



4~H Leader Update



April 2009



Dates To Remember:

April

- 6 Jr. Leader Meeting
- 15 Horse Club Meeting
- 14 Club Reporter Scrapbooks due
- 24 Outstanding Member form due
- 24-25 Regional Outdoor Skills shoot

May

- TBA Jr. Leader Meeting
- 2 Achievement Day/Fashion Revue
- 5 Outstanding Member Banquet

June

- 3 4-H Day at the Capital
- 23-26 4-H University
- 29-30 District Horse Show

July

- 6-10 4-H Camp

Vote on April 4th

Please take the time to go out and vote on April 4 for the LSU Cooperative Extension Tax Renewal. This tax renewal is what supports the operations of the Extension Office and provides salaries to the agents for Acadia Parish. The vote also supports the funding for the Rice Arena. **So please vote on April 4th.**

Club Meetings

This month we will not be attending your club meetings due to school testing. Please give us a call if you would like us to attend. In May we do not usually meet with the clubs because of end of the year trips and parties. If you would like to have a 4-H agent at your meeting please contact the 4-H office. This month lesson is on boat safety. Attached in your monthly lesson plan.

DO YOU HAVE HORSE SENSE?

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

Overnight Chaperone Training

Remember that if you plan on having an overnight event with your 4-H club or would like to help us chaperone trips, you must attend two hour training. Please contact the office for upcoming trainings.

Achievement Day

- 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. Talent Show-Gymnasium
- Dedication to Honoree-Gymnasium
- Award Ceremony-Gymnasium
- Fashion Revue
- Achievement Day Results

Achievement Day Updates:

- ★ If you would like to assist in any contest, please let us know.
- ★ Talent Show participants need to bring their equipment with them. Please have them check in at the registration table at 8:00 a.m. to verify they will be participating.
- ★ This year we will be taking orders for sausage poboys instead of having a concession stand. You can get a po-boy, chips, & drink for \$5.00. The funds from the po-boy sale will be given to Relay for Life. Also 4-Her's can purchase a plate lunch from the cafeteria for \$5.00. Please use the pre-order form for the po-boy's and plate lunches. Thanks!
- ★ If you have anybody that would like to help set up for Achievement Day, they are free to join us at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Crowley High School to assist.

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4-H University

4-H U is a statewide 4-H activity held in Baton Rouge on LSU campus. It is scheduled for June 23rd-26th. 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 1st, 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.

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. To find out more or look at the more than 700 magazines offered, visit www.aphearst.com. Don't forget to use the ACADIA 4-H Web code No. WC3263.



AgMagic

Do you think food, clothing, lumber and other products only come from a store? Come to AgMagic to see and learn where your food and fiber really come from! The LSU AgCenter's Parker Coliseum will be transformed this spring to show "AgMagic," which will take children and adults through a journey of Louisiana agriculture and economically beneficial commodities they use every day.

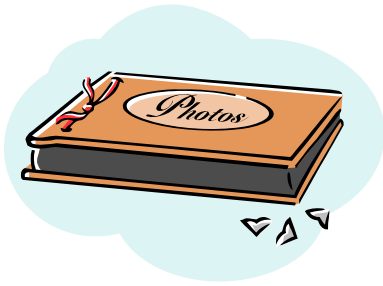
The AgMagic experience will be an interactive, visually stimulating environment that will link food and fiber products we use every day to the forests, field crops and livestock produced by Louisiana farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. Featured crops will be displayed in various stages of development, and the importance of interaction between agriculture, the environment and society at large will be highlighted.

April 20 - 24, 2009
Open to school groups
and organizations
8:00am-1:00pm

April 25-26, 2009
Open to Public
10am-5pm

John M. Parker Coliseum
located on Highland near the south gates of LSU

For More Information:
<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/agmagic/>



CLUB REPORTER'S SCRAPBOOK

- Open to all Acadia Parish 4-H Clubs.
- Each club may enter one scrapbook. Scrapbook will compete against other scrapbooks within your club's division. Created by club reporter (chairman) and club scrapbook committee.
- Your club is responsible for getting publicity about your club activities in the newspaper and also reports all community service and other activities your club participated in throughout the year in your club's scrapbook.
- The club scrapbook will be comprised of two parts:
 - a. Reporters articles - it should contain news clippings from newspapers, school papers and newsletters about the club or articles written to be submitted.
 - b. Scrapbook of all community service and other activities performed by club from the past year.
- Scoring: Scrapbooks will be judged according to the following criteria.
 1. Quality of articles written by club reporter = 20 points
 2. Quality and showcase of club activities = 35 points
 3. Number and quality of community service activities = 20 points
 4. Number and quality of other 4-H activities =20 points
 5. Scrapbook neatness = 5 points
 6. Creativity of Scrapbook=20 points
 1. Clubs will be able to list all activities participated in throughout the past year.
 2. Scrapbooks can be turned in on a traditional scrapbook, but the maximum page size is 12" X 14'.

Outstanding Member Reception

The Outstanding Member Reception will be held on May 5th, 2009 at the Rayne Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. This reception is also to honor you as a leader or volunteer. So please make plans to attend.

Lost Camp

Louisiana Outdoors Science and Technology Camp is open to youth in the 7th and 8th grade. Lost camp is intended to promote the awareness of career choice opportunities in science through hands on scientific learning and discovery. Cost is \$115.00 per child and this does not include transportation. The dates Monday-Friday August 3rd-7th, 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 Wednesday, June 3rd, 2009. **With the current state of the budget which affects all programs including 4-H, all parishes are strongly encouraged to participate this year to enhance the 4-H program in Louisiana.** Last year's function was

excellent, with over 1300 participants in our Centennial Celebration. Our goal this year is no less than 1,000 participants to promote the 4-H program's importance in Louisiana. Parish delegations attending must make appointments with their Legislators before June 3rd. AgCenter photographers will be available for photos of Legislators and 4-H members.

The program will begin on the steps of the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. with state 4-H officers and elected officials welcoming the group. Following the short program, participants should visit with legislators. Four-Hers are encouraged to bring lunch and picnic on the grounds of the Capitol. If interested in participating, please contact the 4-H office.

Chaperones Needed

We are looking for chaperones to help assist us at 4-H University and 4-H Camp this summer. Serving as a chaperone is a very rewarding opportunity. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in chaperoning this summer, please contact the 4-H Office. FYI: we are always in need of male chaperones.

Attention 4-H Clubs



It was recently brought to my attention that a four year old child was recently diagnosed with stage four Neuroblastoma cancer. He will be staying in a hospital for four months and his family is raising funds to help pay for his medical bills. For further information on how your 4-H club can donate please call the 4-H office or e-mail Mrs. Lou Ann.

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