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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 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.
- To feel more at ease in front of a group.

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.

4-H Rocks the House... and the Senate!

“4-H Rocks the House... and the Senate!” is our Junior Leadership Club’s service-learning project for the year. Club members will be learning about our election process, what the candidates stand for and the importance of being informed. The culmination of the project will be a trip to Washington, DC during Spring Break.

How can you get in on the fun? Join the Junior Leadership Club, of course. Four-H members who are 13 and over are eligible to become members.

In addition to their service-learning project, the Junior Leadership club sponsors several activities throughout the year - the Mini Farm, a dance at the parish livestock show and exchange trip to name a few. Members also help with parish contests, camps and workshops for elementary and junior 4-H’ers.

The next meeting of the Junior Leadership Club will be held November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

Special points of interest:

- Demonstration Day is December 6
- Swine validation is December 1 – 6

Thanksgiving Holiday is Full of 4-H Activities

There’s no need to sit around the house getting bored this Thanksgiving holiday! 4-H has plenty of activities planned to keep you busy.

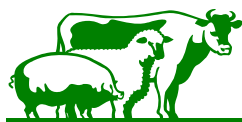
You won’t want to miss **Junior/Senior Workshop Day** on Monday, November 24. This will be an all-day workshop lasting from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office. The workshop is open to all members in the 6th - 12th grades. Lunch will be served. We’ll be working on foods and nutrition, photography and demonstrations. Plan to have a good time with your friends and learn a little something along the way.

Then on Tuesday November 25th, we’ll

have our annual **Cal-Cam Showmanship Clinic** 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.

And you’ll want to be sure to stick around Tuesday afternoon for livestock-related contests. We’ll have livestock judging, dairy judging, poultry judging, horse judging and meat ID beginning at 12:30 p.m. Contest rules can be found in this newsletter.

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 1 – 6 p.m.
 December 6, 2008 Iowa High 8 - 10 a.m.
 December 6, 2008 Sulphur High 8 - 10 a.m.
 December 6, 2008 Bell City High 8 - 9 a.m.

The district and/or state show manager must be notified within 48 hours of the end of validation if an emergency has prevented an exhibitor from validating. Hardship forms must be immediately filed after notification. The deadline for doing this is 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.

Clovers to...

Kelsey Chesson, DeQuincy Jr.-Triple Crown Winner-winning High Point in Speed Events in Southern Regional .LSU State Show, and SW District Horse Shows

Sydney Stevens, 1st horse public speaking, State Horse Show

Terri & Roland Terrel, Michele Lanier, Eric Smith, Annette Savoy, Sonya Sloan, Paul Williams, & Greg Henry for becoming Shooting Sports instructors

Junior Leader Officers Elected for the 2008-2009 School Year: President – Anna Espey; Vice President – Jeanne Thibodeaux; Secretary – Klancy Shope; Treasurer – Kristen Davis; Reporter – Carrie Jones; Parliamentarian – Shelby Miller; Service Learning Chair – Taylor Chargois; Fund Raising Chair – Jessie LeJeune; and Entertainment Chair – Nikki Manuel.

Junior Leaders trained for judging – Brandon Guillory, Michael Farrar, Klancy & Darby Shope, Taylor Chargois, Jeanne Thibodeaux, Anna Espey, Cameron Dur-

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.

Mark Your Calendar....

November

- 1 Deadline for Parish 4-H Enrollment
- 1 Deadline for Beef Grazing Project applications
- ? 4-H Swine Trip, Louisville
- 1 Beef, Egg & Rice Cookery, Burton Coliseum
- ? 4-H Beef & Sheep Trip, Louisville
- 7 Character Counts Posters due
- 11 Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Office
- 15 Elem Project Workshop Day, 8:30 a.m., Gayle Hall
- 24 Junior/Senior Workshops, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 4-H Office
- 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
- 28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress Trip, Atlanta, GA

December

- 3 Pre-registration for Demonstration Day
- 5 Parish, District Livestock Entries Due
- 6 Demonstration Day, 8:30 a.m., 4-H Office
- 9 Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Office
- 15 Start Junior Beef Grazing Project
- 24-Jan 2 Holidays

January

- 8 Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Office
- 9 Key Club, Award of Excellence applications due
- 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
- 31 Parish Jr. Livestock Sale

ham, Kristen Davis, Kane Vest, Tyler Geheb, Mackenzie McDonald, Priscilla & Celia Jones, Mollie, Gracie & Margaret Matz, Victoria Perez, Morgan Smith, Theresa Romero, Anne & Monica Veillon, Madalyn Allen.

Klancy Shope for preparing and displaying a Rabies project exhibit at the Pet Show.

Junior Leaders who helped at the pet show –

Kristen & Morgan Smith, Kane Vest, Klancy Shope, Logan Terrell, Carrie Jones, Katelyn & Taylor Chargois, Kristen Davis, Michael Farrar, Hannah Vincent, Margaret, Mollie & Gracie Matz, Maggie Jones, MacKenzie McDaniel, Tyler Geheb, Arden Delaney, Priscilla & Celia Jones, Jessica Gatte, Jada Randell, Justin Granger, Cassidy Sonnier, and Julie Carrier.

Dot Veillon, Charlene Smith, Sharon Nabours, Sherri & Kristen Davis for attending and helping host the Southern Region Volunteer Leaders Forum at Rock Eagle, GA in October.

4-H Contests Begin This Month!

Character Counts Posters 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.
3. 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.
4. 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. All 4-H'ers will be required to give at least one set 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.
 - Junior may give 2-3 sets of oral reasons
 - Senior may give 3-4 sets of oral reasons
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 score on reasons.

Poultry Judging

1. The contest may consist of:
 - Egg Production Class - Judge one class of four leghorn-type birds for egg production and give oral/written reasons on 1 class
 - Market Class—Judge one class of six dressed fryers and one class of six dressed hens according to U.S. Grades.
 - 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
2. 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.
3. 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.

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.

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.

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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

1. **Two Divisions: Jr. - 13 & under & Sr. – 14 & over**
2. May be a demonstration or illustrated presentation.
3. May be individual or team. Team can be from different clubs.
4. Subject must pertain to the horse industry. Notes will not be used when giving demonstrations. Live animals may be used. Judges may ask questions. Winners qualify to compete in LSU State Horse Show in July.
5. Time limit is 12 minutes

Demonstration Day -

Pre-Registration Due by December 3, 2008 to:

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

Name: _____

Age _____ Grade _____

School: _____

I plan to compete in the following demonstrations:

____ Agriculture Individual

____ Agriculture Team

____ General Individual

____ General Team

____ Home Economics Individual

____ Home Economics Team

____ Foods Individual

____ Foods Team

____ Horse Individual

____ Horse Team

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 subject that is practical and useful
- 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:

- 4-H projects
- hobbies
- 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.

Outline for a 4-H demonstration

Introduction - Tell audience what you're going to demonstrate and why. Greet the audience and introduce yourself.

Use an attention getter:

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

Tell the audience:

- 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.