



4-H Leader Update



February 2009

Dates To Remember:

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 (winter contest)
- 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

April

- 6 Jr. Leader meeting
- 14 Horse Clun meeting
- 14 Club Reporter Scrapbooks due
- 24 Outstanding Member form due

Club Meeting Program

This month we will be covering records at the club meetings. We will be going over the requirements and rules of how to complete the project books. One important rule for members in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades are that they only turn in a project book. They do not have to complete a 4-H Portfolio. They can add pictures to project books and place them in 3 ring binders 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.

4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Conference

The 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association is very excited about hosting its conference at the beautiful Lod Cook Conference Center and Hotel in Baton Rouge on March 6 – 7, 2009. Flyer is attached with more information. The Acadia Parish 4-H Foundation will cover the cost of the registration fee for those who are interested in attending. If interested, please contact the 4-H office.

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**

Fashion Revue

This year's Fashion Revue has been moved to Achievement Day. It will be held at Crowley High School on May 2nd, 2009. All Sewing garments and Ready to Wear forms will be due to the 4-H office on March 27th. All entry forms can be found on our website or in the leader handbook. NO garments will be accepted late! *Please be sure that you look at the leader handbook. There are different outfits that the youth will make based on their grade level.

Record Book Workshop

It's that time of year to start preparing our record books! Records can get a little hard to understand some times. If any club would like us to come out to their school and conduct record book training with them let us know.

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.

LSU AgCenter
Acadia Parish
157 Cherokee Drive
Crowley, LA 70526
337-788-8821 Fax 337-788-8816
www.lsuagcenter.com

Photography Projects

Just a reminder that those who are in the photography project need to turn in their portfolio when record books are due and should also submit photos for achievement day competition with their portfolio. These pictures should be mounted on a 8.5 X 11 piece of black construction paper.



Overnight Chaperone Training

Remember that if you plan 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.

Spring Fling (Winter Contest Day) Workshop

There will be a workshop on March 11 beginning at 4:30 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.

Spring Fling (Winter Contest)

Winter Contest Day has now turned into Spring Fling Contest Day! It will be held Saturday, March 14th, 2009 at Redemptorist Catholic school in South Crowley. Contest 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.

4th-12th Grade Contest -- Consumer Foods Judging- Contestant will be asked to rank classes of given food situations. Senior members will give written reasons for one class.

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

Meat Identification -- Contestants will identify common cuts of meat; senior members will judge a class. 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 -- Contestant can compete in two categories: 1) Any other subject or 2) Cooperative. 4th, 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 are 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.

Achievement Day Song Tunes

Achievement Day is just around the corner, May 2nd! It's time to start thinking of a catchy tune for your Achievement Day song. Remember, all songs must consist of the current years' theme, the honoree, and the agents and at least five project areas, for which two can be clothing, cooking or livestock. The other three must come from various other projects. Points will be deducted for songs not contain all the necessary requirements. Song Tunes are due to the office by March 27th.



Vote Yes on April 4

Please take the time to go out and vote on April 4 and vote yes to 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. **So Vote Yes on April 4.**



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.

4-H University

4-H U is a statewide 4-H activity held 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 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.

2009 Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest

This is a unique opportunity for students to compete for a trip to Washington D.C., where they will learn about political processes, interact with governmental officials, and take in the sights of our nation's capital. Trip dates are June 12 – 19, 2009.

The Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (ALEC) will sponsor 2 students from 4-H and 2 students from FFA. If a 4-H member is also a customer of their local co-op they are eligible to apply through both 4-H and their local electric co-op (these students would need to contact a co-op representative for more information on applying there).

More information about the youth tour is located on the ALEC website, <http://www.alec.coop/youthtour.aspx>.

All applications must be submitted to the state 4-H office by February 27, 2009.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann McKivier

Assistant Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
LAJenkins@agctr.lsu.edu

Sheena Grote Cecil

Associate Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
sgrote@agctr.lsu.edu



Check out our new 4-H website! The site at www.4-Hclubhouse.com is tailored to fourth- through sixth graders and features nearly a hundred games, quizzes, downloadable activities and videos. In addition, you can find all kinds of 4-H information there... anything from a virtual tour of 4-H Camp Grant Walker to project information. We think you'll like the new look! If you would like to advertise the 4-H website, we have posters at the 4-H office that you may have to place in your school. Please contact the 4-H office if interested.



A State Partner in the Cooperative Extension System

The LSU Agricultural Center is a statewide campus of the LSU System and provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. Louisiana State University and A. & M. College, Louisiana parish governing bodies, Southern University, and United States Department of Agriculture cooperating