

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Attending college can be expensive. There are many opportunities for you to start saving money to attend. One way is through scholarships. There are several scholarships for which you may apply that will be awarded at this year's Southwest District Livestock Show. If you are interested in learning about these scholarships, please contact Mrs. Sheena.

GOVERNOR'S AND SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARDS

Presented during the State Junior Livestock Show for their 4-H Records on Livestock and Poultry projects, with emphasis on production. Entries: Governor's Awards – Two (2) Senior 4-H members (14 or over before January 1, 2007). Superintendent's Awards – Two (2) Junior 4-H members (under 14 on January 1, 2007). **Both Governor's and Superintendent's entries are required to submit the following:** 1. A Louisiana Report Form giving a summary of all livestock and poultry projects. 2. A 4-H Livestock and Poultry Story is limited to 6 pages, double-spaced. 3. Project pictures are limited to 3 pages. (Use only one side of page. Quality is more important than quantity). 4. Current year or last completed project record sheet for each project included in the livestock and poultry summary in the member's own handwriting. 5. **Winners must attend special recognition program during the State Livestock Show to receive the award.** For more information please contact the 4-H Office. Applications are due January 5, 2007.

FOR LEADERS/ VOLUNTEERS: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AWARDS

Awarded to 4-H Livestock Leaders who will receive this award during the State Junior Livestock Show. Each parish winner who is submitted for state judging will receive a certificate of recognition from the Attorney General. For more information contact the 4-H office. Applications are due January 5, 2007.

PIG TAG-IN

Pigs will be tagged for the spring shows on December 6-9, 2006 at the 4-H Office. If you don't tag, you don't show. If you are unable to come to these dates, please contact the office before December 7 so we can make arrangements.

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

If you have not turned in your entries...**It is too late**, entries were due to the 4-H Office December 1.

UPCOMING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

***December 1-2	<i>False River Classic</i>	<i>New Roads</i>
***December 2	<i>Junior Open Goat Show</i>	<i>Delhi</i>
***December 9	<i>Winter Blast Show</i>	<i>Winnfield</i>
***December 16	<i>Cajun Classic</i>	<i>New Iberia</i>
***December 16	<i>Jinglebell Jamboree</i>	<i>Sulphur</i>
***January 18-20	<i>Parish Livestock Show</i>	<i>Crowley</i>
***January 28-3	<i>District Livestock Show</i>	<i>Lake Charles</i>
***February 10-17	<i>State Livestock Show</i>	<i>Gonzales</i>

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Dates to Remember:

December

- 1 Deadline for possession of breeding and market swine
- 1 Possession of Rabbits
- 1 Parish/District Livestock Entries due
- 16 Junior Leadership Social

January

- 8 Jr. Ledaer mtg 6pm
- 12 Fashion Garments Due
- 12 Song Contest Tunes Due
- 18-20 Parish Livestock Show
- 20 Livestock Judging Contest

February

- 24 Winter Contest Day/ Fashion Revue-
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ACHIEVEMENT DAY THEME

The Achievement Day Theme is "4-H is Loads of Fun"
Created by Zachary Higginbotham of Mire Elementary.



ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS

If you are in the Photography project and would like to learn more about taking pictures, there will be a workshop on December 13 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. Please contact Mrs. Sheena if you plan to attend.

JUNIOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Louisiana 4-H Foundation Award of Excellence Award is for 4-H members that are under the age of 14 and have at least two years of 4-H club work. There is an application that must be filled out in order to be considered. This is a state award and is an honor to receive. If you need more information or would like an application, please contact the 4-H Office. Applications are due to the 4-H office by January 5, 2007.

KEY CLUB AWARD

If you are an 11th or 12th grade Junior Leadership Member, you may be eligible to apply for the **4-H Key Club Award**. It is one of the highest honors you can receive as a 4-H member and its honorary membership is for a lifetime. Basic requirements are: 1) Must be 16 years old by January 1, 2006. 2) Must have 3 years of 4-H club work, including this year. 3) Must have completed one year of active Junior Leadership work. 4) Must score at least 140 points on the application you can get pick up at the 4-H office. Completed forms **must** be returned to the 4-H office by **January 5**. Key Club recipients will be announced at Achievement Day!

FASHION REVUE

ATTENTION ALL CLOTHING MEMBERS! Garments will be due to the 4-H Office by 4:00 p.m. on January 12, 2007. The Fashion Show will be held at Our Mother of Peace in Church Point on **Saturday, February 24, 2007**. If you have any questions please call the 4-H Office. **All entry forms can be picked up at the 4-H Office. NO garments will be accepted late!**

CHRISTMAS TREES

Do you know what to do with your Christmas tree after the holidays are over. We do!!! The Acadia Parish 4-H Jr. Leadership Club will be collecting undecorated and unflocked Christmas trees beginning December 26 to January 8 at the 4-H Office. The Jr. Leadership Club is doing this activity to help in their efforts of recycling. All trees will be used for Louisiana's coastal erosion efforts.

HOOPS AND CLOVERS NIGHT

It's time for 4-H to shine with the Hornets on February 23, 2007 at the New Orleans Hornets Arena in New Orleans. The Game is the Hornets versus the Seattle Super-sonics – 7:00PM. Tickets are \$16.00. Deadline to order tickets is January 26, 2007. Come watch the game and take part in the many activities that 4-H is sponsoring during the game. Such activities include: ball girl/boy, Captain's Program, high five team, honeybee photo, player photo, tunnel group, Group photo with Willis Reed, half time presentation, Color Guard, Court of Dreams.



If you would like more information on the Hoops and Clovers Night, please contact the 4-H Office.

2007 STATE FASHION CAMP

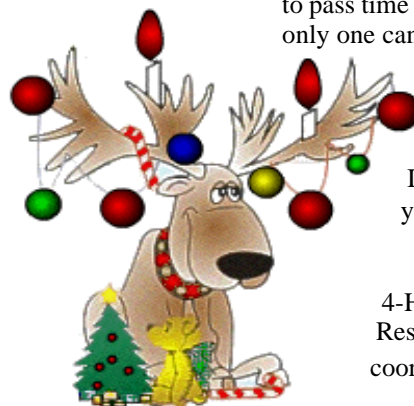
2007 State 4-H Fashion Camp will be held on January 20-21 at Camp Grant Walker. It is open to anyone interested in fashion. **Camper Eligibility** Parishes have the opportunity to send a maximum of two 4-H campers (10-13 years old) and one adult leader (project leader, junior leader, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) for camp. **Due to limited space, Fashion Camp participation will be limited to 50 4-H'ers, accepted on a first-come, first served basis.** Camp participants (4-H'ers, adult leaders, board members) are responsible for camp fees to cover lodging, meals and other camp-related expenses. For more information contact the 4-H Office. Deadline to turn in application is December 16.

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Acadia/

CLOVERS TO:



All those who participated in the Commodity Cookery Contest and Demonstration
Those who participated in Elementary Workshop Day
Those who attended the State Fair of Louisiana
Those who participated in the Sewing Workshop.
Mrs. Sylvia for getting the Fashion Board off to a great start.
For all leaders who turned in their enrollment cards on time.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The Parish Livestock Judging contest will be held *Saturday, January 20*, at the Rice Arena in Crowley. Registration will begin at *8:30 a.m.* Four-H members will judge at least one class of sheep, beef, and swine. Each class will be comprised of four animals. Senior 4-H members will also be required to give oral reasons on one of the judging classes. This contest is open to every 4-H member.

THE ROOT OF THE MATTER

The basic plant parts include the roots, stem, leaves and either flowers, fruits or seeds. We'll look at each part to learn more about it.

A plant's roots grow under the ground. The roots help hold the plant in the soil. They also take in water and nutrients which the plant turns into food. Plants have different kinds of root systems. Some plants have **fibrous roots**. Fibrous roots have many branches and spread out like the branches of a tree. Plants that have fibrous roots systems include grasses, corn plants, wheat and many other crops that farmers grow. Other plants have a **tap root**. This is a single, main root that grows straight down. The tap root has smaller branches growing off of it. Examples of plants that have a tap root are carrots, radishes and turnips.

The stem grows upward from the roots. It holds the plant up and carries water from the roots to the other parts of the plant. Secondary stems, called **petioles**, grow from the main stem. These petioles have leaves growing on them. Sometimes we eat the stems of plants, like celery and asparagus.

The leaves of a plant make the food the plant needs to survive. The water and nutrients that were taken in by the roots move upward through the stem to the leaves. The leaves take sunlight and carbon dioxide from the air and convert the nutrients to plant food. This process is called **photosynthesis**. We eat the leaves of some plants such as lettuce and spinach.

When a plant receives the proper amount of water, nutrients, air and sunlight it produces flowers. The flowers usually grow on the stems. When the flower dies and falls off it leaves behind a fruit. The fruit contains seeds. Fruits that we eat include apples, oranges, watermelons and tomatoes. Sometimes we let the seeds dry out and use them for food. Things like corn, peas, and beans are examples of seeds that we eat. The seed is the part that grows a new plant. If we plant a bean seed we will get a plant just like the one that made the seed.

TALENT SHOW

We are trying something new this year with Achievement Day. Instead of announcing all the record book winners to pass time for the Achievement Day awards. There will be a talent show. We are asking that each club select only one candidate to participate in the talent show. This is not a contest, just a chance to showcase your talent to the rest of Acadia Parish 4-H members. If you are interested, you need to contact your club leader.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS

If you have news about how your club is doing or something you think you have done special with your 4-H projects, Let us know and you maybe featured in one of the Cloverleaves.

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leader training on January 12 -13, 2007. It will be held at the Southeast Research Station in Franklinton. Training will be in the disciplines of archery, rifle, shotgun, and parish coordinator. For more information, please contact the 4-H Office.