

4-H HAS TALENT

Contest Description: This contest will provide an opportunity for 4-H members to display their talent as an individual or groups up to 8. Individuals and groups, regardless of performance, will be judged in one category. Each performance will be scored and the winner will receive the cash award. All contestants are required to bring their own equipment, no equipment will be provided for any performance.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION

Contest Description: Must be a method demonstration, not an illustrated lecture. Contestants may do a demonstration on any agricultural practice, with the exception of cooking food. For this contest agriculture includes the following areas: livestock and crop production, conservation of natural resources, wildlife management, marine science, poultry science, agricultural engineering, forestry, horticulture, aquaculture and apiculture (beekeeping). A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for the team to demonstrate. Must have a team composed of 2 persons.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS DEMONSTRATION

Contest Description: Individual demonstration preparing a dish with one of the following: Agriculture Commodities—Rice, Sugar, Beef, Wheat, Poultry, Louisiana Seafood, Dairy, and Soybeans.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

ATV SAFETY

Contest Description: The event will consist of three parts. Part one will be a written test. Part two will be parts identification which will consist of ten parts to identify. Part 3 will be the ATV riding portion which consists of ATV safety and operation. The scores from each part will be added. The lowest overall score wins.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

AUTOMOTIVE CARE, SAFETY, AND DRIVING

Contest Description: Each contestant will be expected to properly identify ten truck parts (parts will be on a truck and will be tagged for identification); detect ten unsafe and/or hazardous conditions on an automobile; answer 50 questions on automotives from the 4-H automotive project books, and demonstrate skills in the handling of a motor vehicle.

Age Requirement: Must have a valid Louisiana Drivers License or Learner's Permit.

BICYCLE

Contest Description: Contest will be equally weighted between written test and parts identification (1/3), illustrated talk (1/3), and skill demonstration (1/3).

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

CAREER PREPARATION INTERVIEW

Contest Description: Individual contestants submit a resume, story, and participate in a job interview.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Contest Description: Individual contest where contestants compete in a judging activity based on prior knowledge and information received during an educational activity. The judging activity will include written reasons.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1 of current year.

COMPACT TRACTOR

Contest Description: The event will consist of two parts: Part 1 - Parts Identification will consist of 25 parts to identify. Part 2 - Driving Portion consists of Compact Tractor Safety and Compact Tractor Operation. The scores from each part will be added. Lowest overall score wins.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday by January 1, 2009.

COMPUTER SIMULATION

(Microsoft Flight Simulator X – Standard Edition)

Contest Description: A team of two (2) individuals will participate in the flight of an aircraft. Each team will be represented by a pilot and copilot. Each contestant will be required to take off from airport A and land at airport B. In addition, each team will have to perform in flight maneuvers and procedures to prove their knowledge of the aircraft. The contestants will develop the following: aviation life skills, teamwork, communication, cooperation, planning, organizing, and critical thinking. The vision of the contest is to have team members simulate flying an aircraft in which each team member will take off and land the aircraft.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/ her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday by January 1, 2009.

CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING

Contest Description: Teams of two (2) or three (3) 4-H members will judge six classes of consumer products or services. In addition, participants will use criteria outlined in situation statements on a 50 question true-false/multiple choice test. Classes may include financial products or services, repeat purchase items, big ticket items, or contractual services.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday January 1, 2008.

CONSUMER FOODS JUDGING CONTEST

Contest Description: The Consumer Foods Judging Contest is designed to see how well you've learned to make food choices. We make food choices when we select food at the supermarket, school, vending machines, fast food outlets and restaurants. The contest is made up of 9 classes of items. Reasons will be required for one of these 9 classes. Each class contains four similar items, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 and has an accompanying situation statement. This statement describes a consumer and gives

the needs to be considered when he/she makes a decision to purchase the item. Factors influencing these needs include health, money, lifestyle, preferences or other requirements which depend on the item given and the individual in the situation.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

DAIRY JUDGING

Contest Description: Each contestant will judge six (6) classes of dairy cattle with no more than 3 and no less than 2 classes being heifers. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for placing in each non-reasons class. Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed for each reasons class. Each contestant will be required to give (3) sets of oral reasons.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

DIESEL EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS

Contest Description: The Diesel Equipment Operations contest will consist of a 25 Question Written Exam and a hands-on mower component. The ten contestants with the lowest combined scores on the written exam and two-wheel trailer driving portion of the contest will then compete in the mower tractor safety event.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

DOG CARE

Contest Description: Individual contestants demonstrate their knowledge of dog care and related topics. Scores will be determined by a written a test and an oral speech on topics that are important to understanding our responsibility for the care of dogs, and the relationship between dogs, humans, and the community.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

ENTOMOLOGY DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Contest Description: Team demonstration on any topic related to Entomology. Must have 2 persons to a team. Any topic relating to Entomology can be demonstrated. This would include, in addition to insect control, such topics as rodent control, mite control, millipede control, insecticide mixing, pesticide safety, pest management, or sustainable agriculture.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT RESOLUTION

Contest Description: Must have a team of two persons. Although no written or electronic materials may be brought into the classroom, contestants are encouraged to research the subject of *invasive species* as an environmental threat in Louisiana prior to attending 4-H University. Research should be organized according to the following four (4) environmental settings: (1) *Terrestrial plants* as invasive species, (2) *Terrestrial animals* as invasive species, (3) *Aquatic plants* as invasive species, and (4) *Aquatic animals* as invasive species. In class, each team will prepare a four-page written summary of information about their topic as gleaned from the internet and develop a PowerPoint presentation

based on the findings in the paper. Using their PowerPoint presentation, contestants will give an informative and persuasive talk to a panel of judges and respond to the judges' questions following the presentation.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION

Contest Description: must be a method demonstration, not an illustrated lecture. Family and Consumer Science areas include the following: clothing, family life, family resource management, health and safety, housing and house furnishings, and foods and nutrition. (Cooking or preparation of a food dish recipe is excluded. Acceptable food and Nutrition topics include food storage, menu planning, grocery shopping, food labeling, etc.) A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for the team to demonstrate. Must have a team composed of 2 persons

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

FASHION REVUE CONTESTS

Contest Description: Choose one out of 4 different contests- (1) Casual Outfit, where contestants construct a more casual outfit and are judged on appearance and construction. (2) Special Occasion, where contestants construct an outfit for a specific occasion and are judged on appearance and construction. (3) Creative Choice, where contestants construct an outfit with a measure of difficulty and are judged on appearance and construction. (4) Ready-to-Wear Selections & Judging, where contestants purchase an outfit and are judged on selection and appearance. Contestants also compete in a consumer judging activity.

Age Requirement: Creative Choice: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009; Special Occasion, Casual Outfit, Ready-to-Wear: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

FORESTRY

Contest Description: Contestants will be required to: Bring a compass, clip board, calculator and measuring stick; Identify by common name twenty-five (25) trees from leaves; measure designated trees to determine the board foot volume; take a written test from information in references; identify by common name ten (10) insects and ten (10) diseases; and measure the distance and azimuth or bearing for five lines. Distances must be measured by pacing, and the direction must be determined by use of a hand-held, mirror-sighting manual compass.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

HORTICULTURE DEMONSTRATION – USE AND GENERAL

Contest Description: Must be a team of 2 persons. Demonstrations must relate to one of the following two divisions of this contest: Division I - Horticulture General - to include any or all of the four areas of production, marketing, artistic arrangements and/or landscaping. Division II - Horticulture Use – Preparing vegetables, herbs, or fruits for table use, cooked or raw or for canning, freezing, or dehydration. The final project must have horticulture product(s) as the main ingredient by volume.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

HORTICULTURAL JUDGING CONTEST

Contest Description: Four classes of 4 plates or specimens of (1) vegetable, (1) fruit or nut, (1) flower, and (1) woody ornamental, each to be judged on the basis of quality and condition; Twenty objective type questions (true/false, multiple choice) dealing with horticultural topics learned in 4-H project work; Forty (40) specimens containing ten (10) each of the following major categories must be identified: vegetables, fruits and nuts, floricultural plants (annual flowers, herbaceous perennials, foliage plants), and woody ornamentals (tree, shrubs, ground covers, and can also include lawn grasses).

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

INSECT IDENTIFICATION AND SURVEY

Contest Description: Individual contestants will take a written test including identification of insects. Correct spelling of common name and order will be a factor in scoring.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Contest Description: Contestants will judge classes in beef cattle, swine, and sheep. At least one of the breeding classes will have performance information to be used in placing the class. Oral reasons will be given on designated classes and at least one breeding class with performance records will be an oral reasons class. Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for placings in each class.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

MEAT EVALUATION, JUDGING, AND IDENTIFICATION

Contest Description: Individuals will compete by judging and identifying meat cuts. Contestants must be able to give oral reasons on their placings.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

NUTRITION ILLUSTRATED TALK TEAM CONTEST

Contest Description: Teams of 1 or 2 youth present an illustrated talk promoting Awareness of and/or Causes/Solutions to Food Security Issues in Louisiana: Hunger, Eating well on a budget, feeding a family on a limited income, Food Banks, pantries, soup kitchens, USDA Nutrition Assistance Programs (WIC, School Lunch, Day Care Centers, Milk Program), Farm Bill and Food Security, etc. Innovative programs that work to resolve Low or Very Low Food Security, ie, Food Drives, assisting at Soup Kitchens, etc. Food insecurity and the risk for chronic diseases.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

OUTDOOR SKILLS TRIATHLON

Contest Description: The contestant will be required to take part in a performance challenge trail that involves shooting (Archery, Shotgun, Rifle (BB or pellet), Black Powder) and orienteering challenges. They will take a test related to ethical and environmental decisions in the outdoors. Contestants (team) will be required to give a 5-7 minute oral presentation on a real-life situation involving an outdoor adventure. Teams must consist of three individuals.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Contest Description: Contestants will submit a 10-page portfolio of photographs taken throughout the year with a short story, and take a written exam.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

PLANT SCIENCE

Contest Description: Contest will consist of exercises in five areas: namely, Soils Judging, Seed Identification, Weed Identification (examples will be live plants), Crop Identification and a test. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes will be allowed for each phase of the contest.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

POULTRY JUDGING

Contest Description: The contest will consist of three parts. Part 1: Egg Production Class: a. Judge two (2) classes of four (4) birds each for egg production, all leghorn type birds. b. Give oral reasons on two (2) classes of birds judged for egg production. Part 2: Market Class: a. Judge (2) classes of ten (10) dressed fryers according to US Grades. b. Judge one class of ten (10) dressed hens according to US Grades. c. Identify broiler parts – one class of ten (10) parts. Part 3: Egg Class: a. Broken out eggs – judge one class of ten (10). b. Grade and candle two (2) classes of 20 eggs (white shell) for interior quality. c. Judge one class of 20 eggs for exterior quality.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 14th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – ANY SUBJECT OTHER THAN COOPERATIVES

Contest Description: Individual contestants develop and present prepared speeches on any subject other than Cooperatives. Speech should be four (4) to seven (7) minutes in length.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – COOPERATIVE SPEECHES

Contest Description: Individual contestants present prepared speeches on, or in favor of, cooperatives.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Contest Description: Individual contestants present an illustrated talk some aspect of electric energy, such as energy conservation, the benefits of electricity, alternative sources of electricity, maintenance and repair of electrical systems, new technology, or careers in electric energy management, conservation of any of the state's natural resources, such as soil, water, energy, air, forests, wetlands, etc. and respond to questions from judges.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

SMALL ENGINES DEMONSTRATION

Contest Description: The small engines event will consist of three parts as follows: Part 1: Small Engines Parts Identification – will consist of 25 parts to identify, Part 2: Small Engines Demonstration – any topic relating to small engines and their many uses,(chain saws, boats, mowers, garden tractors, mini-bikes, etc.)) may be demonstrated; individual imagination is encouraged. No combustible liquids are to be present or used in the presentation, and engines must not be started. Part 3: Written Exam – will consist of 25 questions (multiple choice, true or false, fill in the blank) pertaining to small engine operation, care, maintenance and safety.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED

Contest Description: This contest consist of two (2) or three (3) team members. The team members need to be proficient in researching topics on the internet, organizing and synthesizing the information into a logical presentation format, and presenting the information in a power point format. All teams will be presented with the same situation/issue/problem the day of the contest (Note: the scenario presented will have direct relationship to 4-H youth development)

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday by January 1, 2009.

SOYBEAN ILLUSTRATED TALK

Contest Description: Contestants present a 5-8 minute illustrated talk on a soybean related topic.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

SPORTS BROADCASTING CONTEST

Contest Description: A team of two individuals will broadcast a sporting event selecting from football, basketball, and baseball.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.

WILDLIFE HABITAT JUDGING CONTEST

Contest Description: Contestants will be required to identify the needs of wildlife in the southeast mixed and outer coastal plains forests habitat and make recommendations on wildlife management practices that will improve the habitat for certain wildlife species. Contestants will be required to identify certain wildlife species and take a written test dealing with species habitat needs and general species information. Contestants must give on-site recommendations for various wildlife management practices, prepare a written wildlife management plan and give an oral defense of this written plan.

Age Requirement: Must have passed his/her 13th birthday and not passed his/her 20th birthday on January 1, 2009.