

## Outdoor Skills (shooting sports) Planning Meeting

There will be an outdoor skills planning meeting for all who are certified and for all those who are interested in assisting with the outdoor skills program on February 26 at 5:00 p.m. located at the 4-H office. This is for adults only.

### THANK YOU LETTERS

Parish market animal sale checks will not be mailed to the exhibitor. They will only be issued to the exhibitor when a thank you letter, along with a stamped envelope, is delivered to the 4-H Office. **Thank you letters will be accepted and sale checks will be issued beginning on April 1.**

### EQUINE EXPO

The Louisiana Equine Council is planning its first annual Equine Expo, March 9 - 11, 2007 at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, La. The Expo will consist of a series of lectures, riding and training demonstrations, several competitions, a tradeshow, parade of breeds and many other exciting activities. The lecture series will be conducted on March 10 and 11 and will be taught by experts from LSU, other educational institutions and industry and will cover topics such as nutrition, health, lameness, foot care, bits, saddle selection and embryo transfer. The lectures will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. The demonstrations will be conducted Saturday and Sunday and will include hunter and jumper, dressage, trail horse development, and colt breaking. The feature demonstration will be on ranch horse development and will be given by world renowned trainer and clinician, Joe Wolters, formerly of the 6666 ranch. In addition to the lectures and demonstrations, a tradeshow with all types of equine equipment and products will be available for those who attend. A barrel racing competition will be held on Friday night March 9, and a ranch horse show will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, March 11. Additionally, there will be a parade of breeds, stallion exhibition and other unique and interesting horse displays. For more information and a complete schedule go to the Louisiana Equine Council website at [www.laequinecouncil.com](http://www.laequinecouncil.com).

### LIVESTOCK SHOWS

\*\*\*February 10-17

State Livestock Show

Gonzales



### HORSE EVENTS

\*\*\* St. Landry 4-H Horse Club will be hosting a 4-D barrel racing and 3-D pole bending on February 4, 2007 at the St. Landry Ag Arena (Yambilee Building) in Opelousas.

\*\*\*Acadia Parish 4-H Horse Club will be hosting a 4-D barrel racing and 3-D pole bending on February 10, at Rice Arena in Crowley

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Acadia Parish

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## Dates to Remember:

### February

5 Junior Leader Meeting

10-17 State Livestock Show

24 Fashion Revue

24 Winter Contest Day

### March

1 Talent Show Deadline

9 Record books due

9-11 Challenge Camp

31 Achievement Day-Crowley High

### April

2 Jr. Leadership Meeting

23 Outstanding Member forms due

## 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.

## WINTER CONTEST DAY WORKSHOP

Come get some practice before the big contest day. There will be a workshop on February 19, 2007 at the 4-H Office from 4:30 pm. to 6:00 p.m.

## PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Just a reminder that those who are in the photography project need to turn in their portfolio when record books are due and should also submit photos for achievement day competition with their portfolio. These pictures should be mounted on a 8.5 X 11 piece of black construction paper.

## ITS RECORD BOOK TIME

Each record book contest is limited to those club members which have enrolled in and have received a 4-H project booklet. Within each record book contest, contestants will compete against other 4-H'ers from throughout the parish within the following grade categories: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>.

Members in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades may turn in completed project books. They do not have to complete Member's Scrapbook Forms (4-H Portfolio). They can add pictures to project books and place them in 3 ring binder if turning in more than one project book. Livestock project members, however, still are required to fill out livestock record sheets and a complete record book. All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade record books should be assembled with the 4-H Portfolio. *Keep in mind that all records will need to be turned in to your leader by your club's deadline.* Club leaders will enter these records on the contest forms sent to them by agents. These forms, along with their club's record books must be turned in to the 4-H office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2007.**



## 4-H UNIVERSITY

It is time once again to start getting ready for 4-H University. 4-H U is a statewide 4-H activity held on LSU campus. It is scheduled in June. Four-H members from throughout the state compete against each other in over 30 contests. To be eligible to compete at 4-H U, 4-H'ers must have participated in a related parish contest. First preference is given to 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade club members, however, several contests are open to club members that have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1, 2007. Being selected to participate in this activity is a great honor, however, it will require you to make a commitment. Depending on the contest, you may be expected to participate in area training workshops, train with one of the agents or a parish-wide leader. Preparing for 4-H U is a lot of work, but state winners in each contest are awarded great prizes such as all expense paid educational trips to different parts of the United States. So start thinking about what contest you might want to compete in. There will be a 4-H U meeting March 5 at 4:30 p.m. prior to the Jr. Leadership club mtg. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office.

## OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE TRAINING

Attention to all parents and leaders. If you plan on serving as an overnight chaperone, for any school, parish, state or regional 4-H event you must take part in an overnight chaperone training in order to participate in the activity. Trainings will be coming up soon, so please look out for dates that fit your schedule. For more information on overnight chaperoning please call the 4-H office.

## 2007 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Connect 4-H...Through Leadership is the theme for this year's State 4-H Junior Leadership Conference which will be held **April 27-29, 2007** at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, Louisiana.

This year's conference will focus on helping teen leaders improve their skills in leadership, team building, communication and service. The training will be designed to help teens be better ambassadors for 4-H, to strengthen their local Junior Leader Clubs and better their communities. The conference is open to all Junior Leaders 14 years and older. The registration deadline is **March 26, 2007**. Total cost will be **\$45.00** per delegate.

## 2007 YOUTH CO-OP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Co-op Leadership Conference will be held Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at Grant-Walker Educational Center located in Pollock, Louisiana. The conference will begin with registration in the cafeteria from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The conference will conclude at noon on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The conference is designed to provide an opportunity for students (8<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) to study and learn about the cooperative form of business, and to enhance teamwork, leadership, and communication skills. Interactive and educational programs along with fun-filled activities will allow the delegates to explore the world of cooperatives and how this form of business compliments and benefits the citizens of Louisiana. The conference will be open to 120 participants and places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to attend. Delegates who have previously attended the conference may attend again. **Requirements:** \$25 registration fee due by March 26, 2007 and completed Co-op Conference Application.

## FASHION REVUE

The Annual 4-H Fashion Revue will be held at Our Mother of Peace Elementary in Church Point on Saturday, February 24, 2007 starting at 8:30 a.m. with the ready to wear test and appearance judging for all categories. Fashion Revue will begin at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



## WINTER CONTEST - FEBRUARY 24

Winter Contest Day will be held Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Our Mother Of Peace in Church Point. Contest will begin at 8:30 a.m. Award presentation will begin after the completion of the Fashion Revue. Study guides for most contest are available from your leader. Contest include:

### 4th-12th Grade Contest --

**Consumer Foods Judging-** Contestant will be asked to rank classes of given food situations. Senior members will give written reasons for one class.

**Plant Science** -- Contest consist of identification of common weeds, seeds, and field crops.

**Poultry Judging** -- Contestant will identify poultry parts and grade eggs. Study guides are available from you leader.

**Meat Identification** -- Contestants will identify common cuts of meat; senior members will give reasons for one class. Study guides are available or visit the Texas A&M Meat ID website at <http://aggiemeat.tamu.edu>, link to the meat judging page.

**Public Speaking** -- Contestant can compete in two categories:

1) Any other subject or 2) Cooperative. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade members' speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length, 7th-12th grade members' speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length.

**7th-12th Grade Contest - Child Development** -- Contestants will judge classes of toys and foods appropriate for children. Testing information will come from the 7th and 8th grade child development book.

**Personal Development** -- Contestants have a short interview with a judge. They should choose a job they are qualified for now, submit a personal development story and a resume. Score will be based upon appearance, resume and interview. Please contact your 4-H leader or our website for forms.

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESULTS

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** 1<sup>st</sup> Daxx Thibodeaux-Mire 2<sup>nd</sup> Hayden Bourgeois-OMP 3<sup>rd</sup> Troy Breaux-Mire 4<sup>th</sup> Kyle Arceneaux-Mire 5<sup>th</sup> Zack Stagg-Iota Elem BR- Bailey Leger-Mire, Beau Miller-Egan, Michael Zaunbrecher-St. Francis  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** 1<sup>st</sup> Alexander Hains-Estherwood 2<sup>nd</sup> Blayre Lantier- Morse 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Mouton- Mire 4<sup>th</sup> Sydney Borne-OMP 5<sup>th</sup> Whitney Johnston- Mire BR- Dannon Melancon- Mire, Taylor Thibodeaux- Mire, Megan Borne-OMP, Elijah Boudreaux-Ch Point Elem, Zach Henry- OMP, Hayden Meyer-St. Francis, Marcus Briscoe- OMP, Jeff Daigle-OMP **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Team** 1<sup>st</sup> Mire 2<sup>nd</sup> OMP

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Romero- Redemptorist 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyler Ardoin- Iota Jr 3<sup>rd</sup> Kelli Conde- Redemptorist 4<sup>th</sup> Alan Schneider- St. Francis 5<sup>th</sup> Kelli Doucet- Branch BR- Jaclyn boone-Richard, Marisa Duplech-OMP, John Pinson- Egan

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** 1<sup>st</sup> Dillon Thibodeaux-OMP 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire Boudreaux-Mire 3<sup>rd</sup> Katherine Ann Kirkpatrick-OMP 4<sup>th</sup> Ty Henderson- Iota Jr 5<sup>th</sup> Dylan Melancon-Mire 5<sup>th</sup> Jael Valair- Iota Jr BR- Chance Henry-Morse, Rhett Cormier- Redemptorist, Austina Coolman- Mire, Hailey Hebert- Egan, Lori Lapoint- OMP, Steffan McBride- Iota JR, Kortney Zaunbrecher- St. Michael **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team** 1<sup>st</sup> OMP 2<sup>nd</sup> Mire 3<sup>rd</sup> Iota Jr

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade** 1<sup>st</sup> Ethan Cart- Iota Sr 2<sup>nd</sup> Dillan Smith- Notre Dame 3<sup>rd</sup> Lance Racca- Notre Dame 4<sup>th</sup> Stephen Broussard- Midland 5<sup>th</sup> Annie Simoneaux- Rayne Sr BR- Matthew David- Notre Dame, Dylan Hebert- Rayne Sr Erika Leonards- Notre Dame

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Team** 1<sup>st</sup> Notre Dame