

ST. LANDRY 4-H JR. LEADER CHATTER

March 2009

4-H'ERS ARE WILD OVER WETLANDS!

Our service learning project on Wetland Conservation and Restoration is going well. We have learned about Louisiana Wetlands, conducted a workshop on wetlands, created a Wetlands educational exhibit, and participated in Acorns of Hope.

Upcoming activities include: guest speaker from NRCS, conducting educational presentations on wetland conservation, tour of Atchafalaya Basin Swamp and National Wetlands Research Center, and conducting a marsh planting and beach sweep trip.

Keep informed of these activities at your upcoming Jr Leader Club meetings.

MARCH CLUB MEETING

The March Junior Leader Club Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18th from 4:30-6:00 P.M. at the Extension Office.** On the agenda: Guest Speaker, Mr. Dale Garber, with NRCS to discuss Wetland Conservation; our upcoming service learning activities; and fundraisers.



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Dates to Remember:

- March 11—4-H Record Books Due
- March 12—Woodworking Workshop
- March 13-15—4-H Junior Leadership Conference
- March 18—Junior Leader Club Meeting
- March 21—Raffle Ticket Sales Wal-Mart
- April 4—Open Benefit Horse Show
- April 14—4-H Bike-a-thon
- April 25—4-H Achievement Day
- April 29—4-H Junior Leader Club Meeting

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN & NATIONAL WETLANDS RESEARCH CENTER TOUR

A Junior Leader Educational Trip is planned for **Friday, April 17th**. The trip will include a tour of the Atchafalaya Basin Swamp, National Wetlands Research Center and lunch. **Cost to attend the trip is \$14.00 for youth and \$18.00 for adults. Participants will need to bring money for lunch.**

A separate letter which will include trip agenda, registration and health form will be sent to you.



Trip registration, health form, and money will be due to the Extension Office by Friday, April 3rd. If you fail to send in your registration by the deadline you will not be able to attend the trip.

This will be a great learning opportunity relating to our service learning project. Hope you will be able to join us.

4-H RECORD BOOK CONTEST

4-H Record Books are being judged during the month of March. Record books can be turned in through your 4-H Club or directly to the Extension Office. **Please submit your record book to the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, March 11th.**

Make sure that the portfolio is turned in with your project book and that your name and club's name is on the outside cover of your books. If possible put them in a folder or binder to turn them in.



ASSISTANCE NEEDED AT UPCOMING 4-H ACTIVITIES



Junior Leader assistance will be needed at the following upcoming 4-H activities:

- March 12th—Woodworking Workshop, Extension Office 3:30pm
- April 4th—Open Benefit Horse Show, Ag Arena 8:30am—until
- April 13th—Bike-a-thon, Opelousas 3:00pm
- April 25th—Achievement Day, Opelousas High 8:00am—until

WETLANDS: DID YOU KNOW

Each of us has some effect on our wetlands and each of us can help save them.

Here are 10 ways you can help:

1. **Get Involved**—learn and educate others
2. **Save Water**—reduce volume of water used
3. **Dispose of Household Products Carefully**—learn about parish household hazardous waste disposal program
4. **Care for Your Lawn Cautiously**—lawns with trees and shrubs prevent erosion, do not over-fertilize, water only when dry
5. **Practice Sensible Pest Control**—follow pesticide directions carefully
6. **Control Run-Off From Your Yard**—trees, shrubs and ground-cover reduce run-off
7. **Control Soil Erosion**—reduce the amount of hard surfaces (concrete) around your home
8. **Maintain Your Septic System**
9. **Use Car Care Products Wisely**—motor oil, anti-freeze, & battery acid harm; contain these fluids when you change them
10. **Contain Chemical Spills**—surround contaminated area

with dirt, sawdust or other absorbent material

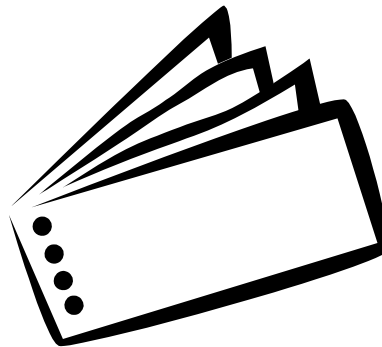
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FOUR WHEELER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets (sold and/or unsold) and money are **due at the March Junior Leader Club meeting, Wednesday, March 18th.**

The club will be selling tickets outside of **Wal-Mart in Opelousas on Saturday, March 21st from 12:00pm—4:00pm.** Junior Leaders will be asked



to come and sell tickets during this time. You can sign up to work the full four hours or for a particular shift (12-2pm, 2-4pm).

There is also a possibility of us being able to sell tickets at the Open Benefit Horse Show on Saturday, April 4th.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY FUNDRAISER



The Junior Leader Club will be selling pizza and cold drinks for lunch at 4-H Achievement Day, as a fundraiser. **To help defray the cost associated with this fundraiser the club is asking members to donate 12 pack cans**

of the following drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Dr Pepper. Donations can be brought to the Extension Office at any time. **Deadline will be Friday, April 17th.**

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MEET A JUNIOR LEADER OFFICER



Hi, my name is Brooke Prather and I am currently serving as your Junior Leader President. I am a junior at Teurlings Catholic High School in Lafayette where I

am involved in many clubs and activities. While running cross country and track, I am an active member of the Retreat Team, BETA, FCA, and Key Club. I have been a member of 4-H for eight years and a member of Junior Leaders for five. Over the years, I have held various officer positions and I encourage each of you to become an officer at some point.

Being in Junior Leaders has provided me with many opportunities to meet new people and experience new things. I also

would like to encourage you to strive to qualify for the end of the year trip. This year, the trip will be held in Louisiana and will be fun and educational at the same time. I look forward to seeing each of you at Achievement Day on April 25. Make plans to participate in the many contests and educational programs being offered.

See you at the next meeting on March 18 at 4:30 at the Extension Office.