



# 4-H Leader Update

January 2009



## Dates To Remember:

### January

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

### February

- 2 Jr. Leadership Mtg.
- 2-7 District Livestock Show
- 10 Horse Club Mtg.
- 14-21 LSU State Livestock Show

### March

- 2 Jr. Leader Mtg.
- 6-8 Challenge Camp
- 10 Horse Club Mtg
- 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

## Club Meeting Program

This month's club meetings will focus on safety while hunting. Louisiana is truly the sportsman's paradise and is blessed with a variety of wildlife and game species. Hunting safely and responsibly is the responsibility and the duty of each hunter or person in the outdoors. What is your favorite sport? Football? Basketball? Swimming? Soccer? Hunting? Which of these sports is the safest? When you look at the number of people who play football and the number who hunt, there are about the same number, but there are 300 times more injuries each year in football than hunting.

Awards from Demonstration Day and Commodity Cookery will also be handed out to the 4-H members.

## Key Club Awards

If you are an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade *Junior Leadership Member*, you may be eligible to apply for the 4-H Key Club Award. It is one of the highest honors you can receive as a 4-H member and its honorary membership is for a lifetime. Basic requirements are: 1) Must be 16 years old by January 12) Must have 3 years of 4-H club work, including this year. 3) Must have completed one year of active Junior Leadership work. 4) Must score at least 140 points on the application you can get pick up at the 4-H office. Completed forms must be returned to the 4-H office by January 7. Key Club recipients will be announced at Achievement Day!

## Livestock Judging Contest

The Parish Livestock Judging contest will be held *Thursday, January 22*, at the Rice Arena in Crowley, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Four-H members will judge at least one class of sheep, beef, and swine. Each class will be comprised of four animals. Senior 4-H members will also be required to give oral reasons on one of the judging classes. This contest is open to every 4-H member. To learn more about and practice livestock judging skills, visit YouTube and search for livestock judging.

## Junior Award of Excellence

The Louisiana 4-H Foundation Award of Excellence Award is for 4-H members that are under the age of 14 and have at least two years of 4-H club work. There is an application that must be filled out in order to be considered. This is a state award and is an honor to receive. If you need more information or would like an application, please contact the 4-H Office. Applications are due to the 4-H office by January 7, 2008.

## 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Conference

The 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association is very excited about hosting its conference at the beautiful Lod Cook Conference Center and Hotel in Baton Rouge on March 6 – 7, 2009. Flyer is attached with more information. The Acadia Parish 4-H Foundation will cover the cost of the registration fee for those who are interested in attending. If interested, please contact the 4-H office.

## Challenge Camp

Challenge Camp is open to all 7th & 8th graders. Camp will be held *March 6-8, 2009*. Only fourteen 4-H'ers can attend Challenge Camp, so get your applications in early. The cost of camp is \$55.00. This includes all meals, a T-

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shirt, and transportation to and from camp. Application is available through the 4-H Office. Applications, along with a check payable to the "Acadia 4-H Foundation Inc" are due **February 4, 2008**. **No late application will be accepted due to the state deadline!!! Checks are non-refundable**

### **Achievement Day Honoree**

The 2009 Achievement Day honoree is Mrs. Ann Marie Hebert. She has volunteered her time to the 4-H program for many. Her children were in 4-H and now her grandchildren actively involved. She serves as a judge at our parish contest and helps assist with Egan 4-H club. Please join us in honoring Ann Marie as our 2009 honoree.



### **Fashion Revue**

This year's Fashion Revue has been moved to Achievement Day. It will be held at Crowley High School on May 2nd, 2009. All Sewing garments and Ready to Wear forms will be due to the 4-H office on March 27th. All entry forms can be found on our website or in the leader handbook. NO garments will be accepted late! \*Please be sure that you look at the leader handbook. There are different outfits that the youth will make based on their grade level.

### **Overnight Chaperone Training**

Remember that if you plan 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.

### **Do You Have What It Takes?**

Do you have what it takes to be an outstanding leader? We hope you do. There is a large pool of candidates to sort through but you could be selected to be recognized as the 2008-2009 Outstanding Leader. So be on the look out for a judge near you.

### **Food and Fitness Camp**

The Annual State 4-H Food & Fitness Camp is set for February 14-15, 2009 at **Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center**. The Food & Fitness Camp theme is "**Holidays the Healthy Way**"! Each parish has the opportunity to send a team of four 4-H campers (9-12 years old) and one to two leaders (project leader, junior leader, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.). The adult volunteer **must** be Overnight Chaperone trained. A chaperone must attend.



Check out our new 4-H website! The site at [www.4-Hclubhouse.com](http://www.4-Hclubhouse.com) is tailored to fourth- through sixth graders and features nearly a hundred games, quizzes, downloadable activities and videos. In addition, you can find all kinds of 4-H information there... anything from a virtual tour of 4-H Camp Grant Walker to project information. We think you'll like the new look! If you would like to advertise the 4-H website, we have posters at the 4-H office that you may have to place in your school. Please contact the 4-H office if interested.

### **Spring Fling (Winter Contest)**

Winter Contest Day has now turned into Spring Fling Contest Day! It will be held Saturday, March 14th, 2009 at Redemptorist Catholic school in South

Crowley. Contest held that day are Child Development, Poultry Judging, Meat ID, Consumer Foods Judging, Premier Exhibitor, & Public Speaking. 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.



#### **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](http://www.aphearst.com). Don't forget to use the ACADIA 4-H Web code No. WC3263.

#### **2009 Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest**

This is a unique opportunity for students to compete for a trip to Washington D.C., where they will learn about political processes, interact with governmental officials, and take in the sights of our nation's capital. Trip dates are June 12 – 19, 2009.

The Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (ALEC) will sponsor 2 students from 4-H and 2 students from FFA. If a 4-H member is also a customer of their local co-op they are eligible to apply through both 4-H and their local electric co-op (these students would need to contact a co-op representative for more information on applying there).

More information about the youth tour is located on the ALEC website, <http://www.alec.coop/youthtour.aspx>.

**All applications must be submitted to the state 4-H office by February 27, 2009.**

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