

The Cloverleaf

Elementary Edition

November, 2008

November

- 1 Deadline for parish 4-H enrollment
- 1 Beef Grazing Project applications due
- 1 Beef, Egg & Rice Cookery, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room
- 7 Character Counts Poster Contest due, 4-H Office
- 15 Elementary Project Workshop Day, 8:30 a.m., Gayle Hall
- 25 Cal-Cam Showmanship Clinic, 9:00 a.m., Burton Coliseum
- 25 Livestock Judging (Beef, Swine, Poultry, Dairy, Horse,) & Meats ID Contests, 12:30 p.m., Burton Coliseum

December

- 3 Pre-registration for Demonstration Day
- 5 Parish, district livestock entries due
- 6 Demonstration Day, 8:30 a.m., 4-H Office
- 15 Start Junior Beef Grazing Project
- 24-Jan 2 Holidays

January

- 7 Pre-registration for all clothing contests
- 9 Award of Excellence applications due in 4-H Office
- 10 Clothing Contests, Consumer Decision Making, Photography, Seafood, Poultry & Sugar Contests, 8:30 a.m., Gayle Hall
- 22-24 Parish Jr. Livestock Show
- 24-25 4-H Fashion Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- 31 Parish Jr. Livestock Sale

The
Power
of Youth

Want to know more about what 4-H has to offer? Well, the first place to look to find out about all the 4-H activities in our parish is The Cloverleaf. You will receive a copy at your club meeting each month.

Take it home to let your family know which events interest you. On the front page of each Cloverleaf you will find a calendar of upcoming activities. We hope that you will make plans to participate in activities that interest you the most. You might want to also visit our web site at <http://www.lsuagcenter.com> and click on parish offices then Calcasieu for more information on 4-H activities in Calcasieu Parish.

Remember Workshop Day is November 15

Elementary Workshop Day will be Saturday, November 15 at Gayle Hall on the McNeese campus.

Registration for Workshop Day is limited and is open until November 7. Registration information may be found in the October 2008 Cloverleaf.

If you have registered for Workshop Day, supplies and materials have been purchased for your use. If you will not be able to attend, please contact the 4-H Office at 475-8812 so that someone on the waiting list to participate may be contacted.

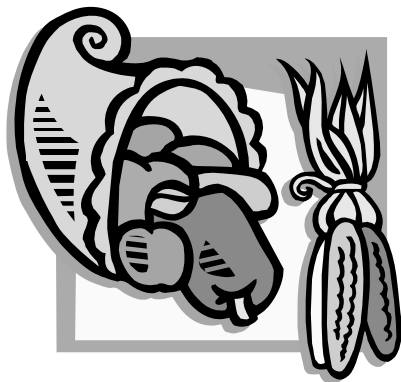


Demonstrations are a Big Part of 4-H

4-H is known for teaching members how to do demonstrations. Why demonstrations? Participation in 4-H demonstrations can teach you valuable skills that you will be able to use for the rest of your life. You can learn these skills while talking about something that you feel comfortable with. Participating in 4-H demonstration contests can help you learn:

- To feel more at ease in front of a group.
- To gather information about a subject.
- To present information in a logical order – verbally and visually.
- To express yourself more easily, clearly and convincingly.
- To share what you've learned.
- To take part in group activities.

With all of that to gain by doing demonstrations, you'll really want to take part. Demonstration Day contests will be held on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the 4-H Office.



**Happy
Thanksgiving**

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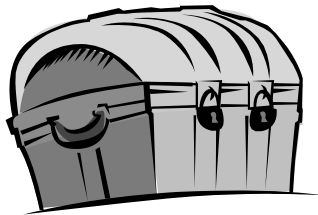
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Clovers To

What is "Clovers To..."? It's all about you! Each month in the Cloverleaf, we'll recognize 4-H members and their accomplishments. Look for your name when you participate in a 4-H activity or when you place in a parish contest.

- The 115 4-H'ers who participated in the Pet Show on October 16.



4-H Centennial Scavenger Hunt

A Centennial Scavenger Hunt sponsored by the Louisiana 4-H Foundation is being held through November 31, 2008 to find photos, medals, trophies, clothing, demonstration materials, record books, 4-H camp memorabilia, etc. for developing exhibits in the Louisiana 4-H Museum. A list of scavenger hunt categories can be found in the October 2008 Cloverleaf or by calling our office.

Items can be loaned or donated to the museum. For more information on how to loan or donate items, contact the 4-H office.



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!

Fishing Sports Activity Day - November 11, Burton Coliseum

The 2009 Fishing Sports Activity Day will be held at the Burton Coliseum on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 from 1 – 4 p.m. We'll be doing some fish ID, a wetlands loss activity, a study of speckled trout, and scope on a rope. It should be lots of fun! If you'd like to participate, complete the form found in this Cloverleaf and return it to our office by November 6.



Livestock News

Validation of Animals for 2009 Livestock Shows

Market steers, lambs and goats and commercial heifers, ewes and does were validated and classified on September 26, 2008. Validation for beef, goat, sheep, and rabbit breeding was Saturday, November 1, 2008.

Market and breeding hogs will be validated as follows:

- December 2, 2008 Burton Coliseum Barn 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2008 Iowa High School 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- December 6, 2008 Sulphur High School 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- December 6, 2008 Bell City High School 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

The district and/or state show manager must be notified within 48 hours of the end of validation if an unforeseen emergency has prevented an exhibitor from validating. Hardship forms must be immediately filed after notification. The deadline for doing this is September 29, 2008, 4:30p.m. for beef, sheep, and goats and December 8, 2008, 4:30p.m. for market hogs. Only cases where it is determined that the situation was unavoidable will the exhibitor be allowed to validate. This decision will be final and not subject to appeal. For any approved hardships for animals that require classification, the animals will be classified as crosses.

Calf Scramble Competition

The SW District Livestock Show, McNeese State University, LA Cooperative Extension Service and the Cattlemen's Association will again host the Calf Scramble Contest during the district livestock show. A calf scramble winner will receive \$1000 towards the purchase of a calf to show at next year's district show.

In order to compete in the calf scramble, 4-Hers must:

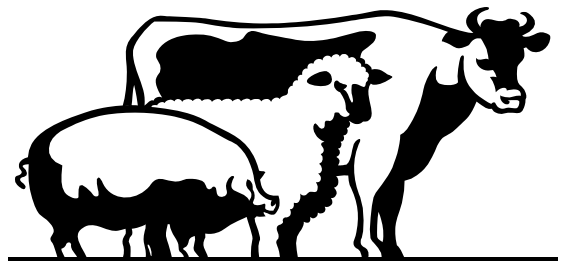
- be a 4-H or FFA member,
- have access to reasonable facilities to keep and care for a calf,
- meet academic standards for show participation,
- be able to give some reasonable assurance that they are able to feed, groom, and care for a calf,
- not be enrolled beyond the junior year in high school,
- be in good physical condition without any evidence of recent injury,
- show the calf at next year's district livestock show.



Applications are available at the 4-H office and on our web site. Deadline for entry is January 3rd.

Livestock Showmanship Clinic is November 25

Our annual Cal-Cam Showmanship Clinic will be held November 25th at Burton Coliseum. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the clinic begins at 9:00 a.m. If you will be showing beef, swine, sheep, rabbits or goats at the livestock shows, you will want to attend this clinic. You will learn showmanship techniques, grooming skills, general animal and show information that you will need to know to show your animal.



Contests

Character Counts Poster Contest - Due November 7th

1. Open to any 4-H club member.
2. Poster must be on 11" x 14" poster board. Posters must not have brand names listed on them or have anything thicker than 1/8" glued to them.
4. First and second place winners in each division will receive awards of \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year awards program.
5. All posters must have the contestant's **name, address, grade, 4-H club and school name** on the back in the upper right hand corner.

Posters should make the public aware of Character Education through the "Character Counts" program. The poster should include at least one or all of the six pillars of character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Livestock, Dairy Judging, & Horse Judging, Meat I.D., & Poultry Contests - November 25, 2008 - Burton Coliseum

Registration at 12:30 p.m. Contests start at 1:00 p.m. Open to all 4-H'ers. First and second place winners in all divisions will receive an award of \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.

General Livestock Judging

1. 4-H'ers will judge classes of beef, sheep and swine.
2. Elementary 4-H'ers may be required to give 1-2 sets of oral reasons (these will be scored). Oral reasons simply consist of telling the judge why you placed that class of animals the way you did.
3. Ties will be broken by the highest placing score on reasons.

Dairy Judging

1. 4-H'ers may be asked to judge up to 4 classes of dairy cattle.
2. Pictures will be used for classes when live animals are not available.
3. One set of oral or written reasons may be required.
4. Ties will be broken by the highest placing score on reasons.

Poultry Judging

1. The contest may consist of:
 - A. Egg Production Class - Judge one class of four leghorn-type birds for egg production and give oral/written reasons on 1 class
 - B. Market Class—Judge one class of six dressed fryers and one class of six dressed hens according to U.S. Grades.
 - C. Egg Class - Judge one class of 10 broken-out eggs and grade and candle twelve eggs (white) for interior quality.
2. Time limits are 20 min. for egg production, 10 min. for dressed birds.

Horse Judging

1. Two Divisions: **Juniors – 13 and under** **Seniors-14 and over**
3. 4-Hers will judge 2 classes of halter and 2 classes of performance horses. 4-Hers will be required to give one set of oral reasons.
4. Ties in placing will be broken by reasons scores.
4. 10 minutes per class.

Meat Identification

Contestants will identify cuts of meat from beef, veal, pork and lamb, if possible, and tell what wholesale cut it is taken from. Study charts are available at the 4-H office.

Demonstration Day - December 6, 2008 - 4-H Office

To compete, demonstrations must pre-registered by December 3.

Registration & sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., and demonstrations will begin at 9:00 a.m. Awards will be announced at 12:00 p.m.

All demonstration categories are open to all 4-H'ers.

No individual (1 person) or team (2 people) may enter more than one demonstration in each category. No individual or team may enter the same demonstration in more than one category.

With the exception of horse demonstrations,

- members of a team demonstration must be from the same club.
- Time limit for demonstrations is 15 minutes.
- All entries must be method demonstrations, not illustrated talks.

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What is a 4-H demonstration?

A 4-H demonstration is simply showing and telling how to do something. The purpose of the demonstration is to teach, to show and tell the audience a method of doing something and inspire them to use it.



What Can I Demonstrate at Demonstration Day?

Determining the topic of a demonstration can be the most difficult part of giving a demonstration. The following are some tips for selecting a demonstration topic:

- ✓ Any interesting subject that will be practical and useful to the audience.
- ✓ Subjects you know something about.
- ✓ Topics that can be demonstrated - you can actually show how to make or do.
- ✓ Subjects you believe in.
- ✓ Subjects you are comfortable with.
- ✓ Subjects that are a challenge for you or that you want to learn how to do.

You can get ideas for demonstration topics from several sources:

- 4-H projects
- hobbies
- tours
- science fair projects
- things going on in your neighborhood
- pamphlets from the Extension Service
- books, magazines, television, newspaper
- people who are good at their professions – nurses, firemen, lawyers, carpenters, etc.

The main thing to remember when selecting a topic for a 4-H demonstration is to limit the topic to one central idea.

**Demonstration Day -
Pre-Registration Due by
December 3, 2008 to:**

Calcasieu Parish 4-H, 7101 Gulf Hwy., Lake Charles, LA 70607

Name: _____

Age _____

School: _____

Grade _____

I plan to compete in the following demonstrations: (Please Check)

- Agriculture Individual
- Agriculture Team
- General Individual
- General Team
- Home Economics Individual
- Home Economics Team
- Foods Individual
- Foods Team
- Horse Individual
- Horse Team

Fishing Sports Activity Day -

**Pre-Registration Due by
November 6, 2008 to:**

Calcasieu Parish 4-H, 7101 Gulf Hwy., Lake Charles, LA 70607

Name: _____

Age _____

School: _____

Grade _____

There will be one easel and two tables in each contest room. 4-H'ers must furnish all other equipment and supplies. 4-H'ers are responsible for clean-up after each demonstration they give.

Agriculture Individual or Team

May include: livestock and crop production, conservation of natural resources, wildlife management, marine science, poultry science, agricultural engineering, forestry, horticulture, etc. Examples: Care of lawn equipment, cleaning a saddle, how to plant potatoes, grooming a dog, making an insect collection, etc.

Home Economics Individual or Team

Examples of possible topics include: Cleaning a sewing machine, making play dough, proper way to exercise, making a first aid kit, removing stains, etc. Subjects may include clothing, family life, family resource management, health, safety, housing, house furnishings, etc. This does not include foods demonstrations.

General Individual or Team

Examples of possible topics include: How to chart a hurricane, using the computer, how to make a necklace, how to clean a camera, garnishing, how to make any craft, etc. Demonstrations may not be related to another category. Demonstrations that are not allowed in this category include: any foods demonstration, entomology, energy management, Horticulture topics, small engines, etc.

Foods Individual or Team

Contestants must give a method demonstration on the preparation of a food dish. This category includes demonstrations in rice cookery, fruits and vegetables, breads, dairy foods, etc.

Horse Demonstration Individual or Team

Two Divisions: Junior - 13 & under Senior - 14 & over

May be a demonstration or illustrated presentation.

May be individual or team. Team can be from different clubs.

Subject must pertain to the horse industry. Notes will not be used when giving demonstrations. Live animals may be used. Judges may ask questions after demonstrations. Winners qualify to compete in LSU State Horse Show in July.



Outline for a 4-H demonstration

Introduction

- Attention getter:
 - a personal incident
 - a lively poster
 - a riddle
 - a song or tape
 - a question
 - a completed product

Tell audience what you're going to demonstrate and why

Greet the audience and introduce yourself

- Tell:
 - Why you chose your topic
 - Why topic is timely and important
 - Why topic is practical


Procedure

This is the show and tell part of the demonstration. Organize what you will do and say. Tell the audience the materials needed to produce the final product. Be sure to include step-by-step instructions showing how to complete the product.

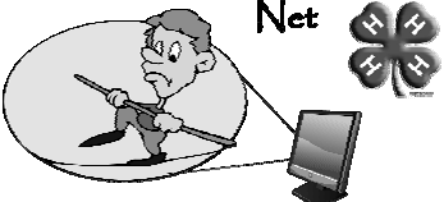
Summary

- Tell the audience again what you have told them
- Show the finished product
- Tell the value of the demonstration
- Tell what the finished product can be used for
- Permit the audience to ask questions
- Tell where you got your information

For more information on presenting demonstrations, contact the 4-H office. We have publications that will take you step-by-step through writing and presenting demonstrations.



Safety on the Net



Most people who go online have mainly positive experiences. But, like anything there are some risks and annoyances. You can get a lot of benefits from being online, but you can also be targets of crime and harassment in this as in any other environment. Respect other people's online rights. People on the Internet have rights just as they do in everyday life.