

SEPTEMBER, 2009

- ... 4-H Enrollment at Local Club Meetings
- 18 4-H Executive Committee Officer Nominations Due
- 24-26 Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia
- 30 Jr. Leader Enrollment Mtg., Ext. Office, 4:30 p.m.
- 30-Oct. 4 Southern Region Rock Eagle 4-H Leader Forum

OCTOBER, 2009

- 4-10 National 4-H Week: "Keeping It Green"
- 8-9 Louisiana Cattle Festival, Abbeville
- 16 4-H Club Silver Tray Awards Forms Due
- 16 Executive Committee Ballots Due
- 16-17 International Rice Festival, Crowley
- 21 Fall Activity Day, Ag Arena-Opelousas, 4:00 p.m.
- 20-Nov. 8 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
- 22-25 Yambilee Festival (Cooked Foods/Yamimals)
- 28 Junior Leader Membership Dues & Meeting
- TBA 4-H Foundation Board Mtg., Ext. Office, 4 p.m.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 4-10, 2009

Join five million 4-H'ers in celebrating National 4-H Club Week. **4-H is 101 YEARS OLD in Louisiana!** Suggested activities are flag raising ceremonies, poster contests, school assembly programs, green & white day, teacher appreciation functions, wearing 4-H name tags & radio spots. **Theme: "4-H Keeping It Green"**

Spirit Awards

Silver Tray Awards will be presented to clubs promoting National 4-H Club Week. Summarize your club activities on the form and return it by **October 16th**.

Officer Installation

Each club is to have its officers **Elected** by the date of the **October Meeting**. Officers to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. A candlelight installation program will be conducted at your **October Meeting**.

Welcome to St. Landry Parish 4-H!

We are an active group, having local 4-H clubs at most schools in the parish. Monthly meetings are conducted by officers of your club. Each member receives *The 4-H Chatterbox* newsletter which describes the contests and activities to which you are invited to participate.



At each monthly meeting, the 4-H agent will present an educational program on any of the 4-H projects. The local clubs can have special presentations from the members or guests. This month, you are selecting your 4-H projects. Later you will receive your project books. You are to complete your project book and submit it for judging in March.

By participating in 4-H, you can have fun, meet new friends and go places. 4-H Summer Camp is for 4-H'ers in grades 4th-6th. 4-H Challenge Camp is held in March and 4-H LOST Camp is held in August for 7th-8th graders. Older 4-H members can participate in 4-H University held at LSU in June. To qualify for Camp and 4-H University, you must participate in the various contests and activities.

4-H EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Each 4-H club is to select **two** members to serve on the parish 4-H executive committee. The duties of executive committee members are



to make recommendations to the 4-H program for Achievement Day. Nominations for officers of the Executive Committee are due **September 18th**. Voting will be at October 4-H meetings. The officers to be elected are president, vice president, secretary and reporter. **Only members of the Executive Committee are eligible to become officers of the Executive Committee.** The forms are to be submitted by 4-H leader!

HORSE & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

To show horses or livestock (beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, goats & poultry), contact Alison Muller at 948-0561. **ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009. (NO EXCEPTIONS, FOR THERE ARE STATE DEADLINES TO MEET.)** St. Landry Parish 4-H follows two show programs, the LSU State Show & the Southern University Livestock Show. Possession dates (date you acquire the animal at your home) are listed below:

	LSU	SOUTHERN
Steers	8/10	10/01
Commercial Does,		
Ewes, Beef, Dairy	11/2	-----
Beef Breeding, Dairy	11/5	11/30
Market Swine	12/1	12/15
Market Lamb/Goat	11/2	11/30
Breeding Sheep/Goat	11/5	-----
Breeding Swine	12/1	-----
Exhibition Chickens	11/5	-----

Mail Form to: Horse & Livestock Shows
1065 Hwy. 749, Suite A
Opelousas, LA 70570

**2009-2010
HORSE & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____ SS# _____

Grade _____ School _____

Parent's Signature _____

No. of animals: _____ Horse _____ Goats _____ Beef
 _____ Poultry _____ Dairy _____ Swine _____ Sheep

Junior Leader Meeting

The first Junior Leader meeting will be **Wednesday, September 30th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office. You will need your Junior Leader Data form completely filled out and your **\$5.00** membership fee to enroll.

The enrollment meeting features installation of the 2009-2010 Junior Leader officers.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$5.00 PER YEAR. ALL MEMBERS MUST HAVE PAID ENROLLMENT ON FILE BY OCTOBER 31st TO REMAIN ON THE MAILING LIST.

2009-2010 JUNIOR LEADER DATA

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Age _____
Birthday _____ Grade _____
Circle One: Male Female
School _____
Email _____

4-H Club Dues

By **November 2, 2009**, 4-H Leaders should submit 4-H dues to the Extension Office. Make check payable to: St. Landry 4-H Foundation. Assessment is **\$3.00 per member** for parish dues for the 2009-2010 school year. **Please adhere to the due date, so that we may keep our records in order.**



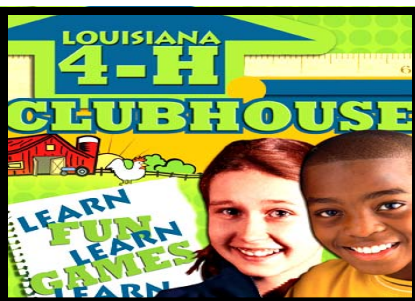
Pennies for 4-H



4-H clubs are asked to collect pennies for the St. Landry 4-H Foundation. Last year, clubs donated generously during this drive. The clubs that donate the most money will receive a trophy. Last year's top winner was **Leonville Elementary 4-H**.

Rice Festival

The 2009 International Rice Festival is scheduled for **October 16th-17th** in Crowley. This year's festival will include a rice cooking contest (dishes which include rice products). If anyone is interested in exhibiting rice dishes at the Rice Festival, contact the Extension Office immediately at 948-0561.



Visit the 4-H Clubhouse at

<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/Kids/>

Membership and participation in activities and events are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, veteran status or disability. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation for your participation in an activity, please contact us at 337-948-0561.

LSU AgCenter/Cooperative Extension Service
St. Landry Parish Extension Office
1065 Highway 749, Suite A
Opelousas, LA 70570

4-H Fall Activity Day

This event will be **Wednesday, October 21, 2009** at the Ag Arena in Opelousas (Behind the Yambilee Building on Highway 190). 4-H'ers bring your pets, plants and poster to enter in this fun-filled event. **Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. Contests begin at 4:00 p.m.**

RULES FOR PET EXHIBIT

1. Each 4-H'er may enter 1 pet.
2. Categories include: dogs, cats, birds, fish, rabbits, reptiles and rodents.
3. Only pets in the pet categories listed can be exhibited. (DO NOT BRING LIVESTOCK ANIMALS.)
4. Awards to be given in each category:
Most Colorful
Most 4-H Spirited
Best Groomed
Pet and Owner Look-A-Likes
Best Behaved Pet



PET CATEGORIES

1. Dogs on a leash (must have rabies tag and be tame.)
2. Cats on a leash (may also be in a cage.)
3. Fish (in a fish bowl)
4. Birds (in a cage)
(NO CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS OR GEESE)
5. Rabbits (in a cage)
6. Reptiles and Rodents (in a cage)

PLANT EXHIBIT RULES

1. 1 potted plant that you have had at home at least 30 days.
2. Label it with your name, grade, school and common name of the plant and the class it is in.
3. Classes (A) Foliage, (B) Flowering, (C) Succulent, (D) Hanging Plant, (E) Pole Plants, (F) Misc. Herbs

PLANT EXHIBIT TIPS

1. Shiny materials on leaves will cause disqualification. Wipe

POSTER CONTEST

One poster contest will be held at Fall Activity Day.
THEME: "4-H Keeping It Green"

POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. Each 4-H'er may enter one (1) poster.
2. Poster should make creative use of the above-mentioned theme.
3. Use standard size poster, any color. (GLITTER IS NOT ALLOWED)
4. Put name, grade, school, address and phone number on back of poster.

POSTER DIVISIONS

Division 1, Grades 4-6
Division 2, Grades 7-8
Division 3, Grades 9-12

