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## Winn Parish Cooperative Extension Service

### Program Highlights

### Spring Semester 2008

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## Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Calibrated poultry litter spreaders for three local producers to insure proper quantities are being applied to insure compliance with DEQ and EPA regulations.
- Assisted ten local producers and two home owners with water and soil sampling to determine filtration/treatment needs, and assist in federal cost share program through the NRCS.
- Conducted six private applicator certifications this quarter for Winn Parish residents which allow the applicator to purchase restricted use chemicals.
- Coordinated mineral survey with three local producers to test blood, water, soil, and forage to see mineral content and better aid the producer in the nutrition of his cattle
- Coordinated and conducted two spray demonstrations on a pond and fencerow to control weeds and brush. Approximately 90% control was achieved on these two plots.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- Winn Homemakers Council sponsored a family life supper for all club members and their families. A nutritious covered dish was enjoyed in celebration of healthy and happy families throughout the community. Approximately, 40 people participated in this activity and many families were strengthened.
- A Child Care Provider training session was conducted to educate local childcare providers on the topic "Safe Summer Fun." Participants were instructed about the dangers of the sun for young children, ways to protect children in the sun and age appropriate summer time activities for children. A variety of hands on instructional activities were used and all participants indicated that they would practice the knowledge gained. The pre/post assessments revealed a 16% increase in knowledge gained as a result of the training.

- The FCS agent participated in the FCS Spring Conference in Baton Rouge. The conference was entitled "Voices of Change-Family, Fitness and Finance." Educational sessions focused on the importance of parenting and nurturing of young children, public policy impacting families and family nutrition and fitness. As a result of participation in this training, the FCS agent received the most recent research information to enhance her local program.

## 4-H and Other Youth Development

- Three hundred youth and adult volunteers participated in 4-H Roughin' It Camp at Gum Springs on U.S. Forest Service property in Winnfield. Youth and adults learned the importance of our natural resources and how to be a better steward of the environment.
- Over 500 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and high school students participated in Forestry Awareness Week activities at the Winn Parish Fairgrounds. The presenters were LDAF, USFS, WPSB, LSU AgCenter, Hanna Manufacturing, Joe Lang Logging, Terry Taylor, Plum Creek Timber and Louisiana Safety Association. The youth learned Soils, Tree Id., Tree Measure, ATV, Hunter Safety, Products, Jobs, Equipment, Wildlife, and Woodsman Skills Competitions.
- Forty Winn Parish 4-Her's participated in the Northern Region Outdoor Skills competition and twenty five qualified for State Competition in Covington. Following the state competition five Winn Parish 4-Her's qualified for National Competition in Grand Isle, Nebraska in black powder, archery and 22 rifle.
- Forty five youth and adult volunteers participated in an outdoor cookery and food safety program at the Winnfield Wal-Mart. The participants learned how to prepare food and cook it in a Dutch oven, on a grill and griddle. Following the educational program the youth demonstrated their skills they learned by

preparing a pineapple upside down cake in the Dutch oven.

- Four volunteer leaders and six 4-H youth attended 4-H Day at the Capitol and visited Rep. Jim Fannin and Sen. Gerald Long. The group was also able to attend on the floor of The House of Representatives a meeting and see how a bill is discussed.
- A total of 71 participants from Winn Parish attended 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock. The sixty four 4-H members were accompanied by two parish 4-H agents, two adult volunteer leaders and three volunteer counselors. The educational tracks the youth participated in for the week: Outdoor Adventure, F.I.R.E. (Nutrition), Dramatic Arts, Explore LA, and SET. The campers also had free time each day to swim, canoe, do archery, team sports, line dancing, arts & crafts and shopping at the camp store.
- Six hundred and seventy Winn Parish 4-H club members participated in a series of lessons on workforce preparation and 71% reported learning skills that will help them in a work situation. Pre and post assessments indicated a 14% increase in knowledge regarding work skills such as communication, teamwork, ethics, conflict resolution and application procedures. As a result of this educational focus, these youth are better prepared to seek and assume job responsibilities, whether it is within the family, school or community.
- Approximately, 250 4-H members in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades participated in 4-H Achievement Day and celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Louisiana 4-H. The theme was '4-H Blast from the Past: Celebrating 100 years. A "4-H Fashion Flashback" style show, by adult's leaders, was enjoyed by everyone. Over 30 adult and high school youth assisted with the Achievement Day activities.