

ST. LANDRY 4-H JR. LEADER CHATTER

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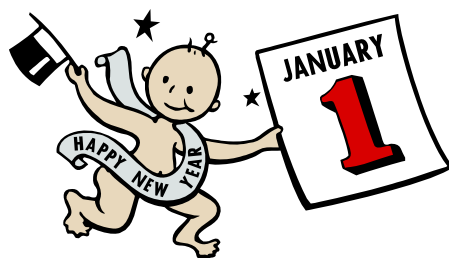
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year Junior Leaders!

The first half of the club year was busy. We selected our Service Learning Project, "4-H'ers are Wild Over Wetlands"; conducted 4-H Elementary Workshop Day; held two great fundraisers; and went ice skating for our Christmas Social.



The second half looks just as busy and will hopefully be as successful.



JANUARY CLUB MEETING

The January Junior Leader Club Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 28th** from 4:30-6:00 P.M. at the Extension Office. On the agenda: ideas for places to conduct plantings of trees and wetland plants, create wetland exhibit, and raffle ticket fundraiser.

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Dates to Remember:

- January 28—Junior Leader Club Meeting
- February 12—Woodworking Workshop
- February 25—Junior Leader Club Meeting
- February 27—Scott Truck & Tractor Scholarship Applications Due
- March 6-8—Challenge Camp
- March 12—Woodworking Workshop
- March 13-15—Junior Leadership Conference

PHOTOS OF JR LEADER EVENTS

Acorns of Hope



Elementary Workshop Day



Ice Skating



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

4-H Junior Leadership Conference provides the opportunity for diverse groups of youth, who are currently engaged in significant leadership and/or service learning activities, to come together while further learning and developing their leadership and teamwork skills.



JLC is scheduled to be held **March 13-15, 2009 at 4-H Camp Grant Walker** and is open to **Junior Leaders 14 years of age and older**. If you would be interested in participating in JLC please let me know ASAP. We have spots available to send 2 males and 2 females.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention Senior 4-H Members! A variety of scholarships are available to apply for through 4-H. On the parish level, are the Scott Truck and Tractor and Livestock Scholarships. On the state level, the Louisiana

4-H Foundation offers several.

Please see one of the 4-H Agents to receive the applications to apply. Deadlines to submit these will soon be approaching.



WETLANDS: DID YOU KNOW?

- Louisiana loses a football field size piece of land every 38 minutes.
- Every 2.7 miles of wetland absorbs 1 foot of storm surge during hurricanes.
- According to land loss estimates, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita transformed 217 square miles of marsh to open water in coastal Louisiana.



- Wetland restoration is not just important in coastal Louisiana because wetlands occur in every parish.
- Youth Wetlands Week will be held April 20-24, 2009

ST. LANDRY 4-H JUNIOR LEADER WIKI PAGE



A Wiki page has been established for the Junior Leader Club. This page is secure and only to be accessed by Junior Leader Club members.

All Junior Leaders will need to go to the website and request permission to be granted access to the page. The

website is:

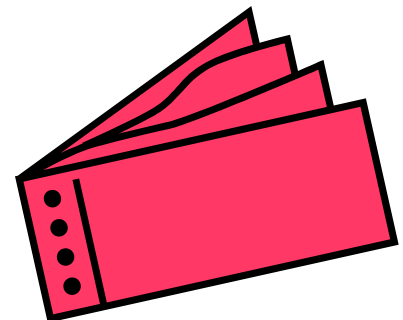
www.StLandry4HJuniorLeaders.pbwiki.com

Newsletters, meeting dates, and important club business will be put on this page. Check it often for updates and to make comments.

FOUR WHEELER RAFFLE—FUNDRAISER

We will be selling raffle tickets for a four-wheeler donated by St. Landry Parish Farm Bureau. **The tickets sell for \$1.00 a chance and there are 10 tickets in a book.** Each Junior Leader will be asked to sell a minimum of two books

of tickets. The drawing will be held at 4-H Achievement Day in April. Tickets will be given out at the January club meeting. You will be responsible for turning in the ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets.



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MEET A JUNIOR LEADER OFFICER

Hi, my name is James Prather and I am your 2008-2009 Junior Leader Club Secretary. I am 14 years old, and I attend Teurlings Catholic, where I am a member of the wrestling team.

I enjoy showing Brahman cattle in 4-H and seeing my friends at all of the shows. I have a show string of 3 calves this year. This past summer, I participated in 4-H University for the first time and blue ribboned in the ATV competition.



I have been in 4-H for 6 years, and this is my third year in the Junior Leader Club. I plan to participate in 4-H until I graduate.

