



4~H Leader Update



December 2008

Dates To Remember:

December

3&6 Parish Tag-in for market swine
2 Photography Wrkshp 4:30p.m.
6 Demonstration Day
6 Commodity Cookery
2 Jr. Leadership Mtg
9 Horse Club Mtg

January

12 Jr Leadership mtg
13 Horse Club Meeting
21-24 Parish Livestock Show
22 Livestock Judging Contest

February

2 Jr. Leadership Mtg.
2-7 District Livestock Show
10 Horse Club Mtg.
14-21 LSU State Livestock Show

March

2 Jr. Leader Mtg.
6-8 Challenge Camp
10 Horse Club Mtg
11 Contest Day Wk Shop
13-15 Jr. Leadership Conference
14 Spring Fling
25 District Cookery Contest
27 Record books Due
27 Fashion Garments Due
27 Shirt Contest Items Due
27 Talent Show names Due
27 Song Contest Tunes Due

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Club Meeting Program

We will not be attending meetings this month.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY THEME

This 2008-2009 Achievement Day Theme is "Going for the Green." The theme was created by Cameron Russell a 4-H member of St. Michael 4-H Club. Congratulations Cameron! Cameron will receive a monetary award of \$25.00 at Achievement Day.



Photography Workshop

Photography can seem like magic. In the blink of an eye you can record what you are looking at. You and your 4-H members can come explore the world of photography. On December 2 at 4:30p.m. at the 4-H Office, there will be a photography workshop.

Demonstration Day/ Commodity Cookery

Will be held on December 6th at Iota High School beginning at 9:00 a.m.

- There will be a concession stand sponsored by the Iota Jr and Sr 4-H clubs
- Awards will not be presented this year. Winners will be recognized at their club meetings in January.
- For Demonstrations: When the child arrives they need to find the room they will be presenting in. (There will be postings as you enter the school and a list will be outside the room) It will be a first come first demo basis. This meaning that as the child arrives they need to find the room they are presenting in, If there is no one presenting at the time in that room, then they can proceed into the room and present their demonstration. The judge in the room will have a list of contestants which will match the list outside the door. Before the child begins their presentation, they will identify who they are and what category they are presenting in. If the child's name is not on the list outside the door, they must come and find one of the 4-H agents. Once they complete their demo, then they can exit and the next person in line can begin to set up to present.

The Foundation Raffle

- **ALL TICKETS (SOLD OR NOT) AND ALL MONEY WILL BE DUE IN THE 4-H OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH BY 12:00 NOON.**
- The winner will be drawn on December 6th following the Demonstration and Commodity Cookery contest day. The winner does not need to be present to win the raffle.

Swine Validation and Tag –In

There will be two opportunities for all swine exhibitors to have their animals validated at the 4-H office in Crowley. The first one is scheduled for December 3rd starting at 8:00 A.M. and ending at 6:00 P.M. The second date available is December 6th starting at 2:00 P.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. All Swine must be validated in order to show at Parish, District, and State Shows.

Livestock Entries

Please remind all 4-H members that livestock entries are due to the 4-H Office no later than December 9th. If they do not turn in entries they will be ineligible to show. Also, please make sure that all youth interested in 4-H have paid their dues and turned in an enrollment card. Those showing livestock will not be able to participate in the spring livestock shows if they have not done so. For more information, visit the parish website.

Livestock Judging Contest

On January 22nd, 2008 there will be a livestock judging contest held in conjunction with the parish livestock show. This contest is open to all 4-H members. You will receive more information next month.

Key Club Awards

If you are an 11th or 12th grade *Junior Leadership Member*, you may be eligible to apply for the 4-H Key Club Award. It is one of the highest honors you can receive as a 4-H member and its honorary membership is for a lifetime. Basic requirements are: 1) Must be 16 years old by January 7, 2008. 2) Must have 3 years of 4-H club work, including this year. 3) Must have completed one year of active Junior Leadership work. 4) Must score at least 140 points on the application you can get pick up at the 4-H office. Completed forms must be returned to the 4-H office by January 4. Key Club recipients will be announced at Achievement Day!



Junior Award of Excellence

The Louisiana 4-H Foundation Award of Excellence Award is for 4-H members that are under the age of 14 and have at least two years of 4-H club work. There is an application that must be filled out in order to be considered. This is a state award and is an honor to receive. If you need more information or would like an application, please contact the 4-H Office. Applications are due to the 4-H office by January 7, 2008.

Challenge Camp

Challenge Camp is open to all 7th & 8th graders. Camp will be held **March 6-8, 2009**. Only fourteen 4-H'ers can attend Challenge Camp, so get your applications in early. The cost of camp is \$55.00. This includes all meals, a T-shirt, and transportation to and from camp. Application is available through the 4-H Office. Applications, along with a check payable to the "Acadia 4-H Foundation Inc" are due **February 4, 2008**. **No late application will be accepted due to the state deadline!!! Checks are non-refundable**

Governor's and Superintendent's Awards

Presented during the State Junior Livestock Show for their 4-H Records on Livestock and Poultry projects, with emphasis on production. Entries: Governor's Awards – Two (2) Senior 4-H members (14 or over before January 1, 2008). Superintendent's Awards – Two (2) Junior 4-H members (under 14 on January 1, 2008). Both Governor's and Superintendent's entries are required to submit the following: 1. A Louisiana Report Form giving a summary of all livestock and poultry projects. 2. A 4-H Livestock and Poultry Story limited to 6 pages, double-spaced. 3. Project pictures limited to 3 pages. (Use only one side of page. Quality is more important than quantity). 4. Current year or last completed project record sheet for each project included in the livestock and poultry summary in the member's own handwriting. 5. Winners must attend special recognition program during the State Livestock Show to receive the award. For more information please contact the 4-H Office. **Applications are due January 7, 2009.**

Livestock Scholarships

There are many scholarships available through the livestock program both on the parish and district levels. If you have any youth interested, please have them call the 4-H Office.

Do You Have What It Takes?

Do you have what it takes to be an outstanding leader? We hope you do. There is a large pool of candidates to sort through but you could be selected to be recognized as the 2008-2009 Outstanding Leader. So be on the look out for a judge near you.

Livestock Exhibitor Shirts

The livestock advisory board is offering livestock exhibitors and their families the opportunity to purchase Acadia Parish Livestock Show Team hoodies. The hoodie will be orange with royal or navy writing and the different species picture on the back with Acadia Parish Livestock Show Team. The front left chest will state Acadia Parish Livestock Show Team. The costs are still being worked out. If you or any one in your family is interested in purchasing a hoodie, please contact the 4-H Office by December 18.

Good Luck Mrs. Lou Ann

Mrs. Lou Ann will be out of the office on maternity leave starting on December 22nd and ending on January 16th. She will still be responding to all her e-mails and staying in contact with the 4-H office during her leave.

Sincerely,

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