



4~H Leader Update



March 2009

Dates To Remember:

March

- 2 Jr. Leader Meeting
- 6-8 Challenge Camp
- 10 Horse Club Meeting
- 11 Contest Day Wk Shop
- 13-15 Jr. Leadership Conference
- 14 Spring Fling (Winter Contest)
- 25 District Cookery Contest
- 27 Record Books Due
- 27 Fashion Garments Due
- 27 Shirt Contest Items Due
- 27 Talent Show Names Due
- 27 Song Contest Tunes Due

April

- 6 Jr. Leader Meeting
- 14 Horse Club Meeting
- 14 Club Reporter Scrapbooks due
- 24 Outstanding Member form due

May

- TBA Jr. Leader Meeting
- 2 Achievement Day/Fashion Revue
- 5 Outstanding Member Banquet

June

- 3 4-H Day at the Capital
- 23-26 4-H University

Club Meeting Program

Youth under 15 are two times more likely to lose control of an ATV. Most of the time the youth are on an ATV that is too large and they cannot handle a vehicle of the size they are riding. ATVs are much heavier and faster than they used to be. The majority of accidents are from the ATV over turning. In the majority of accidents, the ATV was too big and the rider was not wearing a helmet or other important safety equipment. Seventy-five percent of ATV accidents result in damage to the head and spinal cord. In the year 2000 there were approximately 250,000 ATV accidents where the rider had to be treated for injuries. 200-300 people die every year in ATV accidents. Forty percent of these riders are under 16 and 15% of that are under 12

Overnight Chaperone Training

Remember that if you plan on having an overnight event with your 4-H club or would like to help us chaperone trips, you must attend two hour training. Please contact the office for upcoming trainings.

Spring Fling (Winter Contest Day) Workshop

There will be a workshop on March 11 beginning at 4:30 at the 4-H Office. This workshop will assist youth in preparing for the contests to be conducted at Winter Contest Day. Youth will learn more about judging meat, poultry and food. If you are interested in teaching a session at the workshop, please contact the 4-H office.

Spring Fling (Winter Contest)

Winter Contest Day has now turned into Spring Fling Contest Day! It will be held Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Redemptorist Catholic School in South Crowley. Contests will begin at 8:30 a.m.

4th-12th Grade Contest -- Consumer Foods Judging- Contestant will be asked to rank classes of given food situations. Senior members will give written reasons for one class.

Poultry Judging -- Contestant will identify poultry parts and grade eggs.

Meat Identification -- Contestants will identify common cuts of meat; senior members will judge a class. Study guides are available or visit the Texas A&M Meat ID website at <http://aggiemeat.tamu.edu>, link to the meat judging page.

Public Speaking -- Contestant can compete in two categories: 1) Any other subject or 2) Cooperative. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade members' speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length, 7th-12th grade members' speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length.

Premier Exhibitor Contest- Open to all 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects. Test are given are Sheep, Swine, Beef and Goat.

7th-12th Grade Contest --Child Development -- Contestants will judge classes of toys and foods appropriate for children. Testing information will come from the 7th and 8th grade child development book.

Achievement Day Song Tunes

Achievement Day is just around the corner, May 2! It's time to start thinking of a catchy tune for your Achievement Day song. Remember, all songs must consist of the current years' theme, the honorees name, and the agents' names and at least five project areas, for which two can be clothing, cooking or livestock. The other three must come from various other projects. Points will be deducted for songs not contain all the necessary requirements. Song Tunes are due to the office by March 27.

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SHIRT DECORATING CONTEST

- Open to all 4-H members.
- This contest is held at Fashion Revue/Achievement Day.
- There will be three divisions: elementary (4-5 grades), junior (6-8 grades), senior (9-12 grades).
- Contest Description: Decorate a shirt using lace, ribbon, decorative stitching, appliqué, embroidery or cross stitch, dying, fabric painting, beads, etc. Use any design such as: name, school, a theme, animals, holiday items, abstract design, etc. Must do the work yourself. May remove or alter the collar, cuffs, sleeves, pockets, etc. Shirt will be judged on creativity, neatness, techniques used, and overall appearance.
- Categories:
 - T-Shirt
 - Sweatshirt
 - Tailored Shirt



Vote on April 4

Please take the time to go out and vote on April 4 for the LSU Cooperative Extension Tax Renewal. This tax renewal is what supports the operations of the Extension Office and provides salaries to the agents for Acadia Parish. The vote also supports the finding for the Rice Arena. **So please vote on April 4.**

Strawberries

Have a taste of Louisiana's sweetest treasure... the strawberry. The Jr. Leadership Club is selling flats of strawberries for \$16.00 a flat. They will be delivered on April 1. If interested in supporting the Jr. Leadership Club and having a tasty treat, please contact a Jr. Leader member or the 4-H Office to order your strawberries by March 26.

4-H University

4-H U is a statewide 4-H activity held on LSU campus. It is scheduled for June 23-26. Four-H members from throughout the state compete against each other in over 30 contests. To be eligible to compete at 4-H U, 4-H'ers must have participated in a related parish contest. First preference is given to 9th - 12th grade club members; however, several contests are open to club members that have reached their 13th birthday as of January 1, 2009. Preparing for 4-H U is a lot of work, but state winners in each contest are awarded great prizes such as all expense paid educational trips to different parts of the United States. So start thinking about what contest your club members might want to compete in. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office.



4-H Fundraiser

There is a new fundraiser for ACADIA PARISH 4-H. For every magazine purchased or renewed, we receive 40 percent profit. This money will help cover cost for parish activities, transportation to camp and many others. AMERICAN PUBLISHERS HEARST has over 700 magazines to choose from, including

many big-name titles. These magazines are at low, discounted prices compared to ordering directly from the publishers or newsstands. Look at these ways to support ACADIA PARISH 4-H. To find out more or look at the more than 700 magazines offered, visit www.aphearst.com. Don't forget to use the ACADIA 4-H Web code No. WC3263.

Livestock Thank You Letters

This is a reminder that your livestock students who sold animals in the Acadia Parish Sale need to write thank you letters to their buyers before receiving their check. The letters need to be in a stamped envelope and delivered to the 4-H Office .

AgMagic

Do you think food, clothing, lumber and other products only come from a store? Come to AgMagic to see and learn where your food and fiber really come from! The LSU AgCenter's Parker Coliseum will be transformed this spring to show "AgMagic," which will take children and adults through a journey of Louisiana agriculture and economically beneficial commodities they use every day.

The AgMagic experience will be an interactive, visually stimulating environment that will link food and fiber products we use every day to the forests, field crops and livestock produced by Louisiana farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. Featured crops will be displayed in various stages of development, and the importance of interaction between agriculture, the environment and society, at large, will be highlighted.



April 20 - 24, 2009
Open to school groups
and organizations
8:00am-1:00pm

April 25-26, 2009
Open to Public
10am-5pm

John M. Parker Coliseum
located on Highland near the south gates of LSU

For More Information:
<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/agmagic/>

CLUB REPORTER'S SCRAPBOOK

- Open to all Acadia Parish 4-H Clubs.
- Each club may enter one scrapbook. Scrapbook will compete against other scrapbooks within your club's division. Created by club reporter (chairman) and club scrapbook committee.
- Your club is responsible for getting publicity about your club activities in the newspaper and also report all community service and other activities your club participated in throughout the year in your club's scrapbook.
- The club scrapbook will be comprised of two parts:



- a. Reporters articles - it should contain news clippings from newspapers, school papers and newsletters about the club or articles written to be submitted.
 - b. Scrapbook of all community service and other activities performed by club from the past year.
- Scoring: Scrapbooks will be judged according to the following criteria.
1. Quality of articles written by club reporter = 20 points
 2. Quality and showcase of club activities = 35 points
 3. Number and quality of community service activities = 20 points
 4. Number and quality of other 4-H activities = 20 points
 5. Scrapbook neatness = 5 points
 6. Creativity of Scrapbook=20 points
 1. Clubs will be able to list all activities participated in throughout the past year.
 2. Scrapbooks can be turned in on a traditional scrapbook, but the maximum page size is 12" X 14'.



4-H Day at the Capitol

The *Eighth Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol* will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2009. **With the current state of the budget which affects all programs including 4-H, all parishes are strongly encouraged to participate this year to enhance the 4-H program in Louisiana.** Last year's function was excellent, with over 1300 participants in our Centennial Celebration. Our goal this year is no less than 1,000 participants to promote the 4-H program's importance in Louisiana. Parish delegations attending must make appointments with their Legislators before June 3. AgCenter photographers will be available for photos of Legislators and 4-H members.

The program will begin on the steps of the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. with state 4-H officers and elected officials welcoming the group. Following the short program, participants should visit with legislators. Four-Hers are encouraged to bring lunch and picnic on the grounds of the Capitol. If interested in participating, please contact the 4-H office.

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