



# 4-H Leader Update



September 2008

## ***Dates To Remember:***

### **September**

- 8 Jr. Leadership Mtg.
- 13 LSU/4-H Tailgate Party
- 18 Ambassador Applications Due
- 20 Back to School Dance
- 22 Ambassador Interviews
- 30 First Call for Enrollment

### **October**

- 6 Jr. Leader Mtg
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 10 Louisiana Cattle Festival  
Cooking Contest
- 11 Circle of 4-H
- 13 Achievement Day Themes Due
- 14 Horse Club Mtg, 6:00p.m.
- 17 Rice Festival Creole Cookery
- 20 Outdoor Skills Mtg, 6:00p.m.
- 23 Pumpkins Due to 4-H Office
- 23-9 Louisiana State Fair
- 25 Halloween 4-H Dance
- 29 4-H Day at the State Fair

### **November**

- 1 **Final Deadline for Enrollment cards and dues to 4-H Office.**
- 3 Jr. Leader Mtg
- 11 Horse Club Mtg ,
- 17 Outdoor Skills Mtg, 6:00p.m.
- 17 Honoree Nominations Due
- 24 Home Environment Workshop
- 24 Demonstration and Cookery entries due to 4-H Office
- 25 Elementary Workshop Day

## **What is the 4-H Leader Update**

The Leader Update will keep you posted on all upcoming events, deadlines and will inform you of the monthly meeting topic. We would also like to use the update as a forum to exchange ideas. You or your club reporter can send us articles describing your club's activities and ideas and we will publish them so that other club leaders can benefit. We hope this newsletter will be of benefit to you. Any suggestions on what to include or how we can improve it are welcomed. We will be utilizing email more and you can look forward to receiving your update electronically.

## **Club Meeting Program**

As always, we will present an overview of 4-H to potential 4-H'ers at our September meetings. We invite all interested youth to attend and find out what 4-H has to offer them. At this time, each child will be given an enrollment card to take home to their parents.

## **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.

## **Now You Are A Leader....**

As a 4-H Leader, we are counting on you to make announcements to students and to arrange a place for our 4-H meetings at your school each month. Parish dues are \$4.00 per member. **September 25** is the proposed deadline for students to get their enrollment cards and dues to you. Our 1st call for completed Enrollment Cards is **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Once a child turns in a completed card to you, you may wish to make a copy of the enrollment cards. This would be your record of your enrollment. We are asking for dues at the time cards are due. Deadline for dues is **November 1**.

## **To New Leaders**

Any parent, 4-H alumni member, or other adults interested in volunteering to help with local or parish wide 4-H projects or activities are asked to contact the organizational 4-H leader at their school or the 4-H agents. No special talents, skills, or education are required — just an interest in working with children. Volunteers can serve as project or activity leaders.

## **Volunteer/Leader Training**

There will be training for all volunteers and leaders on September 18, 2007 at the 4-H Office beginning at 5:30 p.m. This training will assist you in your efforts as you work with our youth. We highly recommend that all new and old volunteers attend. You never know what you can learn.

## **New Contests**

We are glad to introduce some new and exciting contests to our 4-H Program. The new contests are: T-shirt decorating, Woodworking Exhibit, Child Development Toy, and Home Environment- Designers Challenge. Please review your leader handbook on the dates of the contests and rules.

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## Information Center:

*Inventory Sheets are to help you pull projects books.*

### **2008-2009 Leader Handbook**

*You should be receiving a Leader Handbook. This book provides rules, activities and applications that you will use throughout the year.*

All Cloverleaf and Leader Updates are also posted on [http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/parishes/Acadia/Features/4-H/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Acadia/Features/4-H/).



### **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.*

## The Junior Leadership Club

This club is open to all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members. Junior Leaders have fun helping younger 4-H'ers with their project work and assisting the less fortunate in their communities. This club also participates in numerous activities where our members meet and make friends with other teenagers from throughout the state. **This months meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Monday, September 8 at the 4-H Office. Dues are \$15.00 to become a Junior Leader! Please encourage your members to join the club.**

## Junior Ambassadors Needed to Promote Acadia Parish 4-H

We are looking for dedicated 4-H'ers in grades 8th-12th to promote 4-H in Acadia Parish. The Ambassadors will be expected to promote 4-H through attending civic organization meetings, presenting radio spots, encouraging others to join 4-H and completing community service activities. To apply, there is an application and complete an interview. Applications can be found in your leader handbook. **Applications are due on September 18– NO EXCEPTIONS! Interviews will be held at the 4-H office on September 22, starting at 5:00 p.m.**

## LSU/4-H Tailgate Party

Get ready for a great time at the 4-H tailgate party and game on Saturday, September 13. The tailgate program will be held in Parker Coliseum, with food, games, door prizes, and plenty of LSU football. The LSU Cheerleaders, Golden Girls, Mike the Tiger and Tiger Girls will all attend the program.

### **2008 4-H Tailgate Party Schedule of Events**

Time	Event
8:00	Parking area around Parker Coliseum Opens
8:30 – 3:45	Registration of 4-H Members, Alumni and Volunteers
8:30 – 9:30	Chancellor's Health Walk Check-In
9:45	Welcome by Chancellor Richardson
10:00	Chancellor's Centennial Health Walk (Parker Coliseum) Chancellor's Centennial Health Walk Participants' Gift
11:30	Drawing
12:00 – 3:00	Jambalaya, Pizza, and Ice Cream Served in Mini Farm
12:00 – 3:00	Games for Youth
12:00 – 3:00	Face Painting
1:00	Door Prize Drawings Start
3:30	Tiger Girls
3:45	LSU Cheerleaders and Mascot Drawing of Autographed Football, Basketball, and Baseball
4:00	& \$10,000 4-H Foundation Raffle
4:15	LSU Golden Girls
5:15	LSU Football Players Enter Stadium
5:45	LSU Golden Tiger Band enters Tiger Stadium
6:30	4-H Pre-Game Presentation in Tiger Stadium Game coverage provided on large screen T.V. for those
6:45	without tickets - Mini Farm
7:00	Kick-Off! LSU vs. North Texas

## Achievement Day Themes

Achievement Day Theme is a catchy slogan with a colorful picture promoting 4-H. The creation should be on regular 8 1/2" X 11" typing paper and turn it into each leader. Entries relating to the advertisement of cigarettes or alcohol will not be accepted. All entries must be turned into the 4-H Office by 4:00 p.m. on October 13. **No computer generated themes will be accepted!** If you have any questions, please call the office.



***If you have any members showing animals for the first time, they need to contact the 4-H Office by September 1.***



### **National 4-H Week**

National 4-H Week has been set for October 5-11! We would like to see all clubs participate in activities such as making treats for teachers, hanging signs or banners around school or have green and white dress up day, etc.

### **Circle of 4-H Day**

The Circle of 4-H will be held during National 4-H week. This event is open to all youth. Some of the activities that will be going on will be Exploring 4-H, a Pet Show, and a Bicycle Rodeo and much more. This event will be held at Redemptorist Catholic located in South Crowley on Saturday, October 11 beginning at 8:30a.m.

### **Email Distribution List**

Due to budget cuts, the AgCenter continues its move toward using the internet to send information electronically. Agents have been encouraged to send newsletters, etc via email and we are asking all leaders to please provide us with their email address. No correspondence from our office will show your email address. All information will be sent to your email address as a BCC, blind carbon copy. If you choose to receive your mail electronically, please provide your correct email address to the agents. A positive outcome of this is that you will not have to depend on "snail mail" for monthly club meeting information. Also the information will be easily accessible, so you can refer back to it without searching for a letter at school or at home.

### **State Food and Fitness Board Members**

We are proud to announce *Hannah Miller*, Notre Dame and *Austina Coolman*, Rayne High were selected to represent Acadia Parish on the State Food and Fitness Board.

### **ATTENTION: YOU ARE NEEDED AS VOLUNTEERS!**

The 4-H office could not operate effectively without parent volunteers. There are many ways you can help based on what subject you are skilled at or just interested in!

Below are three examples where you are needed the most:

1. **Overnight Chaperones** – if you are interested in attending a camp with your child overnight, you **MUST** attend our Overnight Chaperone Training. **PLEASE** call the 4-H office if you are interested in attending an overnight camp in the future so that we can arrange for you to attend this training.
2. **Workshops, contests, etc.** -- at every workshop or contest, parents are needed for simple crowd control, help with registration and to help conduct the workshop.
3. **Project leaders** –adults are needed for training or helping the 4-H'ers or for insuring that all paperwork is completed on time.

**PLEASE CALL US IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP.**

### **Louisiana Cattle Festival Cooking Contest**

The Louisiana Cattle Festival Cooking Contest is October 10 in Abbeville, LA. If you have any 4-H members interested in competing in the event, please contact the 4-H Office for rules and procedure or visit <http://www.louisianacattlefestival.org/lanconcookingcontest.htm>

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