



4-H Leader Update



November

Dates To Remember:

November

- 1 Final Deadline for Enrollment cards and dues to 4-H Office.
- 3 Jr. Leader Mtg
- 11 Horse Club Mtg ,
- 17 Honoree Nominations Due
- 24 Home Environment Workshop
- 24 Demonstration and Cookery entries due to 4-H Office
- 25 Elementary Workshop Day

December

- 1-6 Parish Tag-in for market swine
- 2 Photography Wrkshp 4:30p.m.
- 6 Demonstration Day
- 6 Commodity Cookery
- 9 Horse Club Mtg
- TBA Jr. Leadership Mtg

January

- 12 Jr Leadership mtg
- 13 Horse Club Meeting
- 21-24 Parish Livestock Show
- 22 Livestock Judging Contest

Club Meeting Program

This month's educational lesson will focus on identity theft. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing financial crimes in the US with over 15 million people falling victim each year. The Federal Trade Commission reports that young people make up 31% of reported cases of identity theft each year. Teenagers are especially vulnerable for several reasons including the fact that they have not established credit that can be monitored, they may not be as cautious as they should be and they spend a lot of time online where they may be vulnerable to hacking or email scams. Young people can avoid being a part of this "SCAM" if they remember to safeguard their personal information, Check their financial information regularly, Ask for a free copy of their credit report each year and maintain careful records of banking and financial accounts.

Please feel free to add activities to your club meeting that deal with identity theft.

Club Meeting Schedule

Please check the calendar closely for your club meeting date and time. Contact the 4-H office immediately if you need to make any adjustments.



4-H Foundation Raffle

As the cost of living increases, so do our 4-H activities. In order to keep up with these increased costs, the 4-H Foundation has elected to host a raffle to support the 4-H's yearly events. Each raffle ticket will cost \$1.00 and come in booklets of 10. A ticket tracking list accompanies the ticket booklets. The ticket sales will end on December 6th at Demonstration Day. The winner will also be drawn on December 6th and does not need to be present. All proceeds will go to the Acadia Parish 4-H Foundation to assist in covering cost for camps, workshops and 4-H University. We have received donations for the raffle prizes from Bank of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Winn Dixie, First National Bank and the Puissegur Family.

1st Prize- \$500.00 Cash

2nd Prize- \$100.00 Gift Card to Wal-Mart

3rd Prize- An LSU Game Day Party Gift Basket

Enrollment Cards and Dues

Enrollment cards and dues are due to the 4-H Office as soon as possible. It is very important that you get these turned in. Those showing livestock must have their enrollment cards turned in by this date or they will be ineligible to show their projects. Remember you owe \$4.00 per member to the 4-H office.

You Be the Judge

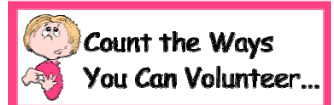
If you are interested in judging or assisting with Demonstration Day and the Commodity Cookery, please contact us via email or by phone.

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Just a Reminder....

We will not be handing out awards at the contest. They will be presented at club meetings.

*Attached you will find:
Demonstration Entry
Cookery Entry
Scavenger Hunt Form*

Demonstration Day/ Commodity Cookery

These contest will be held Saturday, December 6, 2008 at Iota High School beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rules & Regulations can be found in your leader handbook on pages Deadline to turn in demonstration and cookery entries is **Tuesday, November 24th**. Late entries will not be accepted. Entries are attached.

Achievement Day Theme Results

The top 5 themes have been selected, 4-H members will be voting on the 2008-2009 Achievement Day Theme during their November meetings. Attached is the form for your club to make their vote. Please turn in your club's vote by **December 1, 2008**. Winners in the theme contest are listed below.

4th Grade– 1st Cameron Russell, St. Michaels; 2nd Mikayla Dupre, Church Point Elementary; 3rd Payton Treme, OMP; 4th Hunter Meche, Mire Elementary; 5th Katelyn LeBlanc, Estherwood; and Blue Ribbon Kiley Arceneaux, Mire

5th Grade– 1st Karla Richard, Mire; 2nd Carly Henry, Estherwood; 3rd Madison Banks, Estherwood; 4th Bradley Hanks, Egan; 5th Bailey Lavergne; Blue Ribbons: Mary Mounon, Mire; and Allie Broussard, Estherwood.

6th Grade– 1st Whitney Fontenot, Mire; 2nd Caroline Bergeron, Mire; 3rd Madison Lavergne, Mire; 4th Madison Vidal, Mire; 5th Daxx Thibodeaux, Mire; Blue Ribbons Hannah Stanford, OMP; and John Cabot Russell, St. Michael.

7th-8th Grade– 1st Sidney Fontenot, Mire; 2nd Ana Aguillard, Iota; 3rd Megan Daigle, Branch; 4th Meagan Murrell, Redemptorist Jr.; 5th Allison Arceneaux, Mire; Blue Ribbons Meagan Murrell, Redemptorist Jr.; Nic Michael, Branch; and Hailey Johnson, Branch.

9th-12th Grade– 1st Trent McFarlin, Iota Sr.; 2nd Mary Kate Colligan, Church Point Sr.; 3rd Rebecca Ready, Church Point Sr.; 4th Patrice LaCombe, Iota Sr. ; 5th Patrice LaCombe, Iota Sr.; Blue Ribbon Patrice LaCombe, Iota Sr.

Help Your 4-H Members Win \$500

CHARACTER COUNTS! is giving kids the opportunity to prove the power of positive persuasion by holding its first ever online video competition. The challenge is to make a short film (up to two minutes) demonstrating how one of the Six Pillars of Character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, or citizenship) has created a better world. The finalists will be chosen; fans will select the top three. First place will take home \$500, second gets \$300, and third, \$200. Submissions are due by December 12, 2008. For more information, please visit

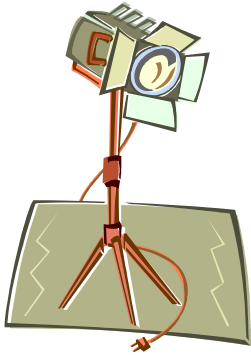
http://charactercounts.org/teens/Video-Contest_Nov-2008.html

ATTENTION:

It is the policy of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability.

Achievement Day Honoree Nominations

Nominations for Achievement Day Honoree are due no later than November 17th. A nominee can be anybody who has been a supporter of the Acadia Parish 4-H program. Please submit the name of a nominee your club chooses along with a brief paragraph explaining why that person was chosen.



If you need any assistance in training your 4-H members for contest, please contact the 4-H Office.

Thought for you:
To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Club Spotlight News

Estherwood Elementary 4-H Club sponsored a coloring contest in conjunction with Chili's Restaurant. All students on campus were invited to participate. They paid one dollar to enter the coloring contest in which they designed their own "chili pepper" 4-H members raised \$146 dollars with all proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Clubs from across the parish celebrated National 4-H Week in many ways: painting the town green, making posters, wear green day, etc. But we had two volunteers who took it the extra mile in celebrating the fun.

Sylvia Doucet truly went green!



Michelle Puissegur became a true oldie goldie.



4-H Essential Elements

Using the Essential Elements of 4-H, we create opportunities and environments that meet young people's needs and build life skills.

4-H offers opportunities for **Belonging** - young people don't just join 4-H they belong! Youth need to know they are cared about and accepted by others. Youth also need to experience a sense of physical and emotional safety. They need to feel a sense of connection to others in the group. Current development of values such as research emphasizes how important it is that youth have opportunities for long-term consistent relationships with adults other than their parents. In fact, the research suggests that a sense of belonging may be the single most powerful positive ingredient we can add into the lives of children and youth.

4-H offers opportunities to experience **Mastery** - young people master skills that are relevant. Mastery includes the development of skills, knowledge, and attitudes followed by the competent demonstration of these skills and knowledge. In order to develop self-confidence and a sense that they matter, young people need to feel that they are capable. They must also experience success at solving problems and meeting meaningful challenges. Mastery is sometimes called "self-efficacy." Settings that promote self-efficacy and mastery encourage youth to take risks, seek out challenges, and focus on self-improvement rather than comparing themselves to their peers.

4-H offers opportunities to experience **Generosity** - young people become active and engaged citizens. Young people need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose. They need opportunities to connect to their communities and learn how to give back to others. As part of this process, youth gain an understanding of others' needs and learn how to respond to these needs. Generosity may also include the compassion and tolerance for diversity and the ability to take the perspective of others, and to approach problems as "a member of a global society," through participation in local, and national politics.

4-H offers opportunities to experience **Independence** - young people have opportunities to choose and learn to make good choices. Youth need to know that they are able to influence people and events through decision-making and action. Independence refers to an adolescent's growing ability to think, feel, make decisions, and act on her or his own. This continues to develop whenever someone is challenged to act with a new level of self-reliance. By gaining a sense of independence, youth develop personal responsibility and discipline.



Centennial Scavenger Hunt

A Centennial Scavenger Hunt sponsored by the Louisiana 4-H Foundation will take place through **November 30, 2008** to find photos, medals, trophies, clothing, demonstration materials, record books, 4-H camp memorabilia, etc. for developing exhibits in the Louisiana 4-H Museum. Cash prizes of \$100.00 will be awarded by December 31, 2008 to parish 4-H foundations for parishes whose residents submit the best entries in the categories listed below.

SCAVENGER HUNT CATEGORIES:

- Most unique item bearing the 4-H emblem AND a parish name
- Oldest item bearing the 4-H emblem
- Oldest 4-H Record Book or 4-H scrapbook
- Oldest 4-H project bulletin
- Photo of 4-H'ers in the act of "learning by doing"
- Photo of 4-H'ers in the act of running a 4-H meeting
- Photo of 4-H'ers actively engaged in a service project
- Photo of 4-H'er doing a demonstration
- Photo of 4-H'er doing public speaking
- Oldest trophy, medal, or certificate
- 4-H "uniforms" worn in the past
- 4-H award trip photo of youth having fun and/or learning
- 4-H award trip memorabilia
- Short Course photo of 4-H'ers
- 4-H University photo of 4-H'ers
- Camp Jesse Harrison photos and memorabilia
- Other camp photos and memorabilia
- Old 4-H demonstration materials, any topic

Home Environment-Designers Challenge

Don't forget about one of our newest contest....Designers Challenge. Please see handbook for details (pg 41-43). There will be a workshop on November 24 at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for all 4-H members enrolled in the Housing/ Home Environment project. Youth will receive the contest situation and will learn how to design a room.

Photography Workshop

Photography can seem like magic. In the blink of an eye you can record what you are looking at. You and your 4-H members can come explore the world of photography. On December 2 at 4:30p.m. at the 4-H Office, there will be a photography workshop.

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