

## Next Meeting:

4-H Junior Leader Club

February 2009

**6PM, Thursday,**

**February 19th**

**4-H Office**

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**All officers should arrive at the 4-H office at least 30 minutes before each Junior Leader Meeting to help set up and prepare for the meeting.**

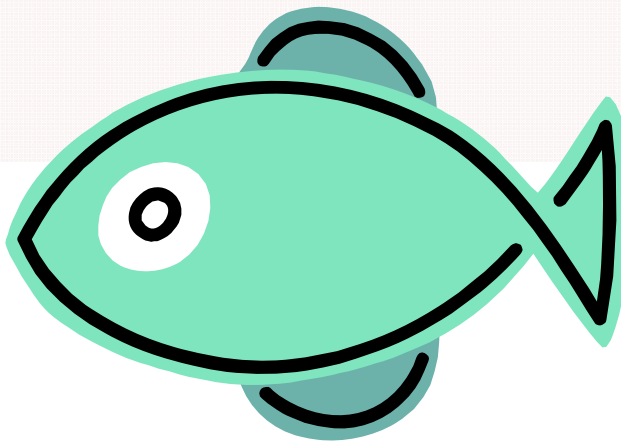
## Fish Pond Project:

As you all know, the Service Learning Task Force Committee has discussed the idea of adopting the pond used for the fishing clinic.

Our 4-H'ers have been catching fewer fish each year.

The idea is that we would help remove the invasive species (water hyacinth) from the pond and do pre and post-testing of dissolved oxygen and fish population in the pond.

The pre-testing would determine the amount of, if any, fish living in the pond and the



oxygen levels of the pond. The post-testing would determine if the removing of the invasive species helped to increase the fish population and the oxygen levels.

At this month's meeting, we will have a guest speaker:

Mr. Mark Shirley, an Aquaculture Agent from Vermillion will discuss the initial testing of the pond which will take place on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. It will

be held at the fishing clinic pond at Vermillionville off of Fischer Road (across from the airport). If you can come, wear old shoes or rubber boots.

## Club Wins Governor's Conservation Achievement Award!

The Lafayette 4-H Junior Leader Club will be recognized at the upcoming Louisiana Wildlife Federation banquet as a recipient of the Governor's Conservation Achievement Award.

The program recognizes those persons and groups that make outstanding contributions to the natural resource welfare and environmental quality of the community, parish, and state.

The club is being recognized for its volunteer work conducted in Cameron parish following Hurricane Rita which has continued with the tree plantings and the Water Festival.

Congratulations to all of you who have had some part or role to play in this service-learning project. We are honored to be the recipients of this award.



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser of the year is coming up: the **Strawberry Sale!** We will be selling pallets of strawberries. It is tentatively scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>, so be prepared to sell, sell, sell!



### Need a Way to Get Involved:

Remember to look at the sign-up sheets before you leave the next meeting. You can find them on the "Sign In" table at every meeting. Every time you volunteer your time, you earn points, and the more points you earn, the more likely you will be able to attend the retreat at the end of the year. Any help you can give will be appreciated. Get involved today!

### Code of Conduct:

The Junior Leader Club will start implementing a new **code of conduct** that will hold our members to the code for the entire year. It will be a code of conduct that we already use for Junior Leader trips and other activities. The officers will look over the code of conduct that we use for trips and change it so it can be applied year round. This code will have rules such as showing **respect** during meetings at other events, and other rules such as dress code and more.



### Acorns of Hope Update:

Did you miss the **Acorns of Hope** trip? Well, if you did, you missed a lot of fun! We left Lafayette at 7:00 a.m. and headed to our destination of Cameron Parish. When we got closer, the officers led the group in an activity about the stages of depression. Then, Mr. Charles gave us the rundown of the hurricane history.

When we got to Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, we quickly got to work. We replaced all of the dead trees that we planted last time. We also replaced the trees on the refuge. On a sad note: for all the Jr. Leaders who came with us last time, the trees that we

planted at the school are no longer there, but they are rebuilding the school! If you haven't been to Cameron Parish, we strongly suggest you go if we do this activity again - you won't regret it!

