

# ST. LANDRY 4-H JR. LEADER CHATTER

April 2009

## JUNIOR LEADER CLUB NEWS

Well this club year has been busy, productive, educational, fun and successful. Hopefully you feel the same. We are about to come to an end with our trip which will involve hands on service and fun activities at **Port Fourchon**. **The trip dates are May 22-24.** Activities planned include a marsh grass planting off the beach, sports fishing program, crabbing/fishing, and beach sweep.

Remember in order to be able to attend the end of the year trip you have to meet all of the qualifications. There is still plenty of parish 4-H activities you can participate/assist with, such as: Bike-a-thon, Achievement Day and Leader Banquet. You can contact the 4-H office to see what you may be missing.



## APRIL CLUB MEETING

The April Junior Leader Club Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 29th from 5:00-6:00 P.M. at the Extension Office**. The meeting will take place once the 4-H University meeting concludes. On the agenda: end of year trip including service learning project, 2009-2010 officer nominations, conclusion of fundraisers, and any other business .

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### **Dates to Remember:**

- April 14—4-H Bike-a-thon
- April 17—Jr Leader Trip & deadline to turn in donated drinks for Achievement Day
- April 25—4-H Achievement Day
- April 29—4-H University/ Junior Leader Club Meeting
- May 1—Camp Counselor Application Due
- May 13—4-H Volunteer Leader Banquet
- May 22-24—Jr Leader End of Year Trip/Service Project

## SERVICE PROJECT FOR CASA

The LSU AgCenter organization Chi Epsilon Sigma is conducting a **school supply drive** as their service project. All items collected will be delivered and donated to CASA organizations throughout the state. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates.



You can earn service points for this activity.

### School Supply Wish List

If you would like to participate in this service project **please turn in school supplies by April 29th**, which is our next Junior Leader meeting.

- Boxes of #2 Pencils
- Loose-leaf Paper

- Pkgs. Blue, Black or Red Ink Pens
- Scissors
- Pkg. Glue Sticks
- Boxes of Crayons (24 ct.)
- Boxes Markers
- Bottles of Glue
- Construction Paper
- Rolls of Paper Towels
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pocket Folders w/ brads

## 4-H UNIVERSITY & 4-H STATE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H University will be held **June 23-26 at LSU Baton Rouge**.

4-H'ers 13 years of age and older by January 1st 2009 have the opportunity to participate in either a contest or Clover College. Applications for 4-H U are being given out this month at your 4-H club meetings. **A meet-**

**ing to discuss 4-H U will be held at 4:00pm at the Extension Office on Wednesday, April 29th.**

Opportunities are also available to apply for a state board (Fashion, Food & Fitness, SET, Citizenship) or run for a state office or regional representative.



## ASSISTANCE NEEDED AT UPCOMING 4-H ACTIVITIES



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

- April 14th—Bike-a-thon, Opelousas 3:00pm
- April 25th—Achievement Day, Opelousas High 8:00am-until
- May 13th—4-H Leader Banquet, Farm Bureau Office Opelousas 5:15pm—until

## 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

St. Landry Parish will be attending 4-H Camp this summer the week of July 13-17th. About 100 (4th-6th grade) 4-H'ers will be participating in this fun filled week.

We are looking for responsible female and male counselors to take with us to camp. In order to be a counselor you have to have completed camp counselor training and be at least 16 years old.

Applications for camp coun-



selor are available through the Extension Office. Contact a 4-H Agent to receive one. They are due by Friday, May 1st.



## 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.

## 4-H DAY AT CAPITOL

The eighth annual 4-H Day at the Capitol is set for **Wednesday, June 3, 2009**. The 30 minute assembly will begin at 10:00am on the steps of the Capitol followed by visits to legislators by 4-H members.

Last year, Jr. leader Club

members participated in this activity as a group. If you would be interested in going please let Mrs. Lisa know at the April club meeting.



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## MEET A JUNIOR LEADER OFFICER



Hi, my name is Sadie Costanza and I am your 2008-2009 Junior Leader Vice President. I'm an 8th grader at Sacred Heart Catholic School in

Ville Platte. I have been very active in school. I was on the basketball team, on the track team in elementary and some high school meets, and in choir. I have been an active 4-H member since the 4th grade. I have been a member of the parish livestock team for 5 years and in Junior Leaders for two years. I have held many different officer positions through my school years. Being an officer is a really great experience and I encourage you to take a step up and run.

Being in Junior Leaders is really great. You can learn many things, achieve many goals, be an active volunteer, and qualify for the end of the year trip. Stay active in 4-H and you will have the opportunity to enjoy yourself.

Remember, 4-H doesn't stop at the end of the school year. 4-H activities continue throughout the summer; so, continue to be active.