



## Dates to Remember



### March 2007

- 1-3 State 4-H Leadership Conference, Grant Walker Educational Center
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
- 4 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 10 Clothing Garments Due, 4-H Office
- 10 National 4-H Conference Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 10 4-H Scholarship Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 10-14 LEAP and IOWA Testing
- 25 Let's Go Fishing Clinic, TBA
- 26 Bowling Against Dystrophy, Lafayette Lanes
- 26 Jr. Leader Meeting/4-HU Meeting, South Louisiana Community College
- 26 1st Year Horse Exhibitor's Meeting, Blackham Coliseum
- 26 Grade Horse Clinic, Blackham Coliseum
- 26(tentative) Junior Leader Strawberry Sale, 4-H Office
- 27-29 Challenge Camp, Grant Walker Educational Center, Pollock, LA
- 31 Area Cookery Contests, Crowley, LA

### April 2007

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 1 Fashion Show, 4-H Office
- 4-6 Cooperative Youth Conference, Camp Grant Walker Educational Center
- 5 4-H Achievement Day, Lafayette Middle School
- 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
- 21-27 Ag-Magic, Parker Coliseum, Baton Rouge, LA
- 22 State Ambassador Contest, LSU
- TBA 4-H Horse Camp, TBA

Sincerely,

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## Vegetable Garden Contest



Attention all green thumbs! Don't forget about the 4-H Garden Contest. Applications are due on **April 18**. Rules are available through the 4-H Office. Hurry and get your copy now. If you are interested, please submit your name, address, phone number, grade, school, and directions to your home.

If you wait until after the deadline to apply, you may not be able to compete! Mail your form today!

## News from MDA

Everyone should receive their "Strike Force" packet this month, and fill them up with donations. Get ready for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Bowling Against Dystrophy.

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

Remember, in order to bowl two free games on the 26, you must collect at least \$20.00 in donations. Let's make this our best bowl ever.



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## 4-H Centennial Campaign



100 years is something to be proud about and we want everyone to know what a great organization 4-H is. We have already begun celebrating, but are continuing through 2008. We have a committee that is planning some special activities. We know that you are involved in the 4-H program and hope you'll be willing to help us spread the word about our 4-H Centennial.

So that we can promote this "once in a lifetime" celebration we're raising funds for a statewide marketing campaign. Our parish goal is several thousand dollars and we hope you'll help us reach this goal. Any contribution is welcome, whether it is \$10, \$50 or \$500! Make you checks payable to Lafayette 4-H Foundation. We would also love to have you help us plan some of the events where we will celebrate this milestone in Lafayette Parish.

For years, 4-H has given youth in Lafayette Parish opportunities to become positive, productive, capable and compassionate citizens. Please help us make this celebration one that everyone knows about by sending your contribution and your ideas to our marketing campaign today. Mail them to:

4-H Centennial Campaign  
C/o Lafayette 4-H Foundation  
1010 Lafayette St., Ste 325  
Lafayette, LA 70501

If you have questions or would like to be involved in some of our Centennial Celebrations please don't hesitate to call one of us at 291-7090. This is your chance to become involved again with the greatest youth organization in the world - 4-H!!!

Thank you for your interest and support!!!

## 4-H Centennial Facts

### Why was the four leaf clover adopted as the 4-H Emblem?



In the early corn clubs, youth learned soil conservation practices and planting clover as a cover crop helped to put Nitrogen back into the soil. Club members in Iowa would present clover as a sign of luck to their leader Mr. O.H. Benson. In 1907 or 1908, the first emblem used nationally was designed by Benson as the 3 leaf clover with 3 "H's" standing for "Head, Heart, and Hands". In 1911 Benson added the fourth "H" which stood for "Hustle". Later O.B. Martin suggested that "Health" should replace "Hustle". The 4-H emblem has stood for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health ever since, protected under 18 U.S.C. 707.

Next month, we'll learn about the history of the 4-H Pledge.

### March 2008

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## Achievement Day



Join us on Saturday, **April 5** at our annual 4-H Achievement Day. Our theme this year, "Coastal Creatures" reflects the environmental emphasis for this event. It will be at Lafayette Middle School at 1301 West University Street.

This year's event will involve exhibits, judging contests, interviews and demonstrations. Check your copy of the Achievement Day Rules for exact details and begin preparing for your contests today. Achievement Day this year will emphasize wetlands and the creatures who live in them. Most contests reflect this theme and individual awards will be presented.

Our service project 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!

All 4-H'ers with exhibits must arrive about 8:30 AM to enter exhibits before the start of the opening assembly at 9:00 AM. Below is the schedule that will be followed. It also appears on the Achievement Day rules.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30-9:00	Arrival and Entry of Exhibits
9:00-9:45	Opening Assembly - Auditorium 4-H Hall of Fame Recognition
9:45-11:45	Contests-Classrooms
10:45 - 12:45	COASTAL CREATURES EXPO - School Lawn (Gym if raining)
10:00-12:30	Concession Stand - Cafeteria
12:45	Afternoon Assembly in Auditorium Showcase of Service
	Wetlands Cheer Contest - Awards
2:30	Dismissal

## Phone Book Recycling

The telephone book collection program ended with a bang, and once again our 4-H clubs did a great job. Results are not final as the Hotline went to print. Next month's Hotline will have all results and clubs will be awarded.



## 4-H Centennial Keepsakes

You can get involved with the year-long celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Character Corner



This month we celebrate our sixth pillar of character, and that is the pillar of **Citizenship**. We should all be good citizens and good neighbors. A good citizen cares about and works toward the common good.

As a good citizen we should do volunteer work to help our school and community be better, cleaner, and safer. We should always respect authority and the law. We should also play by the rules, obey parents, teachers, and others who are in authority.

## Camp Spots Still Available

Attention all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, now is the time to start getting ready to go to Summer 4-H Camp. We have not reached our camp quota for summer camp, spots are still available.

We will be attending camp 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 or on the website. The letters and applications were handed out at the January and February club meetings. If you have not completed it and are interested, please do so immediately. All applications should be submitted through your 4-H leader at your school.

Camp letters will be mailed to campers in March. We hope you will join us.



## 4-H U Selection

4-H University is a state program where 4-H'ers get to learn and appreciate the campus that you are a part of through your affiliation with 4-H. It gives 4-H members the opportunity to meet new friends, have a great time and connect 4-H with LSU.



If you are 13 years old or older as of December 31, 2007, you may be eligible to participate in state competition this summer from June 17 -20 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 attend a special meeting on March 26 at 2:30 PM at the South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) located at 320 Devalcourt St. off of Bertrand Drive.

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.

## Strawberry Sale

The junior leader program is currently conducting their Louisiana strawberry flat sale. Fresh Louisiana strawberries are being sold for \$15.00 per flat.

To guarantee your order please call and mail your payment to our office before March 17. If you are unable to order prior to the deadline there will be some extra flats available. Orders taken after this date cannot be guaranteed and will be on a first come first serve basis.

We are waiting confirmation from the supplier on a definite date of delivery. Our tentative date of delivery is Wednesday, March 26, from 1:00-5:00 pm at the 4-H office. You will be notified of any changes.



## Coastal Creatures - Louisiana Birds and their "TWEET" Habitat

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 habitat is a place where particular species live and grow. Essentially, it is the environment that surrounds a species population. Habitat destruction is a major factor causing a species population to decrease, eventually leading to its being endangered, or even its extinction.

Here in Louisiana there are a wide range of distinctive habitats such as marsh, swamp, bottomland, hardwood forest, mixed pine forest, coast, rice and crawfish fields that provide nesting sites for native and migratory birds alike.

These areas may seem plentiful, but they may not be for long. Coastal erosion is slowly eating away Louisiana's coast line. Louisiana has 15,000 miles of shoreline and 40% of the nation's wetland; however Louisiana loses on average over a football field every 38 minutes. Of the entire United States, Louisiana experiences 80% of all coastal wetland loss. In fact, by the time this lesson is over Louisiana will have lost another football field of marsh land.

## Horse News

Attention all 4-H'ers planning to exhibit horses at the 4-H Horse Shows this summer. **April 1<sup>st</sup>** is the possession date for horses and the deadline for you to get your horse. Horse exhibitor's must be doing the majority of the work pertaining to feeding, care, etc., from that date through the 4-H shows.



There will be a meeting for all 1<sup>st</sup> year horse exhibitors and their parents to receive information on the program. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the **Grade Horse Clinic at Blackham Coliseum on March 26<sup>th</sup>**. It will begin at 5:00 PM in Barn "B", with the exhibitors meeting, followed by the clinic at about 6:30 PM. All exhibitors are responsible for getting your horses to the clinic. This clinic is **ONLY** for horses that do not have registration papers. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Charles at 291-7090.