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Introduction

Welcome to the 4-H Horse Program. Our records show that you have joined 4-H and have enrolled in the horse project. By doing so you have indicated that you plan to exhibit your horse project at the summer horse shows in July.

As a 4-H exhibitor, it is important that you make yourself aware of how the program operates. Your name is now on the 4-H horse mailing list. Periodically, you will receive more mail from this office. You should recognize our envelopes. When you receive a letter from us, be sure to open it and read the enclosed material as soon as possible. Be sure to adhere to all deadlines, regulations and follow all instructions each time you receive a letter. Parents, be sure to read each letter your child receives.

In addition, periodically 4-H information is printed in the 4-H Hotline you receive at your school 4-H club meeting. Reading the Hotline and the mail you receive from this office will keep you informed and up to date with our program. It is your responsibility to become familiar with all rules that govern the program and to keep yourself informed.

Horse News

Attention all 4-H'ers planning to exhibit horses at the 4-H Horse Shows this summer. April 1st is the possession date for horses and the deadline for you to get your horse. You must be doing the majority of the work pertaining to feeding, care, etc., from that date through the 4-H shows. Also, a few major changes are in store. Here's a list of important notices:

All exhibitors should already be on the 4-H horse mailing list and should soon be receiving mail from Mr. Charles. If not, contact the 4-H office at 291-7090 to get on the mailing list.

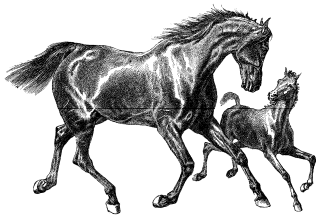
A First Year Horse Exhibitor Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 5:00 PM. All first time exhibitors and a parent should plan to attend to gain more information about the program. It will be held in conjunction with the grade horse clinic at Blackham Coliseum.

Grade horses can also be shown in 4-H, but must be certified during our mandatory 4-H Grade Horse Check-In on

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30-7:00 PM at UL Lafayette Blackham Coliseum, Building "B". If you are attending the Grade Horse Clinic, bring your horse and a picture of your horse (side profile). If you can not attend the Grade Horse Clinic, please notify me prior to Wednesday, March 25. Please note, grade horses certified in the past and shown again this year by the same exhibitor will not be required to re-certify.

Official 4-H Horse Show "Entry Forms" will be mailed in early April. The Entry Form indicating what classes each horse will be entered in, will be due back in the 4-H office by April 15. Please make note of this and get your entry forms in on time.

Registered Quarter Horses, Paints, Arabians and Appaloosas, can be shown in a registered breed show. All other breeds will be able to show in the Any Other Breed Class. Copies of registration papers will be required.





eXtension Launches HorseQuest Site

eXtension is pleased to announce the launch of its first Community of Practice web site: HorseQuest. Available at <http://www.extension.org/horses>.

"We are very excited to launch HorseQuest today and to demonstrate the capacity that eXtension brings to America's Cooperative Extension System," said Dan Cotton, eXtension Director.

HorseQuest provides Internet visitors with reliable and up-to-date horse information through a knowledge base of commonly asked questions that have science-based, peer-reviewed answers. In addition, online lessons use self-paced learning objects to help users learn more about specialized areas of equine science. The newest lesson being introduced is a module for new and prospective horse owners.

"eXtension has provided an exciting new method of delivering scientific data to horse owners. Its 24/7/365 availability and interactive capability puts the horseman in direct contact with experts," said Clint Depew, chair of the HorseQuest team and Louisiana State University extension horse specialist.

HorseQuest also features experts who work one-on-one with online users through live online chats. These one-hour chats feature three expert specialists covering various relevant topics.

"HorseQuest brings the strengths and backgrounds of many equine experts into one on-line tool. And, the accessibility of solid, research-based information is now available on a national (and international) platform, said Betsy Greene, University of Vermont extension horse specialist and vice-chair of the HorseQuest team.

"The 37-member HorseQuest Community of Practice has brought greater expertise to each area of interest and reduced the workload on individual experts at the same time. The collaborative relationships with other experts is minimizing duplication of effort and maximizing utilization of good materials. The spin offs into other projects is phenomenal," noted Depew.

HorseQuest was developed through eXtension's innovative collaborative tools including a unique "wiki" environment where community of practice members create, enhance, edit, and publish the various components featured on the public web site

"Since my work with the HorseQuest Community of Practice, I now have expert resources at the click of a mouse. I have already utilized some of our collaborative 'wiki-work' when consulting with my clientele," noted Greene. "The eXtension HorseQuest project has brought

together the resources and opportunities for collaboration that no single state could afford."

HorseQuest is the first eXtension "Community of Practice" to come online.

Eight more communities with topics ranging from financial security, fire ants, disaster response, parenting, rural entrepreneurship, horticulture, and wildlife damage management are set to come online in the next several months. All will feature similar attributes of Frequently Asked Questions, Ask the Experts, news, events, and learning modules.

State Horse Camps

There are normally three or four educational State Horse Camps conducted within the next four months. These camps offer intensive hands-on training for you and your horse. The camps will cover safety, horsemanship, basic riding and training skills, horse health and much more.

As of now, the only camp that has been confirmed will be held in New Iberia, LA at Sugarena May 8-9, 2009. For more information contact Charles Hebert at 291-7090.

There are a few more that may be scheduled in the future. When they are confirmed, we will send out information on location and dates.

The fees are similar and for a participant/leader/parent with a horse would vary between \$40.00-\$60.00 depending on the location of the camp. A participant/leader/parent without a horse would cost about \$20.00. The fee will cover ground fees, meals, insurance, shavings, and a T-Shirt. Registration is limited to approximately forty to fifty 4-H members.

These clinics are available for all members and their parents. All participants will be required to complete a standard Health Card for these events. You can locate the health card on the Lafayette 4-H website under the Contest Rules & Forms sub channel. If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Charles Hebert, Mrs. Darla Lanie, or Miss Heather Bordelon at the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Horse Advisory Board Meeting

Advisory Committee is the key to a successful program. The primary purpose of the committee is to give the stakeholders the opportunity to express their views on the needs of their community and how Extension can best meet those needs. The committee's overall purpose is to advise and make recommendations to the Extension Staff to improve the parish program. Furthermore, the committee should assume responsibility in assisting the Extension personnel in planning, executing and evaluating programs. The horse advisory task force committee members provide leadership for the group and make all decisions on matters concerning the horse program. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may submit your recommendations to these board members.

There will be an important meeting on **March 3rd starting at 6:00 PM** at the 4-H office. It will be held at the local office of the LSU AgCenter, at 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, in the Parish Government Building.

Possession Dates & Rules

All horse exhibitors are reminded about the "possession date" they must adhere to each year. The possession date is **April 1st**, and the deadline for exhibitors to acquire their animals. From that date, the exhibitors are required to be in continuous possession of their animals. Horses may be boarded at a boarding facility as long as the exhibitor is doing the majority of the work. (This rule does not prohibit a trainer from working with the exhibitor and horse combination as long as the care of the horse remains with the exhibitor).

All horses must be officially registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family member on or prior to **April 1st, 2009**. All horses must be registered with their respective breed associations or have completed a Grade Horse Certificate. A Grade Horse Certificate is only for horses which do not have registration papers from a breed association. Dual ownership is allowed only if all owners are in the immediate family.

NOTE: IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE FATHER, MOTHER, STEP-PARENT, BROTHER, SISTER, LEGAL GUARDIAN, STEP-BROTHER, STEP-SISTER OR GRANDPARENT. Ranch, corporation, or stable ownership is not allowed.

Showing Character

This program was implemented a few years ago for all horse and livestock exhibitors. It consists of a series of "Showing Character" sessions designed to emphasize the important aspects of showing a 4-H animal. "Showing Character" is a program developed by the LSU AgCenter which teaches the high ideals of respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, and decision making. In these sessions, 4-H'ers and parents are involved in hands-on learning, that will challenge and enlighten them.

These sessions are a requirement to participate in the Parish Horse Premier Exhibitor Contest. They were conducted in January, February and March 2009. If any of you have questions in regards to this program, please contact us. This program will provide additional recognition and awards to the exhibitor.

March 3, 2009 - 5:15 - 6:45 pm
(Supper Provided After Session)

Farm Tour / Angola Rodeo

As requested by our 4-H members, a trip is being planned to attend the Spring Rodeo at the Angola State Penitentiary on Saturday, April 18th. All livestock and horse exhibitors and their parents are invited. We will be traveling as a group by school bus. The show begins at 2:00 p.m.

Further details will be mailed to those who pre-register. If you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and send this along with \$20 per person by Monday, February 9th.

Master Horseman Program

Starting in March 2009, the LSU AgCenter will be conducting a Master Horseman Program for adults in Lafayette, Vermilion, Iberia, and St. Martin Parishes. The Master Horseman Project is designed to improve the overall knowledge and skills of horse people so that they can serve as 4-H leaders. This program consists of nine sessions, taught by LSU Equine Experts, the LSU Vet School, and other area leaders. (There will be one training class in a wooded area near Forest Hill.) Each 3-4 hour session will include horse care and management in a classroom setting, and riding and training in an arena.

This program is designed for all stock horse breeds. A fee of \$200.00 will be assessed per participant to defray expenses of the program (8 meals, arena fee, rope halter, yacht cord lead rope, books, binders, bits, etc.) Volunteers donate their time, so the cost basically goes to equipment and meals.

Sessions will be conducted on Tuesdays in March and April. They will begin with a meal and review at 5:30 p.m., with the class starting at 6 p.m. Six of the sessions will be conducted at the Sugarena in Iberia Parish; two will be at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building (4-H Showbarn) in Abbeville.

An individual must participate in at least 6 sessions to receive the LSU AgCenter Master Horseman Certificate. The program will be limited to 14 participants. If you would like to get more information or an application, please contact Charles Hebert at 291-7090; or Joel Guidry at 896-7264. The chairman of our Horse Advisory Task Force and Master Horseman Graduate.

Open Horse Shows

The St. Landry Benefit Horse 4-H Show will confirm the date of this show this week. It is tentatively set to be held at the Ag Arena at the Yambilee Festival Fairgrounds. For more information or the date contact Alison Muller at 948-0561.

Vermilion Parish will host their show on May 24th, 2009. The show is tentatively scheduled for Rockin' Riders Arena in Maurice. The schedule of events will include Speed Events, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Reining Events and Roping Events. For more information contact Hilton Waits at 337-898-4335.

Horse Leadership Program

With horse show time quickly approaching, most of you are making good progress with your projects but we realize some of you, especially our newer exhibitors, still need lots of help. With this in mind, we are working to continue our Horse Leader Program in Lafayette Parish. The program will operate in the following manner.

The Horse Advisory Board consist of both adults and youth members. They coordinate the program and have been working with us to recruit potential Project Leaders (Master Horseman Graduates; older, experienced 4-H'ers; 4-H Horse alumni, leaders, etc.) And to locate younger inexperienced 4-H'ers who need help.

Horse Project Leaders are adults and youth who volunteer their services to help exhibitors with their projects. These individuals volunteer their services free of charge to help educate members as a project leader. This help includes everything related to showing your horse, teaching showmanship, horse show questions, or educating others about animal health and nutrition, etc. This does not include family members helping other family members (example: sister helping brother or parent helping son/daughter). We are encouraging this wholeheartedly as this is an example of good sportsmanship, teamwork and brotherhood, especially in a time when the world needs more mentors that are positive role models of character.

If you are interested in becoming a project leader, or you are already doing some of this work, call us at the 4-H office and we will put your name on the project leader list. Your name will be on a list of possible people to contact for horse help. We already have some people who have graciously volunteered to be project leaders. If you want help with your horse project, do not hesitate to contact these volunteers.

Horse Advisory Board	Term
Joel Guidry—Chairman	2007-2009
Kerry Simon—Vice-Chairman	2007-2009
Ted Champaign	2007-2009
Merl Landry	2008-2010
Mark McMillan	2008-2010
Timmy Nero	2008-2010
Randolph Joseph, Jr.—Alternate	2007-2009
Lisa Jacobs —2nd Alternate & Secretary	2008 -2010
Lisa Landry—Treasurer	

Junior Representatives

Josh Landry
Kealy Stelly

Project Leaders

Sky Salter Abshire—873-2470
Amanda Magnon—886-0250
Rene Mouton—981-3721

Master Horseman Graduates

Teresa Bartlett, 886-0250	Randolph Joseph, Jr., 845-4014
Michelle Begnaud, 989-4360	Elisha Trombley, 258-7040
Dixie Bunton Ferrata, 896-6738	Tammy Payne, 837-5813
Ted Champagne, 230-6694	Glenda Pickett, 232-5609
Cathe Charlier, 857-0297	Rhonda Richard, 684-2831
Joel Guidry, 896-7264	Lisa Simmons, 288-9020
Ruby Halter, 234-8652	Jamie Simon, 981-4400
Danielle Jones, 334-1433	Elizabeth Waguespack, 984-8778



Advisory Board Program Update

Over the past thirteen years the program has been working on ways to generate funds for the horse program. In past years the parents, volunteers and exhibitors have strived to recruit items for both a silent and live auction, promote the show and volunteer as well as giving the show their all to raise funds. Parish show entry fees will continue and will be collected through the entry process.

The board has voted to continue our high stakes raffle with a large prize valued at approximately \$500 for first place and multiple other prizes to award winners in conjunction with the parish horse show.

We are requesting \$75 donations for the class sponsorship. This information as well as the donations are due to Mr. Charles by **April 1**. These sponsors will receive a half page add in our parish show program. We will except donation of any amount. Please contact any of the committee members or our office with any questions. The sponsorship letter and form is attached.

Each exhibitor will be responsible for selling a specific amount of raffle tickets. The coordinator of the raffle will be Mrs. Monica Guidry and the tickets will be distributed through the mail in April or early May.

Now that you are aware and are informed of the direction that the board has chosen, let's all try our best to do a great job in recruiting items for the raffle. We are soliciting any items you can think of, even if we have to group items together for prizes.

If you have items to donate or have questions, please contact Mr. Charles Hebert at 291-7090; one of the advisory board members; or Mrs. Monica Guidry at 896-7264. We appreciate your cooperation and continued support for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Calendar of Events

March 25 First year Exhibitor Mtg. 5:00 PM, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
March 25 Grade Horse Clinic 6:30 PM, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
April 1 Possession Date for ALL Horses
April 1 Registered Horses MUST be transferred into the name of the exhibitor or immediate family member identified as the owner on the ID form.
April 15 Horse Entries Due, Lafayette LSU AgCenter Office
May 1 (tentative) Barnyard Bash, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
June 14 Parish Horse Show, Sugarena, New Iberia, LA
July 2-4 District Horse Show, UL-Lafayette Blackham Coliseum
July 6-11 LSU AgCenter State Horse Show in Monroe, LA
July 28-Aug 2 Southern Regional Horse Show, Little Rock, AR
May 8-9 Acadiana Horse Camp, New Iberia, LA



Premises Identification

The First Step Toward a National Animal Identification System

Protecting American animal agriculture by safeguarding animal health is vital to the wellbeing of all US citizens. It promotes human health; provides wholesome, reliable, and secure food resources; mitigates national economic threats; and enhances a sustainable environment. Essential to achieving this goal is an efficient and effective animal and premises identification program.

Louisiana is building upon previously established and successful animal health and animal identification programs involving many animal industry-state-federal partnerships. The goal of premises and animal identification is to more uniformly coordinate a national animal identification plan with all states. More than 100 animal industry and state-federal government professionals representing more than 70 allied associations/organizations collectively assessed and suggested workable improvements to meet further U.S. animal identification needs.

Fundamental to controlling any disease threat, foreign or domestic, to the nation's animal resources is to have a system that can identify individual animals or groups, the premises where they are located, and the date of entry to that premises. Further, in order to achieve optimal success in controlling or eradicating an animal health threat, the ability to retrieve that information within 48 hours of confirmation of a disease outbreak and to implement intervention strategies is necessary.

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is committed to this program. We aim to use state of the art national and international standards with the best available

and practical technologies. We also want to make it as easy as possible to Louisiana's agricultural industry—whether plants or animals. Therefore, we are asking you to voluntarily provide data on names, physical addresses, mailing address and the type of animals you raise. These standards should have been applied to all animals across the nation since 2006 regardless of their intended use as seedstock, commercial, pets or other personal uses.

It is well acknowledged that costs associated with the Louisiana premise identification program will be substantial. Significant state and federal costs will be incurred in overseeing, maintaining, updating, and improving necessary infrastructure. Continued efforts will be required to seek federal and state financial support for this integral component of safeguarding animal health in protecting American animal agriculture.

It is hoped that you, as a member of Louisiana's agricultural community will support our initial efforts in this voluntary program. Please feel free to contact us by any of the following methods:

Phone: (888) 773-6489 or (225) 925-3980

Fax: (225) 237-5555

Email: PremiseID@ldaf.state.la.us

Register online by following this link:

<http://nais.aphis.usda.gov/NAIS/index.jsp?state=la>

Or to locate the above information go to:

<http://www.ldaf.louisiana.gov/portal/Offices/AnimalHealthServices/VeterinaryHealthDivision/PremisesIdentification/tabid/229/Default.aspx>

AgCenter Information

During the past several years, Administration has presented and discussed the new direction of the AgCenter. Our organization is continuing to adapt and priorities programs, as well as taking on new opportunities.

In an effort for Extension to remain effective and valued by communities, we must keep open communication among stakeholders.

Furthermore, the changes that began several years ago along with others that have been incorporated since that time in the 4-H program will continue. These have been implemented through our Overall Advisory Committee. We are continuing to develop and train volunteers to better serve our clientele through programs such as the Master Horseman. The plan is as follows:

1. **Horse Home Visits** - Agent and advisory board members will only be visiting the 1st and 2nd year exhibitors. Any other visits will be made at the request of the exhibitor.
2. **Fundraisers** - Utilize parents/volunteers to coordinate, conduct and operate fundraisers such as raffle, benefit shows, silent auction, etc. to benefit the horse program. Staff oversee these fundraisers and promote efforts through marketing part of the show.
3. **Barnyard Bash** - Recruit and utilize more parents/volunteers to assist with the program. This includes the set-up, serving and take down following the program.
4. **Parish Horse Show** - Recruit and utilize more parent/volunteers to assist with the show.
5. **District Horse Show** - Recruit and utilize more parent/volunteers to assist with the show.
6. **State Horse Show** - Agents will only be attending parts of show. The Horse Advisory Board representatives will be required to assist in their absence.

In an effort to maintain our current program as well as to expand with new opportunities, we will need to utilize more volunteers. Our program currently operates with the help of numerous volunteers, but we will have to have additional assistance to maintain our demanding program. We have begun developing a volunteer plan for our parish 4-H program.

Lafayette Parish Expands 4-H Site...

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



The Lafayette Parish staff has been working diligently to post content information on our web page. Efforts are being made to become more effective as well as efficient in our communication efforts. The livestock newsletters are now posted on our web site.

You may access the site by typing www.lsuagcenter.com then click on parish offices 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 have been created:

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 which include the Barnyard Scoop and Hub-City Equine News, 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.

Closing Remarks

Farewell partner, till we meet again on the trail. . . . If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles Hebert at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

CHARLES HEBERT
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Lafayette Parish

Angie Arnould
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Associate County Agent
Lafayette Parish

Nikki Mouch
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Please Note:

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, gender, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special attention for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette Parish Office at 291-7090.

January 26, 2009

TO: Parents and 4-H'er

RE: Parish Show Award Sponsorship Campaign

Dear Parents and 4-H'er:

The Horse Advisory Committee has decided to continue to conduct a class sponsor drive for the Lafayette Parish Horse Show. We would like to continue awarding all winners the same type of prize.

However, the above will not come without some work and planning. The awards committee has developed a plan whereby each parent and child would solicit an award sponsor. The business or person sponsoring the award would have their contribution acknowledged during the announcements at the Parish Show, a half page black and white advertisement or good luck ad in the show Program, and special thank you note mailed out. The committee would like to see the sponsorship drive conducted like a contest, with a prize going to the 4-H'er who collects the most sponsors.

Sponsorship forms are attached for you to solicit sponsors for the parish show, and are due back in the 4-H office at the same time – **April 1, 2009**. If you are interested in learning more about the above, you can contact Mrs. Lisa Simmons at 288-9020. Thank you for your continued support of the Lafayette Parish Horse Program.

Sincerely,

Lafayette Parish 4-H and Horse Advisory Board

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County Agent, 4-H Youth Development

Angie Arnould

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County Agent, 4-H Youth Development

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LAFAYETTE PARISH HORSE SHOW SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to contribute to the Lafayette Parish Horse Show for 2009 awards. I am entitled to have my business name announced at the show and printed in the Parish Show Program.

The \$75 LPHS class(es) I choose to sponsor is/are:

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

SPONSORS NAME AND/OR BUSINESS:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE NUMBERS: (HOME) _____ **(WORK)** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEB SITE ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MAILTO: Attn: Charles Hebert
Lafayette Parish 4-H Office
1010 Lafayette Street, Ste. 325
Lafayette, LA 70501-6884

Lafayette 4-H Livestock Fund

Amount remitted: \$ _____

Check #: _____

(337) 291-7090

Submitted by 4-Hr: _____

Thank you for your support!

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE NUMBERS: (HOME) _____ **(WORK)** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEB SITE ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MAILTO: Attn: Charles Hebert
Lafayette Parish 4-H Office
1010 Lafayette Street, Ste. 325
Lafayette, LA 70501-6884

Lafayette 4-H Livestock Fund

Amount remitted: \$ _____

Check #: _____

(337) 291-7090

Submitted by 4-Hr: _____

Thank you for your support!