



Looking Over the Clover

September, 2009

4-H Newsletter

DeSoto Parish

Welcome to DeSoto Parish 4-H

The 4-H Office would like to welcome you to the wonderful world of 4-H. 4-H is one of the largest club organizations in the WORLD and it is committed to "Making the Best Better." This program allows you to explore the world around you through various projects and activities. You can learn about different projects ranging from livestock to personal development, computers to hunting skills. Our motto is "Learn by Doing" and we know the 4-H Program will help you to do just that. There is a project for everyone!!! If you have any questions about 4-H, please contact your club leader or call the 4-H Office at 872-0533. We are looking forward to seeing you at your next 4-H Club meeting and at various events throughout the year.

If you have a disability which requires special assistance for you to participate in any 4-H activity, please contact the 4-H Office to let us know so we can make proper arrangements.



Miss DeSoto 4-H Contest

The DeSoto Parish 4-H Program is looking for an ambassador for our 4-H program. This special person will represent DeSoto Parish and the 4-H program at various state and local events. The winner of the contest will receive a crown, sash, and trophy to accompany her title. To enter you must be at least 7th grade, complete a resume of your 4-H and other extracurricular activities, and go through a professional interview. Resumes are due by Monday, Sept 14th at 4:30 p.m. Interviews Tuesday, Sept. 15 beginning at 4:30 The winner will be crowned Tuesday, September 15 at the end of the DeSoto Parish Fair Talent Show

Parish Fair Arts and Crafts

The DeSoto Parish Fair will be accepting entries for the Arts and Crafts competition on Monday, Sept. 14th Categories include: Home Accessories, Arts & Crafts, Sewing, and Photography. Please check with your school leader or call the 4-H Office for a complete list of items eligible for entry in the above categories. Plaques will be given for overall category winners at the Parish Fair.

DeSoto 4-H Talent Show

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:00p.m. there will be a Talent Show held at the 4-H Office to accompany the DeSoto Parish Fair. There will be Jr. & Sr. divisions with trophies given in each division. Talent must be appropriate for a 4-H activity and groups may not be larger than 8 youth. For more information contact Ms. Mindy.

4-H DOG SHOW

The Annual 4-H Dog Show will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18th at the David Means Memorial 4-H Show Barn. Any age through the 12th grade may participate. Pet must be on a leash. Bring your dog and enter to win the



Largest Dog,
Smallest Dog, Best
Trained Dog, Best
Behaved Dog,
Loudest Dog,

Best Dressed and the Best Overall Breed. Trophies and Ribbons will be awarded.

4-H PET SHOW

The 4-H Pet Show is scheduled for Friday, September 18th immediately following the dog show at the David Means Memorial 4-H Show Barn near the Mansfield Airport. Any age through the 12th grade may participate. Categories are as follows: Largest, Smallest, Most Unusual, Best Trained, Best Behaved, Best Groomed, Best Dressed, and Owner/Pet Look-a-like.

Please Remember: All animals must be on a leash or in a carrying case. Awards will be given.

There is a **\$1 ENTRY FEE PER CHILD** for the Pet or Dog Shows. If you have any questions about 4-H or the DeSoto Parish Fair, please call the 4-H Office.

DeSoto Parish Fair Cook-Off

This year at the DeSoto Parish Fair there will be a Cooking Contest. There will be 5 categories which will be Main Dish, Dessert, Sea Food, Wild Game, and Breakfast. If you want to participate have your dish at the David Means building on September 15th by 5:30. **All dishes should be chilled and brought in an ice chest on ice.** For more information or an entry form call the 4-H office.

Livestock Shows for the DeSoto Parish Fair will also be held at the David B. Means Memorial 4-H Show Barn beginning with the Pig Show held on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 6:00 p.m. The Goat, Beef, and Dairy Shows will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m.. The rabbits and chicken shows will be held beginning at 1:00 pm. Please come to support your fellow 4-H members and join the fun.



Shot Gun Shoot

Also, this year at the Parish Fair there will be a SHOT GUN SHOOT. There will be 2 age divisions and the winner of each division will receive a PRIZE. The competition will be Saturday September 19th at the 4-H Office and will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. There will be a \$5 entry fee this year. No need for pre-registration just show up, shoot and have a great time!

BB Gun Shoot will be held in the Beef Barn Saturday October 31, 2009 -1:00pm. The contest is open to all youth 9 – 18 years of age. Youth wanting to compete must **pre-register by Wednesday, October 21, 2009 and submit a \$5.00** registration fee to: Joe Barrett, 624 Second Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457. All required equipment provided. The top three shooters in each division will be recognized. 75% of the entry fees will be jackpotted back with an additional \$75.00 per division added. Money will be divided among the top 3 shooters.

TALENT CONTEST

4-H SHARE-THE-FUN TALENT October 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM
Open to any LA 4-H member. Pre-registration is required. To register send the **Contestants name, Class #, Address, Phone # and Parish** to Mindy by **October 12, 2009**. 3 microphones and a sound system with cassette and CD capabilities will be provided. Other equipment must be provided by the contestant. A piano will not be provided. Entries are limited to 3 per parish per class. Inappropriate acts will be disqualified. Time limit per act is **6 minutes**. **Junior Division Under 14 Years of Age as of December 31 of Current Year** Class 1 -Dance Class 2 -Vocal Class 3 -Instrumental Class 4 -Other **Senior Division 14 Years of Age and Older as of December 31 of Current Year**. Cash prizes and ribbons will be given.

2009 4-H University

Nine 4-H'ers represented DeSoto Parish in Baton Rouge during the 2009 4-H University (4-H U, or Short Course) this past summer. 4-H U is a state wide event which allows 4-H'ers to compete against other 4-H'ers from all over the state in various project areas. The 4-H U training takes commitment and a lot of hard work. The DeSoto Parish 4-H'ers who committed their time were: Caleb Carney in the ATV Contest, Peyton Hartley in Dairy Judging, Caleb Strange & Josh Smith in Compact Tractor, Mallory Strange in Ready to Wear Fashion, Nikki Cunningham in Public Speaking, Leah Brown in Talent, Hunter Fulton, Emily Fulton and Peter Ashley in Hunting Skills, Beau St. Andrie in Computer Simulation, Logan Self in Cooperatives, Valerie Widmere attended Clover College.

4-H Summer Camp

DeSoto Parish had 63 4-H members attend the 2009 4-H Summer Camp in Pollock, Louisiana during the week of July 27st -31th. These campers enjoyed a week of fun in the sun while participating in classes like canoeing and outdoor skills. We also enjoyed free time activities of dancing, sports and swimming. Each night 4-H'ers had a special

program in which they could enter a talent show. We would like to encourage all 4-Her's in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, who are 9 to 12 years old and have a paid members to work hard and join us for the 2010 Summer Camp May 31-June 4.

ATTENTION!!!

ALL 7th - 12th graders!!! We would like to invite you to join the DeSoto Parish Junior Leader Club. This club meets once a month at the 4-H Office to plan events and activities as well as be a part in a SPECIAL type of 4-H Program. If you want to have fun while you learn leadership and teamwork skills, then this is the club for YOU! If you are interested in joining the DeSoto Parish Junior Leader Club please attend our first regular meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 12th at the 4-H Office or please call us at 872-0533.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week has been scheduled for October 5th-11th. During this week, show your 4-H Pride by planning some events and activities in your school and community. Some ways to show your 4-H Pride are: place posters around the school, present your teachers and principals with a 4-H token to thank them for letting us have 4-H meetings, adopt a highway as a club, make cookies for the teacher's lounge.

Best Club Contest

This year, the DeSoto parish 4-H Office will have a little competition between our 4-H clubs to see which school has our BEST ALL-AROUND 4-H CLUB!! The contest will be judged by your club score and the number of record books turned in by your club members. The club score comes from an evaluation of your club program based on organization, club officers, program and conduct. The Record Book score will be 1 point for each record book turned in. The BEST ALL-AROUND 4-H CLUB will be rewarded with a pizza party for their hard work.

Photo Club

Ms. Karen Goodman will be leading the Photography Club this year. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 10th, at 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office

Horse Club

The first meeting of the DeSoto 4-H Horse Club will be held on Thursday, September 10th, at 7:00 pm. at the 4-H Office. We will be making plans for a fun filled year of shows, contests, and hands on learning activities. Please call Ms. Molly for more information at 872-0533 or 872-0641.

FUNDRAISER

The DeSoto Parish Fundraiser this year will be selling Magnets and Decals for your parents and friends cars! We will also be selling a cap and a t-shirt. Proceeds will go to the DeSoto Parish Foundation who pays for all the fun stuff we do throughout the year. The more money we raise the more events we can have! Order forms will be handed out during the September Meeting and you will have till your October meeting to sell! The top three sellers in the parish will have a special prize!

Dates to Remember
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September

- Sept 10 – Photo Club Mtg 5:30
 Horse Club Mtg 6:30
- Sept 12 - JAKES Day 8 to 2:00 p.m. at Sheriff's Shooting Range
- Sept 14 – Resumes for Miss DeSoto 4-H and Arts & Craft items to 4-H Office for Parish Fair
- Sept 15 – Judging of Arts & Crafts Items, Interviews for Miss DeSoto DeSoto 4-H Talent Show at 4-H Office beginning at 6:00 p.m

- DeSoto 4-H Cook-Off @ 5:30.
- Sept 17 –Market Hog Show 6:00
- Sept 18 - Pet & Dog Shows at 6:00 p.m. at 4-H Show Barn
- Sept 19 - Parish Fair Beef, Dairy, & Goat Shows at the 4-H Show Barn starting at 9:00 am
- 4-H Shot Gun Shoot starting at 1:30pm

October

- Oct 4-10 - National 4-H Week
- Oct 6 Parish Fair Awards Banquet
- Oct 9 – 4-H Dance 7pm – 10 am
- Oct 12- Clover Bud mtg @ 6:00 and Jr. Leadership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 4-H Office
- Oct. 15-16 Survival Camp
- Oct 17 Jr. Leader Social Event
- Oct 22 – Nov 9 Louisiana State Fair
- Oct 31 - Halloween – Be Safe

Survival Camp

Survival Camp will be held October 16-17th, 2009 at Gum Springs in Winn Parish. This camp is open to 7th – 12th graders and DeSoto Parish can take up to 15 campers. Spots are first come first serve. This is to allow as many 4-H'ers as possible a chance to attend these wonderful opportunities. Cost for the camp will be \$35 which will include food and transportation.

Please fill out and return the form below with a check for the total amount if you are interested in attending.

Jakes Day

DeSoto 4-H and the National Wild Turkey Federation have joined forces again and have the 2009 Jakes Day scheduled for Saturday, September 12th. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day shooting guns and learning all about wildlife. Registration forms will be available in the 4-H Office. For more information call the 4-H Office at 872-0533 and ask for Mindy.

Thanks to Chesapeake Energy and Twin Cities Development the first 100 Youth to sign up get in FREE!!!! Lots of Door PRIZES to be given away!!!



4-H “SURVIVAL CAMP” FORM

						Adult
						T-shirt size
Name Last	First	Initial	Boy	Girl	Age	S M L XL
Address		City	State	Zip		
School	Day Phone #		Night Phone #		Cell Phone #	
4-H'ers Signature			Parent or Guardian Signature			

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