Senior) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

- 1. Contestants will be required to identify fruits, flowers, ornamental and weeds, also judge one (1) class of vegetables.
2. Specimens to be identified will be from the study guide.

INSECTS - (Elem, Jr and Sr) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

- 1. Test information from study guide.

INSECT COLLECTION - (Elem, Jr and Sr) (All 4-H'ers)

- 1. Bring collection to Achievement Day.
2. The contestant will be judged on: (a) Insect Collection; (b) Mounting Techniques

MEAT IDENTIFICATION - (Elem, Jr and Sr) (All 4-H'ers)

- 1. Will identify cuts of meat according to kind of animal, wholesale cut, retail cut based on study guide.

POULTRY - (Elem, Jr and Sr) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

- 1. Contestant will be required to judge dressed chickens, broke-out eggs, and exterior quality of egg shell and/or take a test.

WILDLIFE STUDY - (Elem, Jr and Sr) (Open to all 4-H'ers)

- 1. Will be asked to select management practices and foods use by different wildlife species.
2. There is a written exam with information coming from study guide.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CONTESTS:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Contestants must be 12 years or older, enrolled in Child Care.
2. Test from Child Care Manual will be given to Jr. and Sr.
3. Requires Record Book Score!

COMPUTER SCIENCE (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Open to 4-H'ers enrolled in computer science or Booting Up project book.
2. 4-H'ers test score and record book score to determine winner.
3. Requires Record Book Score!

CONSUMER FOOD JUDGING (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Contestants will make wise consumer choices based on their knowledge of nutrition and food guide pyramid. See study guide.

FOOD & NUTRITION (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Members are required to take a test on foods and nutrition. Test scores will determine winner.

HOME ENVIRONMENT (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Contestant must be enrolled in Home Environment project.
2. Contestants take written test taken from project book.
3. Requires Record Book Score!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Contestant must be enrolled in Photography project and records must be entered in this contest.
2. Seventh graders will take written test from Unit I, 8th - 9th graders from Unit II, and 10th -12th from the Advanced Photography Book.
3. Test scores and Record Book score will determine the winner.

PLANT SCIENCE (Junior and Senior)

- 1. Contestants will be required to identify weeds and seeds. Test will be given - questions taken from study guide.

SMALL ENGINES & COMPACT TRACTOR (Jr & Sr)

- 1. Contestants will take a written test.

TRACTOR (Junior & Senior)

- 1. Contestants will take a written test.

SENIOR ONLY CONTEST:

AUTOMOTIVE (Senior only)

- 1. Must be enrolled in Automotive project.
2. Seniors will take a written test.

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