

Dates to Remember



February 2008

- 1 Challenge Camp Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 7 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 9-16 State Livestock Show, Gonzales, LA
- 11 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day**
- 18 Junior Leader Meeting
- 28 4-H Quarterly Training, St. Gabriel, LA
- 25 Livestock Advisory Mtg., 4-H Office
- 22 Parish 4-H Record Books Due, 4-H Office
- 22 Junior Wildlife Tour Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 22 4-H Night with the N.O. Hornets, New Orleans, LA

March

- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
- 7-9 State 4-H Leadership Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 10 Clothing Garments Due 4-H Office
- 10 National 4-H Conference Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 10 Citizenship Washington Focus Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 10 4-H Scholarship Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 10-14 LEAP and IOWA Testing
- 15 Mudbugs Centennial Game, Bossier City, LA
- 25 "Let's Go Fishing" Clinic
- 26 Bowling Against Dystrophy
- 26 First Year Horse Exhibitor's Meeting, Blackham Coliseum
- 26 Grade Horse Clinic, Blackham Coliseum
- 26 Junior Leader Meeting, TBA

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Camp News

Attention all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, now is the time to start getting ready to go to Summer 4-H Camp. 4-H'ers from Lafayette Parish will be attending camp the week of July 28 through August 1, 2008. The theme for this year is **"4-H: Fun for a Week, Memories for Life!"**

If you are interested in going, get a copy of the camp letter and application from your 4-H leader. The letters and applications were handed out at the January club meetings. The application is due to your leader on January 28. If you have not completed it and are interested, please do so immediately. All applications should be submitted through your 4-H leader at each school.

Camp letters will be mailed to camper is mid to late February. We are looking forward to another fun week at 4-H Camp. We hope you will join us.

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.



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

4-H Stories

The wonderful stories shared by National 4-H Hall of Fame laureates at either induction became the inspiration for this project. The laureate's stories were inspirational, funny, sometimes "tear jerker's", always heartfelt and too valuable to be lost.

We're collecting stories for a book from the entire 4-H family including members, volunteers, agents/educators, state staff, donors, family members and others. The stories included in the book will be selected by the Editorial Team. Stories not chosen will be saved for future use. We're hopeful so many great stories will be submitted that several books can be published.

Here's what we're looking for:

- Stories from all 50 states sharing positive personal experiences on the value of 4-H, activities/events, learning experiences, funny situations, etc.
- Stories about 4-H folks who have inspired, motivated and made a difference in the lives of others
- Stories should include information about the setting/situation and approximate time frame and must include your name, address and contact information
- Up to three double spaced pages in a Word document using a 12 point Times New Roman font and one inch margins
- Send your story as an email attachment to: chebert@agcenter.lsu.edu

4-H Centennial Facts

Do you know what the early clubs were called?

The name 4-H Club was not patented until 1924, years after the first clubs began. This first club wasn't actually called 4-H, it was called a *Corn Club*, and only boys joined. The first *Corn Club* meeting in Louisiana was held in the Moreauville schoolhouse and more than 300 attended. Just a year later, the *Corn Club* numbers had tripled to nearly 1200 members.



In this early club, boys planted and raised corn using the latest research and techniques taught by their club leaders. The boys would exhibit their crop in the local fair and many taught their parents what they learned to help improve their family farm. Girls later could join the *Girls Tomato Canning Club* where they learned to grow tomatoes and then canned them for competition. Also, because pork was a staple in the early American diet, *Pig Clubs* were also formed where youth could raise and show swine.



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Let's Go Fishing

We are very excited about our new 4-H Fishing Sports Program that began several years ago. Many agents and volunteers have learned lots of fun and exciting things about fishing, casting, water ecology, and tackle making. This will be an educational workshop for both the experienced and inexperienced fisher.



Only twenty-four, 4th-9th grade members will be able to participate in this intensive training program. Members who participated in the past are not eligible for this clinic. Those who are selected will receive additional information through the mail.

If you are interested, please submit the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade and School. This information should be mailed to: Fishing Sports, Charles Hebert, 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite, 325, Lafayette, LA 70501, by February 25, 2008.

Records

How are those Record Books coming along? By now they should be close to completion. Here are a few things to remember:

- All records are due February 22nd.
- You must DO something in order to RECORD IT.
- The contests you entered and the awards you won from March, 2005 to today should be entered in your book.
- 7th -12th graders- Don't forget to put the record sheets or book behind **Section 2**, the Project Summary.
- 5th -6th graders-Put the entire project book behind Section 2.
- 4th graders-Complete your entire booklet and turn it in to your leader.

- Also, ribbons will be given to those who place and \$10.00 will be given to 4-H'ers in each Division who have outstanding Record Books.
- Summary Sheets should be included on the top cover these are available from you leader or online



News from MDA

Everyone should be getting ready for the upcoming Bowling Against Dystrophy. This event is a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

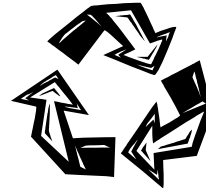
This event will take place at Lafayette Lanes on Wednesday, April 26 beginning at 12:30.

Packets will be given out during the March meetings. All 4-H'ers should plan to attend and participate. Let's make this our best bowl ever.

Pop Top Collection

At Achievement Day, we will be collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. This organization provides support and service for seriously ill children and their families.

Since our focus this year is on the environment, we challenge (encourage) each 4-H member to collect at least 100 pop tabs and bring them to Achievement Day. Then, we will recycle them and the money will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charity. So don't hesitate, start collecting now!



Livestock Time

Late January, early February is livestock time in Lafayette Parish. Many 4-H'ers have been working long and hard with their projects in preparation for the livestock shows. Let's recognize these members and congratulate them for their efforts.



Also, meetings will be conducted after all of the livestock shows are over to take recommendations for next year. Contact one of the members of the Livestock Advisory Board if you would like to make a recommendation about the 4-H Livestock Program.

Character Corner

As we celebrate this month's pillar, Fairness, let's concentrate on the words of the week. Patience, Justice, Equality and Fair Play, are all associated with Fairness. A fair person is a just person; a person who treats others equally. We should make decisions without favoritism or prejudice.

A person who follows the pillars of character is an open-minded and impartial person. This is a person who does not take advantage of others or blames others unfairly. Let's all work hard to be fair in all we do. Be fair to ourselves and be fair to others. Together, we can make a difference.

Vegetable Garden Contest

Attention all green thumbs! All Lafayette Parish 4-H Club members have the opportunity to participate in the annual 4-H Vegetable Garden Contest this Spring. This must be a vegetable garden grown primarily by the 4-H'er.

If you are interested, please submit the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade, School, and Directions to your home. This information should be mailed to: Gardening Contest, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite, 325, Lafayette, LA 70501, by April 18, 2008.

4-H Centennial Keepsakes

You can get involved with the year-long celebration of the 100th Birthday of Louisiana 4-H. One way to do that is by purchasing your own 4-H Centennial button, lapel pen or 4-H Centennial yard sign.

Buttons are only \$1 each, lapel pens are \$5.00 and the yard signs may be purchased for \$10. You may contact the 4-H Office or speak to your club leader if you'd like to order your own 4-H Centennial promotional items. The 100th Birthday of Louisiana 4-H will only happen once, and these are keepsakes which you keep as a memento that you were a 4-H member, volunteer or supporter during the 2008 Louisiana 4-H Centennial.

Achievement Day

It is not too early to start making plans for the upcoming 4-H Achievement Day. Saturday, April 5, 2008 is the date set aside for our big contest day. All 4-H'ers should receive a copy of the rules this month and start preparing. Don't forget to get a copy of the Clothing Contest rules if you are interested in entering the Fashion Review. These were given out to interested members and leaders last month.

We will emphasize Louisiana's Wetlands and its importance to man, animals and plants. Our Achievement Day has been modified to include more educational workshops in the afternoon. Many of the contests will focus on the environmental issues as they related to our wetlands.

We will continue our community service efforts with the collection of pop tops to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charity. Please read the following article for details.

Make plans now to participate in Achievement Day and earn points for Outstanding 4-H'er of the year.



Coastal Creatures - Demonstration Lesson

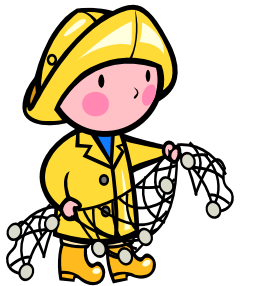
Our educational program at the monthly club meetings will focus on wetlands and the creatures that live in them. Each lesson will address specific GLE's that will be hopefully be helpful in standardize testing.

A demonstration has 3 main parts.

The **INTRODUCTION** - this introduces the subject. Try a catchy title and theme to get the attention of the audience. Like "Hooked on Fishing" instead of "Baiting a Hook." The introduction should cover 3-5 points that the demonstration will cover.

The **BODY** of the demonstration. The 3-5 points will be covered in detail. For example if the demonstration is "Hooked on Fishing" could cover the history of fishing, equipment and materials, show how to bait the hook, other possible baits and safety tips.

The final part is called the **SUMMARY**. Wrap up the demonstration by reviewing the points of the demonstration. This is also the part where references are cited and time is allowed for questions.



Candy Sale Update

Our annual 4-H Foundation Candy Sale has been another success thanks to the hard work of so many of our leaders and 4-H members. Of our 50 clubs, 20 clubs took part in this fund-raiser. In some cases, if a club did not participate, individual members sold.

We do not have final numbers as some clubs have not yet turned in their money. We will give you the final results next month. Thanks to everyone for making this a success.

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/ and click on Club of the Month Results.

