



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## 4-H is Online!

Have you ever misplaced a newsletter? Has there ever been a month where the mail delivery did not deliver a 4-H letter? Well, we are hoping to increase our communication efforts with members, parents, and volunteers through the use of expanded website.

The Lafayette Parish 4-H staff has been working diligently to post content information on our web page. These efforts are being made to become more effective as well as efficient in our communication efforts.

You may access the site by typing [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) then click on parish offices on the right hand side of the page. Click on Lafayette and click on 4-H Youth Development. We have created a variety of channels that will be beneficial to you now and in the future when record books are due. We will continue our efforts to develop the site into a resource for all youth and adults alike. Let us know what you think.



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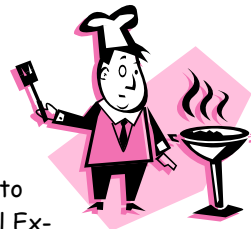
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## Outdoor Cooking

Our educational program at the monthly club meeting will focus on how to keep yourself and others safe. Each lesson will address specific Grade Level Expectations that will hopefully be helpful in standardize testing. This month we will learn about Outdoor Cooking.

When cooking outside, no matter what method you use, you need to follow some basic fire safety tips:

1. Clear area of all debris/avoid area with overhanging branches.
2. Have a bucket of water, shovel and a fire extinguisher nearby and ready to put out a fire.
3. Never build a fire near tents or other flammable items.
4. Never use flammable fluids to start a fire.
5. Never leave fire unattended.
6. Build a fire only as big as you need and surround with rocks.
7. Make sure to completely extinguish fire by scattering ashes or embers, sprinkle with water, stir with a stick, drench charred logs, and repeat these steps until everything is cold.
8. Keep gas canisters upright at all times. Keep them outside in well ventilated areas. Check for leakage by putting soap liquid on all connections. Turn off when not in use. Never install or remove propane cylinders while stove is lit, near flames, pilot lights, other ignition sources or while stove is hot to the touch.
9. Do not operate a gas stove or store fuel containers around another heat source such as a campfire. Only operate the stove in open, well ventilated areas.
10. Never use a gas stove in a tent or confined areas.



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## Christmas Cookie Contest

The 4-H Christmas Cookie Contest will be held during your **December club meeting**. Certificates will be awarded to all winners and participants. The three categories will be:

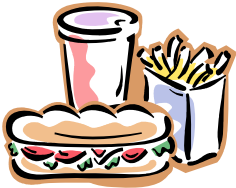
1. Largest Christmas Cookie
2. Prettiest Christmas Cookie
3. Most Unusual Christmas Cookie



### Remember:

- No store bought cookies can be entered.
- Bring your cookies to school the day of your meeting.
- You may enter more than one category.
- One cookie can be entered in only one contest.

## Get Involved in Fundraisers



Several fundraisers are underway to raise funds for the parish 4-H program. Four-H'ers throughout the parish have been selling World's Finest Chocolate candy. Proceeds from the candy sale go back to 4-H'ers to offset expenses for 4-H Camp, 4-H Challenge Camp, scholarships, etc. Remember, if you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

The junior leader club is conducting their annual poboy sale on Tuesday, November 25, which is before Thanksgiving. Tickets available at the 4-H Office for \$5.00. It will purchase a sausage poboy, chips, and a drink. Call today to reserve your poboy.

## Horse News

The 4-H horse shows will take place next summer. Exhibitors must have enrolled in the horse project on their enrollment card, have acquired their horses by **April 1** and will also be required enter their animal on the entry forms mailed out in April. Our parish 4-H horse clinics are tentatively scheduled to begin on **March 25th** with our Grade Horse Check-In Clinic at the Blackham Coliseum.

All 4-H'ers who enrolled in the horse project will periodically receive horse information, as well as their entry forms, through the mail. Contact Mr. Charles at 291-7090 with any questions about the 4-H Horse Program.



## Character Counts



Congratulations to all of you who put our first pillar of character, **RESPECT**, into practice. We all know that a good person is someone to look up to and admire and knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do what is right. A good person lives according to the "Six Pillars of Character".

The pillar for November is **RESPONSIBILITY**. When we do our best, don't quit, are prepared, work hard, and work with pride, we are being **RESPONSIBLE**. When we take charge of our life, set realistic goals and keep a positive outlook, we are practicing this month's pillar: **RESPONSIBILITY**.

What else can you do to be a responsible person?

## Join Team Junior Leader

It's still not too late for 8-12 graders to join the Lafayette Parish 4-H Junior Leadership Club. The next scheduled



meeting of the Junior Leadership Club is **Thursday, November 20**, at the 4-H Office to begin at **6:00 p.m.**

The junior leader club is extremely involved in service-learning projects throughout the year. Service-Learning is organized service experiences that meet real community needs.

November 20 is also the deadline to join Junior Leadership without paying a late fee. The final deadline is the **December Meeting**. Membership is only \$5.00 for the entire year.

## Thank You!

A super thank you to Ms. Monique Magee, Principal at Lafayette Middle for her continued support and cooperation. We are also very appreciative to the faculty and staff at LMS for allowing us to conduct officer training. They graciously opened their doors and welcomed us.

A big "**Thank You**" is extended to the Jr. Leaders and 4-H volunteers for all of their efforts in assisting us with both events. We would like to thank the Ossun Elementary for conducting the mock meeting.

Now that all officers have been properly trained, we should have some smooth running and interesting meetings.



## Livestock News



It is already time to begin preparing if you plan to exhibit livestock at the 4-H livestock shows in January and February, 2009. All members planning to exhibit Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goats or Poultry will be required to complete entry forms on each of their animals and return the forms to the 4-H Office by November 15th.

It is time to order broiler chicks for the 2009 Lafayette Parish Show and the LSU State Broiler Show. Broilers are meat-type chickens. The orders must be received by November 14.

Livestock entry forms will be sent through the mail in early November. If you need more information please contact us at 291-7090.

Dates for the livestock shows are:

Parish Show & Sale - Jan. 29-31, 2009

District Show - Feb. 4-7, 2009

State Show - Feb. 14-21, 2009

## Service-Learning

Last month, we explained service-learning and how each step in the cycle leads to the next. This month we will cover student and community ownership. It occurs where the process doesn't end with the completion of the service activity. An activity may be completed, but service-learning is a continuing process, where young people, and communities are always growing.

"Youth voice" means the inclusion of young people as a meaningful part of the creation and implementation of service opportunities. Youth voice enables young people to build upon service-learning and to act as advocates for social change.

Researchers have found that high-quality service-learning programs are rich with benefits for schools, communities and most of all students. One of the major parts of successful programs is that the organizers honor youth voice. It occurs when students really get involved in the planning of the service experiences. Young people want to be more involved when they can express themselves and work to accomplish their goals.

When developing your project remember to consider identifying various networks within a community, recruit and target partners from the private, public and citizen sectors in a community. Next, identify leadership within the community such as club officers, elected officials, etc. These groups can assist in advancing your project.

It's important to increase "youth voice" in our programs. Today's youth strongly believe that they can make the world a better place and they can, we have to allow them the opportunities. Next month, we will focus on identifying a genuine community need.

## Clover Corner

*Hi New 4-H Members!*



Welcome to 4-H. My name is Clover and I've been in 4-H for many, many years. I'm so excited that you have joined this great club and I hope you have a great year.

I wrote you a note on page 3 of your Discovering 4-H booklet. Read it as soon as you can and get started. The booklet has a total of 61 pages. If you work on it at a steady pace, you'll have everything finished by the February deadline. Look for my note in each Hotline that will help you keep up with your booklet. I know the booklet inside and out, I'll give you hints on what to do and when.

Several things take a while to complete so it's a good idea to start those things now. A good place to start is in the PLANT section. It begins on page 29. Read and start the activities on pages 29 & 30. Another good activity to start is growing radish on page 36. Also, open to the ENVIRONMENT section on page 40 and start looking for insects before it gets too cool outside.

This is a good time to feed the birds in our area. Work on pages 43 & 44. Lots of humming birds have been spotted around. Check out the Dig Deeper on page 44 and feed a few humming birds before they all fly south!

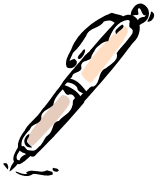
November is a good month for outdoor activities. If you look hard you will find good leaves to trace on page 32. Finish up this unit by doing the soil experiment on page 37. Here's a hint, the My Garden Soil is an Achievement Day contest. Get it done now, and you will have one less thing to do before Achievement Day rolls around.

On cool, rainy days when you can't go outside, pages 4 through 11 are good indoor activities. This is a good time to do pages 12 to 23. These are sewing, cooking and reading activities. Get a head start and do some of these.

Always have someone take pictures of you while you are working on your projects. A few photos in your book will make it look sharp. I'll be in touch and give you hints next month. **HAVE A GREAT YEAR IN 4-H!**

Yours Truly,

  
*Clover*



## Important Dates



### November

- 1-14 Livestock Educational Trip for Beef and Sheep, Louisville, KY
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 7 Final Day of Candy Sale
- 10 Possession Date for Beef, Sheep, Exhibition Poultry & Goats
- 10-12 Deadline for turning in Candy Sale Money, 4-H Office
- 15 4-H Fall Fest, Evangeline Elementary
- 15 Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Livestock Small Animal Clinic, Blackham
- 18 Lafayette 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 23-25 4-H Educational Trip, New Orleans, LA
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed**
- 28-Dec.2 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia

### December

- 1 Possession Date for Swine
- 4 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting
- 4 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 5 Validation/Possession Date for Market Swine
- 5 Award of Excellence Applications Due 4-H Office
- 5 Key Club Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 9 Record Book Workshop, Lafayette Middle School
- 10 Body Walk, Woodvale
- 10 4-H Food for Families Drive, Cajundome
- 11 Body Walk, S.J. Montgomery
- 12 Body Walk, Live Oak
- 12-13 Area Livestock Clinics, Sugarena, New Iberia
- 12-13 Cajun Classic Beef Show, Sugarena, New Iberia
- 15-16 Annual Agent's Conference, Baton Rouge
- 18 Junior Leader Meeting
- 24-1 Christmas Holiday/New Year's Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- TBA Livestock Hoof Trimming Clinic

## Record Book Workshop

Get a head start on project/record books this year by taking part in the 4-H Record Book Workshop. It is scheduled for December 9 at Lafayette Middle School from 4:00—5:30 PM. To attend you must pre-register by calling 291-7090. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to attend.



National 4-H Week was a success in Lafayette Parish, again this year. You all have done some great marketing of your clubs.

Sincerely,

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## Food for Families

One again Lafayette Parish 4-H'ers will take place in the TV 10 Food for Families Drive in a big way. Several clubs participated in the 4-H Caravan of Food as we traveled to the Cajundome to deliver food for the needy. Four-H'ers were featured on "Meet Your Neighbor" and met some of the TV 10 celebrities. This year we plan to do all of that again and now is the time to start making plans.

All 4-H Clubs are asked to participate and collect as much as they can. Then, on **December 10**, representatives from each club will meet at the Cajundome to form a caravan proclaiming 4-H Food for Families. Your leaders have all the details. Check with them.

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.