



The Clover Leaf

LIVESTOCK TAG-IN

Animals MUST be tagged before the Parish Livestock Show. If not tagged on the set dates, you will not be able to show. The Tag-In dates are tentatively set based on the issue by the state for the ear tags. Sheep & Goats Tag-In November 2-4, Hog Tag-In December 6-9. For more information contact Mrs. Sheena.

BROILER CHICK TIME!

It is time to order broiler chicks and enter exhibition poultry for the upcoming show season. This year you can show two pens of broilers, one pullet and one cockerel. At about 6 weeks of age, you will pick your best pen of three to show. This project will require you and your family to do some planning before the baby chicks arrive in early January. We recommend that you order 20-25 chicks if you plan on showing a trio at the poultry shows in February. Remember that the chicks will be straight run and not sexed, so you can show either male or female pens or one of each. **Pick up order form at the 4-H office.** Orders are due to the 4-H office by Friday, November 10, 2006.

ATTENTION POULTRY EXHIBITORS!

****The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has **RECOMMENDED** that all exhibition poultry going to the State Fair of Louisiana in October be tested for Avian Influenza. Each individual bird will need to be tested. The samples can be taken at the same time that the blood samples are taken for the Salmonella Pollorum and Typhoid test. However, the samples for avian influenza will need to go to a lab for testing (either the LDAF poultry diagnostic lab in Homer, LA; or the LSU diagnostic lab in Baton Rouge). So, exhibitors will need to allow time for the samples to be sent to the lab, the lab to analyze the samples, and then for the lab to report the results. **In 2007, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry will REQUIRE that all exhibition birds going to poultry shows (LSU AgCenter shows and the State Fair of Louisiana) be tested for avian influenza. This test is in addition to the VS Form 9-2 and the health papers that are required.**

LIVESTOCK POSSESSION DEADLINES

If you own livestock and intend to show it, you must have these animals under your supervision by the possession deadlines listed below.

October 1	Exhibition Poultry
November 1	Beef Breeding, Goats, Dairy, Market & Breeding Lambs
December 1	Swine Breeding and Market Hogs

NEW LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

If this is your first year showing, you need to contact Mrs. Sheena to let her know what you are planning on showing and give contact information so you can receive show information. You can call the 4-H office or email Mrs. Sheena.

UPCOMING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

***November 17-18	<i>Jim Bowie Livestock Show</i>	<i>Opelousas</i>
***November 10-11	<i>Washington Parish Show</i>	<i>Franklinton</i>
***December 2	<i>Showing for Life Hurricane Relief Swine Show</i>	<i>Lake Charles</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:

- **October**
- 2 Junior Leadership Mtg
- 1-7 National 4-H week
- 7 Circle of 4-H
- 7 Pet Show
- 7 Bicycle Rodeo
- 20 Creole Cookery Contest
- 12 Achievement Day Themes Due
- 28 Halloween Dance
- **November**
- 2-4 Sheep & Goat Tag-in
- 6 Junior Leadership Meeting
- 11 Demonstration Day
- 11 Commodity Cookery
- 21 Elementary Workshop Day

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REDEMPTORIST 4-H CLUBS!

Redemptorist 4-H clubs were named the outstanding club of the year. The club members will be presented a check for \$250 by the *Farmers Rice Mill* of Lake Charles.

RICE FESTIVAL TIME IS APPROACHING!

The 70th International Rice Festival will be held October 19-21, 2006. Entry forms for the Creole Rice Cookery contest are available at the 4-H office and also at the club meetings. The Creole Cookery will be held Friday, October 20 at the Acadia Parish 4-H Office.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY THEMES DUE OCTOBER 12

Do you enjoy drawing and expressing yourself artistically? If yes, then the Achievement Day Theme contest is for you! All you need to do is come up with a catchy slogan and a colorful picture. Draw your creation on regular 8 1/2" X 11" typing paper and turn it in to your leader. Entries relating to the advertisement of cigarettes or alcohol will not be accepted. All entries must be turned in to the 4-H Office by 4:00 p.m. on October 12. **No computer generated themes will be accepted!**

INTRODUCING THE NEW ACADIA PARISH AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to these 4-H members for being selected as the 2006-2007 Ambassadors to represent Acadia Parish 4-H. *Barrett Allen*, Iota Sr; *Claire Boudreax*, Mire; *Ethan Cart*, Iota Sr; *Austina Coolman*, Mire; *Mary Kate Colligan*, Church Point Sr; *Justin Doucet*, Notre Dame; *Christana Goff*, Lakewood; *Emily Landry*, Notre Dame; *Sarah Landry*, Notre Dame; *Natalie Phillips*, Church Point Sr; *Tyler Short*, Iota Sr; *Josepha Thevis*, Iota Sr.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY HONOREE NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Achievement Day Honoree are due no later than November 17, 2006. A nominee can be any body who has been a supporter of the Acadia Parish 4-H program. Please submit the name of a nominee your club chooses along with a brief paragraph explaining why that person was chosen.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Junior Leadership Club will be sponsoring a HALLOWEEN DANCE at the 4-H Office, Saturday, October 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume for your chance to win the costume contest. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee. If you bring two recyclable items to the dance it will only cost you \$3.00. If you have any questions about the dance, please call the 4-H Office.

DEMONSTRATION DAY

Demonstration Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Iota High School. Please pre-register with your leader if you plan to participate in one of the demonstrations. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th. For more information contact your club leader or the 4-H office. Listed below are the categories for which may enter:

- ***Agriculture** (Individual or Team) Open to all 4-Hers.
- ***Family and Consumer Science** (Individual or Team) Open to all 4-Hers.
- ***Food** (Individual or Team) Open to all 4-H members.
- ***General**-such as how to make a necklace, horticulture topics, small engines, Chart a Hurricane, etc. Open to 4-Hers in grades 4-8.

COMMODITY COOKERY CONTEST

Do you like to cook? Is food one of your loves? Then the Commodity Cookery Contest is for you. It is open to all 4-H club members. The Commodity Cookery Contest is scheduled for Saturday, November 1 at Iota High School. Cookery contest categories are: Seafood, Sugar, Beef and Rice. For more information call the 4-H Office or ask your club leader. **MAY ONLY ENTER 1 DISH IN EACH COMMODITY**

- Dishes must be prepared at home and brought to the contest chilled, garnished and ready to serve. Each dish must be chilled on ice and brought to the contest in an ice chest. No hot dishes will be allowed. Bring only the dish and ice chest to the contest – no placemats, no serving utensils, no flower arrangements, etc.
- The entire dish must be displayed at the contest. For example, if the recipe states that it serves six, the entire six servings must be displayed.
- Creativity and originality are encouraged. The use of previous winning recipes is discouraged.
- Only one copy of the recipe is required. Recipe may be neatly hand written or typed. Include contestants name, grade and club on back of recipe.

4-H CAMP SLOGAN CONTEST

What's a good theme for 4-H Summer Camp? Send us your most creative ideas for a slogan — in 7 words or less. Illustrations are welcome, but they will not be judged. The contest is open to all 4-H Club members. The winning slogan will be one that is brief and “catchy”, capturing the spirit of 4-H Camp Grant Walker. The slogan will be used on all publicity for camp and on the camp T-shirt. The winner will receive a \$50.00 cash award from the LAE4-HA (La. Assoc. of Extension 4-H Agents). Think fast – the deadline is October 24th.

Submissions must also include the following:

- ❖ Full name and age of person submitting the slogan
- ❖ Parish/4-H Club
- ❖ Complete mailing address

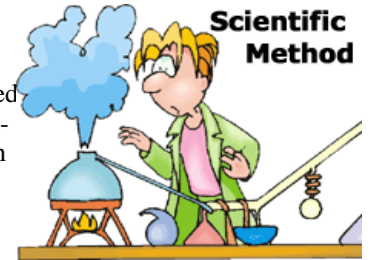
CLOVERS TO:

- ☆ All of our New 4-H Leaders
- ☆ To Kirk Cart for chaperoning 4-H University.
- ☆ To Miss Lily- 1st to submit enrollment cards and pull project books.
- ☆ To Kevin Picou for serving as a chaperone for 4-H Camp.
- ☆ To 2006-2007 Club Officers
- ☆ To 4-H members who have joined Jr. Leadership.
- ☆ All 4-H members who have been competing in the Fall Livestock Shows



DIVE INTO SCIENCE

As a part of the LSU AgCenter, the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station strives to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens through basic and applied research. This research helps make the best use of natural resources while protecting the environment. Many new agricultural practices have been developed through the research done by the LSU AgCenter throughout our state. There are 19 LSU AgCenter research stations throughout the state.



The scientific method is a process for experimentation that is used to answer questions and explore observations. The 5 basic steps of the scientific method are as follows:

1. Question
2. Hypothesis
3. Experiment
4. Results
5. Conclusion

ATTENTION PARENTS: YOU ARE NEEDED AS VOLUNTEERS!

The 4-H office could not operate effectively without parent volunteers. There are many ways you can help based on what subject you are skilled in or are just interested in! Below are examples where you are needed the most:

1. *Overnight Chaperones*— if you are interested in attending a trip or camp with your child overnight, you **MUST** attend our Overnight Chaperone Training. PLEASE call the 4-H office if you are interested in attending an overnight event in the future and need to attend this training. **We are always in need of male chaperones.**
2. *Workshops, Contests, etc.*—parents are needed for simple crowd control, help with registration and to help conduct the workshops or even serve as judges.

CHECK OUT 4-H INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE AT

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

FASHION BOARD

If you are interested in fashion design or learning to sew, the Fashion Board is for you! Acadia Parish has a Fashion Board for members in the 7th - 12th grade. The Fashion Board is responsible for hosting and coordinating the annual Fashion Revue. The first meeting will be Monday, October 23, 2006 at the 4-H Office at 4:30 p.m.

ELEMENTARY PROJECT WORKSHOP DAY!

Join us for 4-H Elementary Workshop Day on Tuesday, November 21. This fun filled project day is open to all 4th-6th graders. Registration fee is \$5.00 for lunch and all supplies are provided. All interested 4-H'ers names will be put in a bowl. The first forty names drawn will be able to attend the workshop. All others will be placed on a waiting list. Interested 4-H'ers should fill out the entry form below and turn it in to the 4-H Office by November 17 or contact the 4-H Office. Please mail forms to: **Elementary Workshop Day**

157 Cherokee Dr.
Crowley LA 70526

Elementary Workshop Entry Form

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____