



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Fitness Safety!

Remember these **Road Rules**.

- ✦ Cross and Walk at intersections. Stop at all stop signs
- ✦ Ride on the right-hand side of the street
- ✦ Never ride against Traffic
- ✦ Know your hand signals
- ✦ Hands on the handlebars
- ✦ Always stop and check
- ✦ Always wear a helmet
- ✦ Pay Attention
- ✦ Don't ride too close to parked cars
- ✦ Obey street lights
- ✦ Use bike lanes or designated routes
- ✦ Single file on the street



According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 26,000 persons are treated in hospital emergency rooms each year with skateboard related injuries.

Also every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency room because of bike injuries. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries.

Camp Spots Still Available

Attention all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, now is the time to start getting ready to go to Summer 4-H Camp. We have not reached our camp quota for summer camp, spots are still available.

We will be attending camp **July 20 through July 24, 2009**. *** Please notice that this date is different that the one that is listed on the applications that were handed out at last month's meeting - this is the correct date! ***The theme for this year is "Camp Grant Walker - It'll Grow on You!"

If you are interested in going, get a copy of the camp letter and application from your 4-H leader or on the website. The letters and applications were handed out at the January and February club meetings. If you have not completed it and are interested, please do so immediately. All applications should be submitted through your 4-H leader at your school.

Camp letters will be mailed to campers in March. We hope you will join us.



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Achievement Day

Join us on Saturday, **April 4** at our annual 4-H Achievement Day. Our theme this year, "Safety First" this event will reflect our emphasis on safety. It will be at Lafayette Middle School at 1301 West University Street.

This year's event will involve exhibits, judging contests, interviews and demonstrations. Check your copy of the Achievement Day Rules for exact details and begin preparing for your contests today. Achievement Day this year will emphasize the safety lessons we have covered this year. Most contests reflect this theme and individual awards will be presented.

All 4-H'ers with exhibits must arrive about 8:30 AM to enter exhibits before the start of the opening assembly at 9:00 AM. Below is the schedule that will be followed. It also appears on the Achievement Day rules.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30-9:00	<i>Arrival and Entry of Exhibits</i>
9:00-9:45	<i>Opening Assembly - Auditorium</i> <i>4-H Hall of Fame Recognition</i>
9:45-11:45	<i>Contests-Classrooms</i>
10:45 - 12:45	<i>PERSONAL SAFETY EXPO - School Gym</i>
10:00-12:30	<i>Concession Stand - Cafeteria</i>
12:45	<i>Afternoon Assembly in Auditorium</i> <i>Safety Cheer Contest - Awards</i>
2:30	<i>Dismissal - Arrange Transportation Home</i>

Club of the Month

To view a list of the winning clubs, go to: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Lafayette/Features/4-H/Contest_Results/ and click on Club of the Month Results.

Vegetable Garden Contest

Attention all green thumbs! Don't forget about the 4-H Garden Contest. Applications are due on **April 15**.

Rules are available through the 4-H Office.

Hurry and get your copy now. If you are interested, please submit your name, address, phone number, grade, school, and directions to your home.

If you wait until after the deadline to apply, you may not be able to compete! Mail your form today!



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. Horse exhibitor's must be doing the majority of the work pertaining to feeding, care, etc., from that date through the 4-H shows.

There will be a meeting for all 1st year horse exhibitors and their parents to receive information on the program. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the **Grade Horse Clinic** at **Blackham Coliseum** on **March 25th**. It will begin at 5:00 PM in Barn "B", with the exhibitors meeting, followed by the clinic at about 6:30 PM. All exhibitors are responsible for getting your horses to the clinic. This clinic is **ONLY** for horses that do not have registration papers. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Charles at 291-7090.



Character Counts

This month we celebrate our sixth pillar of character, and that is the pillar of **Citizenship**. We should all be good citizens and good neighbors. A good citizen cares about and works toward the common good.

As a good citizen we should do volunteer work to help our school and community be better, cleaner, and safer. We should always respect authority and the law. We should also play by the rules, obey parents, teachers, and others who are in authority.



Meaningful Service

Last month, we highlighted how important it is to apply youth voice, problem solving and reflection throughout the duration. This month we will discuss the importance of meaningful service.

Service activities should be constant and over a long period. Research suggests that a minimum of 40 hours over a school year is necessary for youth to yield positive results for students and the community. Teachers or sponsors need to work with students in order to draw the connections between what the students are doing and what they should be learning.

Even when service activities are conducted outside of class, it is important that the project have clear and specific objectives. It should have strong ties to the curriculum they are studying. The connection between service and democratic practices, ideas, and history should be made clear. This is how students begin to see service as a civic responsibility.

Project members should be given time to reflect on their service. That may require you to keep a journal, or have adults lead discussions or coordinate activities that allow members to think critically about their service. These activities need to be planned, not left to chance.

Students should be involved in leadership roles in all phases of the project. In order to ensure that service is truly useful and strengthens community ties, strong partnerships with community groups based on mutually agreed upon goals, roles, and responsibilities are essential.

Next month, we will highlight the importance of evaluation.

News from MDA

Everyone should receive their "Strike Force" packet this month, and fill them up with donations. Get ready for our 20th Annual 4-H Bowling Against Dystrophy.

This event will take place on Tuesday, **April 14**, at Lafayette Lanes beginning at 12:30 PM.

Remember, in order to bowl two free games on the 26, you must collect at least \$20.00 in donations. Let's make this our best bowl ever.



4-H U Selection



4-H University is a state program where 4-H'ers get to learn and appreciate the campus that you are a part of through your affiliation with 4-H. It gives 4-H members the opportunity to meet new friends, have a great time and connect 4-H with LSU.

If you are 13 years old or older as of December 31, 2008, you may be eligible to participate in state competition this summer from June 23 - 26 on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Over 2,000 4-H club members from throughout the state will be in attendance and it is very important for Lafayette Parish to be well represented. If you are interested in attending, you must attend a special meeting on March 19 at 6:00 PM at the Lafayette Parish 4-H Office.

The following items will be considered when selecting participants:

1. *Previous year's 4-H U/State Records performance.*
2. *Participation in Junior Leadership*
3. *Participation/Performance in Parish Contest(s)*
4. *Completion of 4-H Record Book*
5. *Overall activeness in 4-H*

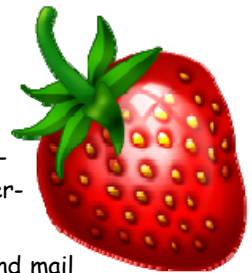
If we do not hear from you, we'll assume you do not wish to be considered. Don't pass up this opportunity to meet new people and show off what you can do. Make every effort to be a part of Lafayette's Winning 4-H University Team.

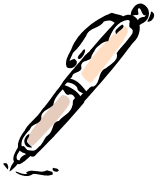
Strawberry Sale

The junior leader program is currently conducting their Louisiana strawberry flat sale. Fresh Louisiana strawberries are being sold for \$15.00 per flat.

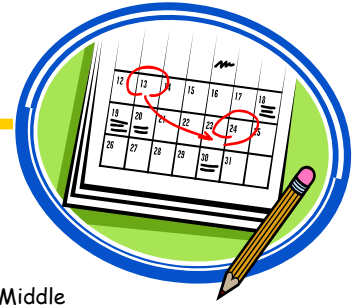
To guarantee your order please call and mail your payment to our office before March 19. If you are unable to order prior to the deadline there will be some extra flats available. Orders taken after this date cannot be guaranteed and will be on a first come first serve basis.

We are waiting confirmation from the supplier on a definite date of delivery. Our tentative date of delivery is Tuesday, March 24, from 1:00-5:00 pm at the 4-H office. You will be notified of any changes.





Important Dates



March

- 2 First Day of Club Meetings
- 3 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
- 3 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 7 Mudbugs Centennial Game, Bossier City, LA
- 5 Jr. Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- 13-15 State 4-H Leadership Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 13 Clothing Garments Due 4-H Office
- 18 Strawberry Sale
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 25 First Year Horse Exhibitor's Meeting, Blackham Coliseum
- 25 Grade Horse Clinic, Blackham Coliseum
- 25 Regional Commodity Cookery
- 26 4-H Fashion Review

April

- 1-3, 6-8 LEAP & IOWA
- 2 Jr. Leader Officer Meeting
- 4 Achievement Day, Lafayette Middle
- 10 **GOOD FRIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED**
- 14 Let's Go Fishing Clinic
- 14 Bowling Against Dystrophy, Acadiana Lanes
- 15 - 17 Challenge Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- 15 Outstanding Senior Award Applications Due
- 15 Livestock Scholarship Applications Due
- 15 Garden Contest Applications Due
- 16 Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 20 4-H Scorecards Due to Leaders
- 20 -24 Youth Wetlands Week
- 21 State Ambassador Contests, Baton Rouge, LA
- 22 4-H Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 30 Jr. Leader Banquet
- 30 4-H Information - Registration Forms/Officer Information Due, 4-H Office

New Orleans Zephyrs 4-H Day !

The New Orleans Zephyrs minor league baseball team will be hosting 4-H Day as a Fundraiser to benefit Louisiana 4-H.

This game will take place on April 19, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be available in the Lower Reserved Section for \$7.00 each. If you register a group 20 or more you can get a Free Scoreboard Message during the game!

You can find more details about this game in addition to order forms for tickets on our website.

We hope you and your family will join us in New Orleans to enjoy the Great American Pastime!



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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, religion, gender, age or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette 4-H office at 291-7090.