

Identification Contests

(Open to any 4-H Member)

Insect Identification

1. 4-H members will be required to identify the common name and order for a minimum of 15 insects of economic importance to Calcasieu Parish and denote whether the insect is a pest or beneficial. Good guides for study are Golden Nature Guide of Insects and Guide to Insect Pests. A CD is available at office to study.

Horticulture Identification

1. Judging will consist of 4 classes composed of all vegetables, all fruits, all flowers, all ornamental seeds and plants to be judged on the basis of quality and condition. Frozen, canned, or processed vegetables and fruits may be used. Each class will be placed from top to bottom, from first to fourth place. Cut flowers, potted plants, potted ornamentals, and balled and bur-lapped or bare root nursery stock may be used in the flower and ornamental classes. This entire part will be based on those items of quality and other characteristics that a consumer looks for in buying horticulture crops and products.
2. Written reasons will be given on one class of judging. These will be used to break a tie.
3. Identification – Twenty specimens of vegetables, fruits & nuts, flowers, and ornamentals. Plant parts, characteristic of the plant, may be used to represent specimen to be identified. All specimens will be plants easily found in southwest Louisiana.

Wildlife Habitat Judging

1. 4-Hers may be required to identify the needs of wildlife in a particular kind of habitat and make recommendations on wildlife management practices that will improve the habitat for certain wildlife species.
2. Must be able to identify common wildlife foods and rank them as to their importance for certain wildlife species.
3. 4-H'ers may be required to identify wildlife from photos.
4. 4-H'ers may be required to identify the different habitats that wildlife live in from aerial photos and rank them as to their importance for wildlife.

Plant Identification

1. 4-H will be asked to identify 25 seeds, weeds, or field crops from a list of commonly grown plants in Louisiana. (CD is available at 4-H Office to study)
2. Test questions may be used for tie breakers.