



# 4-H Update For Parents



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Four-H members receive monthly updates at club meetings, but often those don't make it home to parents. The purpose of this newsletter is to let parents know about opportunities in 4-H in the coming months.

Because of the way testing and Easter fall this year, there will be a long time – and several 4-H activities – between the March and April club meetings. In March your child will be receiving information, registration and permission forms, etc. for many of the activities listed later in the newsletter. So please check with them to be sure all of you know what is going on and what you have to do for your child to participate.

We also hope that being more informed will encourage you to become more involved in the West Feliciana 4-H program. Adult involvement in the 4-H program is essential, and we have some very specific needs right now.

--We have record numbers of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled this year, and we need one or two adults to assist with monthly 4-H meetings.

--We would like to offer some workshops and activities in our new projects – theater arts or photography – as well as other projects.

--The shooting sports program is in need of instructors in rifle and in archery.

If you can help in one of these areas, please call or e-mail.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is a listing of some of the activities planned from now to the end of June which are available to our 4-H members and volunteers:

<i>March 3</i>	<i>Junior Leader Club meeting; 4-H scholarship applications due**</i>
<i>March 4</i>	<i>WFMS4-H meeting**</i>
<i>March 10</i>	<i>6 Easy Bites project workshop**</i>
<i>March 12</i>	<i>Tunica 4-H club meeting**</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Spring cookery contest**</i>
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Bains 4-H meetings**</i>
<i>April 3-5</i>	<i>Co-op Conference (8<sup>th</sup> grade &amp; up)</i>
<i>April 19</i>	<i>4-H Day with the Zephyrs</i>
<i>April 21-22</i>	<i>Challenge Camp (7<sup>th</sup> graders)</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>4-H Fashion Show**</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>Fishing Day**</i>
<i>April 28</i>	<i>Awards &amp; Activity Day** for elementary 4-H members</i>
<i>May 5</i>	<i>WFMS 4-H field trip**</i>
<i>June 8-12</i>	<i>Summer camp for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders</i>
<i>June 23-26</i>	<i>4-H University (8<sup>th</sup> grade &amp; up)</i>
<i>June 30 – July 3</i>	<i>SE District Horse Show (tentative)</i>
<i>July 7-12</i>	<i>State Horse Show, Monroe</i>

Activities marked with \*\* are parish activities – all others are multi-parish or state-wide activities. The “6 Easy Bites” project workshop is for 4-H members enrolled in that specific project only. Other activities may have restrictions based on age or grade. Plans for “Project Fun Day,” an after-school event for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders, is being planned by the junior leader club, and that information will be available at club meetings.

If you want further information about any of the activities you see listed, please call the 4-H office at 635-3614 or e-mail us at [wfeliciana@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:wfeliciana@agcenter.lsu.edu).

## ELEMENTARY CLUBS SERVICE PROJECT

Four-H clubs at both Bains and Tunica are collecting items for Easter baskets for soldiers. The baskets will be assembled and mailed by the Blue Star Mothers. Lists of some appropriate items were given to club members at February meetings. Members may take the items to school between now and the next club meeting (collection boxes are on the halls at Bains) or they may bring donations to their next meetings.



## 4-H TSHIRTS ON SALE

All West Feliciana 4-H t-shirts are on sale at the reduced price of **\$8** (regularly \$12). The yellow shirts sold before 2008 (left below) and the green centennial t-shirts (right) are available in most sizes at the 4-H office. These shirts can be worn at 4-H events like Awards and Activity Day.



Back view of t-shirts

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## JUNIOR WILDLIFE TOUR

Junior 4-H members (grades 4-8 and have not passed with 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1, 2009), may apply to participate in the Junior Wildlife Tour (mini-Marsh Maneuvers). 4-H records on wildlife/environment/insect activities including *Discovering 4-H*, *Learning More About You and the Environment*, *Creepy Crawlers*, *What's Bugging You?*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *You and the Environment*, and *Aquaculture* may be submitted. The trip will be in early August, and the record form to apply is due on March 13. Contact the 4-H office for more information.

## 4-H DAY WITH THE ZEPHYRS

Mark your Calendars for **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, for Louisiana 4-H Day with the Zephyrs**. This is a wonderful event for 4-H'ers and their families to take part in, and raise money for 4-H. The cost of the tickets is \$7. For each ticket that is sold, \$2 will be donated to the Louisiana 4-H Foundation.

This is not being planned as a group trip, but it is available to families who wish to purchase tickets themselves. A copy of the flyer and order form is attached.



## 4-H ON THE WEB!

The parish 4-H web page is currently up-to-date with copies of recent newsletters, information and permission slips for upcoming workshops and other useful information. You can check it out at [www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/parishes/West+Feliciana](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/West+Feliciana). You can also go to the main LSU AgCenter page ([www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com)) and get to the West Feliciana page through the *parish offices* link.

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