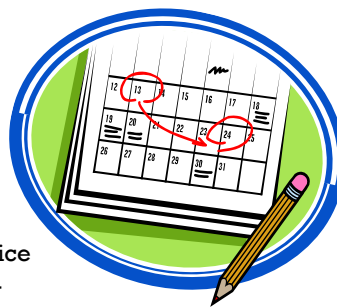




## Dates to Remember



### April 2008

- 1-4 Youth Wetlands Week
- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 1 4-H Fashion Show
- 4-6 Cooperative Youth Conference, Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center
- 5 Lafayette 4-H Achievement Day, Lafayette Middle School
- 7 Jr. Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- 15 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 16 4-H Scorecards Due to Leaders
- 18 Livestock Scholarship Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Garden Contest Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 18 Outstanding Senior Award Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 21 Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 22 State Ambassador Contest, LSU
- 21-27 Ag-Magic, Parker Coliseum, Baton Rouge, LA

### May 2008

- 1 Jr. Leader Banquet, 4-H Office
- 1 4-H University State Officer Information Due, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2(tent.) Barnyard Bash, Blackham Coliseum
- 8 4-H Honor's Night, Lafayette Middle School
- 9-10 4-H Horse Camp, Sugarena, New Iberia
- 20 4-H Agents Quarterly Training, St. Gabriel
- 27 Parish 4-H University Meeting, 4-H Office
- TBA Cattle Hoof Trimming Clinic

### June 2008

- 5 4-H Day at the Capitol
- 5 Garden Contest Awards Reception & Clinic, 4-H Office
- 17-20 State 4-H University, LSU
- 28 Parish Horse Show, Blackham Coliseum



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## 100 Hours of Service for 100 Years

Louisiana 4-H members have the opportunity to log in their service projects. Your school can get involved in our statewide service-learning opportunity.



The State 4-H executive Committee is encouraging 4-H members and clubs to pledge 100 hours of service for their community during our 2008. Lafayette Parish is launching our effort to log our share of service projects. Our "100 Hours of Service" campaign will last the entire year of 2008. Special recognition will be held at several events throughout the year including 4-H University, 4-H Camp and the 4-H Tailgate Party being planned for October.

"100 Hours of Service" pledge cards and service logs are available from any of the 4-H agents or at our office. For individual and club recognition during 4-H U, service logs should be completed by May 15. We'll be compiling and reporting the number of hours throughout the year!

We know that all of you are doing great work to serve others in your community. You may be conducting this work as an individual or as a school club. It's time to get committed and report your hours!

### April 2008

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### Points of interest:

- ☉ Outstanding Senior Award
- ☉ Achievement Day
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Sincerely,

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## Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream

Blue Bell Creameries is proud to honor 4-H as it celebrates over 100 years of successful youth development with the introduction of Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream. To sweeten the deal, the Little Creamery is donating a portion of the sales to promote 4-H educational programs.

Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream is a delicious cake batter ice cream with pieces of yellow cake, a chocolate icing swirl and four-leaf clover sprinkles.

"4-H benefits so many young people with its youth development programs," said Paul Kruse, Blue Bell CEO and president. "This is just a small token of our appreciation." Centennial Cupcake is the perfect ice cream to commemorate this momentous occasion. It has all of the ingredients for a celebration cake and ice cream. The four-leaf clover sprinkles gives it a special touch."

The half gallon flavor is now available in stores throughout the Lafayette area.



It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette 4-H office at 291-7090.

## What's the history of the 4-H Pledge?



Each month the members of 4-H clubs repeat the 4-H pledge at the beginning of their meeting. In repeating the pledge, a member raises the right hand to the side of the head when speaking line one; lowers hand to heart when speaking line two; extends hand, palms upward, when speaking line three; and stands straight when speaking lines four and five.

The pledge was officially adopted in 1927, by the 4-H members, agents, and volunteers attending the first National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. Otis Hall, State 4-H Volunteer leader from Kansas, was responsible for the original wording of the 4-H pledge. The 4-H pledge has been changed only once since 1927. At the request of several states and on the recommendation of 4-H members attending National 4-H Conference (formerly National 4-H Club Camp), the pledge was changed in 1973 to include "and my world."



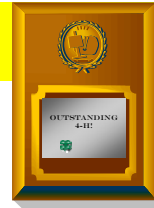
## Outstanding Senior Award

Attention all 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers! Lookout for an application for the Outstanding Senior Award in the mail. These awards will be given out at the 4-H Honors Program on **May 8**. If you would like to be considered for this award, complete the application and get it back to the 4-H Office by **April 18th**. If you did not get an application, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.



## Home Bank Awards

Each year Home Bank recognizes outstanding 4-H clubs. Awards are based on participation throughout the 4-H year. The three ways clubs can receive points are: **1)** through local club activities, **2)** participation in parish-wide activities and **3)** by turning in completed record books.



Plaques will be awarded to the clubs receiving the highest points. These presentations will take place at the Honors Program on the May 8.

The emphasis of this award is on Completed Record Books turned in this year. The percentage of Record Books will be calculated, along with the club's participation in parish and local activities.

## Lafayette 4-H on the Web

Have you ever misplaced a newsletter? Has there ever been a month where the mail delivery did not deliver a 4-H letter? This is an effort to increase our communication efforts with members, parents, and volunteers through the use of our new website.

Look for the 4-H Achievement Day results and record book results under contest results.

You may access the site by typing [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) then click on parishes on the right hand side of the page. Click on Lafayette and click on 4-H Youth Development. We have created a variety of channels that will be beneficial to clientele. These channels are: 4-H Camp, 4-H Challenge Camp, 4-H Hotline, 4-H University, Contest Rules and Forms, Contest Results, Events, Junior Leadership, Leader Update, Leader/Volunteer Development, Livestock Letters and Forms, Newline, and Photo Gallery. We will continue our efforts to develop the site into a resource for all youth and adults alike. Let us know what you think.

## Club of the Month

To view a list of the winning clubs, go to: [http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/parishes/Lafayette/Features/4-H/Contest\\_Results/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Lafayette/Features/4-H/Contest_Results/) and click on Club of the Month Results.



## 4-H U Selection

If you are 13 years old or older, you are eligible to participate in state competition this summer from **June 17-20, 2008**, on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Over 2,000 4-H club members from throughout the state will be in attendance and it is very important for Lafayette Parish to be well represented. If you are interested in attending, you must contact the us at the 4-H office (291-7090) as soon as possible.



The following items will be considered when selecting participants:

1. *Previous year's 4-H U/State Records performance.*
2. *Participation in Junior Leadership*
3. *Participation/Performance in Parish Contest(s)*
4. *Completion of 4-H Record Book*
5. *Overall activeness in 4-H*

If we do not hear from you, we'll assume you do not wish to be considered. Don't pass up this opportunity to meet new people and show off what you can do. Make every effort to be a part of Lafayette's Winning 4-H University team.

## 4-H Honors Program

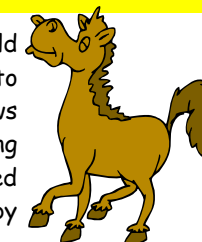
As recommended by our 4-H Advisory Committee, we will honor our Outstanding 4-H'ers at our 4-H Honors Program. This event is scheduled for May 8 at Lafayette Middle School in the auditorium. The top 100 4-H'ers in the parish will be recognized along with other awards won during the year.

Award of Excellence, Key Club winners, Outstanding Seniors and Brackin-Bowles Awards will be presented at that time also.

All 4-H'ers are to complete a 4-H Scorecard which were delivered to you prior to April. We're asking all leaders to: 1) select one outstanding 4-H member from your club, 2) send that name and all scorecards to the 4-H Office by April 8. Agents will then select approximately 50 other outstanding members from throughout the parish.

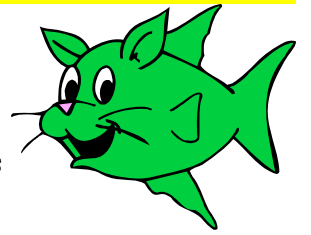
## Horse Entry Forms

Members in the horse project should already have received entry forms to enter their horses for the 4-H shows this summer. The entry forms, indicating what classes each horse will be entered in will be due back in the 4-H office by **April 15**.



## What's in My Trap? - Louisiana Aquaculture

Our educational program at the monthly club meetings will focus on wetlands and the creatures that live in them. Each lesson will address specific GLE's that will be hopefully be helpful in standardize testing.



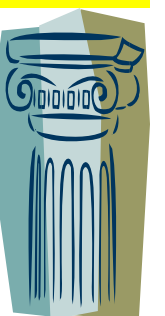
Aquaculture is the growing or farming of plants and animals in an aquatic or water environment. This water may be fresh, brackish or salt water.

Aquaculture is one of the fastest growing forms of agriculture in the United States and Louisiana can be proud of its variety ranging from crawfish to crabs and catfish to oysters and from pet turtles to alligators.

Aquaculture is grown in a variety of ecosystems with the majority being ponds. Levee ponds are the most popular in Louisiana and are used mostly for crawfish and catfish. Levee ponds are built on flat land and are built in a variety of shapes and sizes. The depth of the pond also varies depending on what is being grown.

## Character Corner

Decisions happen quickly, but the results can last a lifetime. Ethics help by providing a code of values to help us with choices and actions. Ethics is a question of "What is the right thing to do?" The right thing to do isn't always the easy thing to do. Learning to say "no" when you feel like saying "yes" builds character. It's hard. You'll have to think and you may have to give up some things you want.



How do we make good decisions? Before you do or say anything, think how the decision will affect the people who will be touched by it. We call these people "stakeholders" because they have a stake in the decision. Do the least amount of harm possible.

- Don't sacrifice integrity, reputation and honor for expediency.
- Core ethical principles (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship) are ground rules, not just factors to consider.
- Be courageous.
- The long run outranks the short run.

When you still can't decide, go with the choice that will produce the most good for more people. Measure *all* of your decisions by these ground rules.

## Achievement Day

**Hats off** to all of the 4-H members, leaders, parents and guests who took part in the 2008 Lafayette Parish 4-H Achievement Day. It was a busy day with new activities for all.

A special **thank you** goes out to **Mr. Rick Poulan**, Principal at Lafayette Middle, for allowing us to use the beautiful facilities.

## Scorecards

The 4-H Scorecard for Awards was given out during March meetings. By now, everyone needing one should have received a copy. All 4-H members interested in being considered as an Outstanding 4-H'er must complete a scorecard.

Scorecards must include your signature, your parent's signature and your leader's signature. Scorecards are due to leaders no later than April 16 and all are due to the 4-H Office no later than April 18.



## Telephone Book Recycling

Twelve thousand phone books were recycled as a result of the 4-H Telephone Book Recycling Project! That's a lot of phone books we kept out of the landfills and if you were involved in this service project, you should be proud! Edgar Martin 4-H collected the most. They involved their entire school and recycled 3,341 books. Our Lady of Fatima came in second collecting 2,336 books, and Family Life Christian Academy brought in 1,730 books. All together, 19 clubs participated. Thanks for helping address this community need and caring for our environment by recycling phone books. You made a difference!

