

December 1, 2011



TO: Lafayette 4-H Members, Family, Volunteer Leader and/or Alumni

RE: LCES Sponsored 4-H New Orleans Hornets Basketball Game

Lafayette Parish
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Dear 4-H Member, Family, Volunteer Leader and/or Alumni,

The New Orleans Hornets basketball team will once again provide a great opportunity for 4-H members and their families, volunteers, and faculty to participate. This is the ninth year in a row that they have partnered with the 4-H Program. The professional basketball game will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012 when the New Orleans Hornets host the Portland Trailblazers – 7:00PM.

The New Orleans Hornets have been playing extremely well over the last few years and have some of the most exciting players in the league. The Hornets love the participation of 4-H in a game each year and provide a great opportunity to publicize and market the Louisiana 4-H program. The scoreboard and arena are filled with 4-H clovers during the 4-H halftime presentation. In addition, over 300 4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in pre-game activities.

You will find information on all available programs for 4-H members and the ordering form for tickets. Tickets are \$25 each, the Hornets will reimburse the State 4-H Foundation \$2.50 for an endowment to sponsor 4-H trips and Lafayette 4-H Foundation \$2.50 for each ticket sold for the game. Ticket orders are due to Chris Granger of the Hornets by **February 1, 2012**.

As soon as the 4-H members are selected for each event, instructions for the meeting time and place will be sent out in early February, 2012. 4-H members will be selected for a photo with one professional basketball player, High Five the basketball players on the court, a photo with Honey Bee dancers, High Five the players while entering the arena, stand with players during the National Anthem, watch up close the players warm up prior to the game, Color Guard, sing the National Anthem, Ball boy/girl, serve as honorary captain, and participate in the 4-H halftime presentation.

Come enjoy the city of New Orleans and especially one of the best arenas in Sports, the New Orleans Arena. The Hornets are a very popular team this years, season tickets sales were a record this year, but the team has reserved 2500 tickets for 4-H to purchase. This will be a fun and great opportunity to promote the 4-H program. If you have any questions, please contact one of us at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

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HOOPS & CLOVERS



Date: Friday, February 10, 2012
Game: Hornets versus the Portland Trail Blazers – 7:00PM
Location: New Orleans Hornets Arena, New Orleans, La.

Purpose of Event:

- ♣ To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to experience an event outside of their home base.
- ♣ To provide 4-H'ers the opportunity to interact with others from around the state.
- ♣ To increase recognition of the 4-H program within the state.

Member opportunities to promote:

- Ball girl/boy – 2 – Must be 8 – 12th grade 4-H member – 2 free tickets for both 4-H members selected.**
Age requirement: 13 years of age by January 1, 2012.
Have you ever wanted to sit on the bench with an NBA team? You can have that opportunity if you submit an essay on the topic: "Being a Good Citizen through Community Service". Essays must consist of **150 words or less** and parishes must send their essays to **Charles Hebert by Monday, January 23, 2012. Two winners** will each receive **two free tickets** to the game.
- Captain's Program – one 4-H member – no age requirement – 2 free tickets for 4-H member selected.**
One 4-H member will have the opportunity to participate in the referee meeting on-court, act as an honorary captain and present the game ball for the evening. Submit your essay of **150 words or less** on the topic: "4-H: Why Do I Belong". Parishes may send all of their essays to **Charles Hebert by Monday, January 23, 2012.** The winner will receive **two free tickets** to the game.
- National Anthem – one 4-H member – no age requirement – 2 free tickets for 4-H member selected.**
No age requirement, send video or audio tape by mail or email with attachment to **Charles Hebert by Monday, January 23, 2012** at the state 4-H office. There will be an opportunity for an individual to sing the National Anthem at the Hornets game on February 10th and **the winner will receive two free tickets to the game.**
- Basketball Buddies – 10 – no age requirement**
Basketball Buddies allows 10 4-H members to stand in front of the Hornets basketball team during the performance of the National Anthem. 4-H members must be **elementary students not over 5 feet 9 inches. Send one name to Charles Hebert by Monday, January 23, 2012.** The 10 4-H members will be selected by a random drawing.
- Half time presentation – Two 4-H members per parish – no age requirement**
Each parish will select two 4-H members to represent their parish for the halftime recognition of 4-H. The 4-H members selected will go on the court while a promo about 4-H is read to the audience. This will be a great opportunity to experience being on a basketball court and promote 4-H at the same time. Send the names of **two 4-H members** representing your parish by **Charles Hebert by Monday, January 23, 2012.**

[Selections for Number 6 – 11](#) will be through a random drawing at the state 4-H office. Each parish must submit a **list of 25 4-H members or less** to **Charles Hebert by Monday, January 23, 2012**. Names will be divided by regions and drawings made for the selection of 4-H members to participate in **High Five, Tunnel Groups, Honeybee Photo, Player Photo, and Baseline Bees**. In other words, all five regions and all parishes will be represented in each of the opportunities. Instructions will be sent to agents on meeting times and places for the game on each of these activities following the selection of 4-H members.

6. [High five team – 10 – no age requirement](#)

Ten 4-H members will have an opportunity to be on the court prior to the game and **High Five** the Hornets players as they are introduced on the court.

7. [Honeybee photo – 25 – no age requirement](#)

Twenty-five 4-H members will have an opportunity for a group photo with the **Honeybees Dance Team**.

8. [Player photo – 25 – no age requirement](#)

Another 25 4-H members will have an opportunity for a **group photo with one of the Hornets players**.

9. [Tunnel group \(Hornets\) – 25 – no age requirement](#)

10. [Tunnel Group \(Portland Trail Blazers\) – 25 – no age requirement](#)

The two **Tunnel Groups** of 25 4-H members each can High Five the players as they run through the tunnel leading to the court.

11. [Baseline Bees – 10 – no age requirement](#)

Baseline Bees allows 10 4-H members to watch the Hornet players up close warm up prior to the game.

[Ticket Orders](#)

Make a check out to **New Orleans Hornets** or fill the form for a credit card (AMEX, Visa, Master Card, or Discover) to order tickets. Send payment and form to Chris Granger, 1250 Poydras St. 19th Floor New Orleans, La. 70113 or fax to 866-794-7699 or call Chris at 504-593-4741. **If you prefer your entire parish seated together, only one order should be entered.** If two separate orders are placed for the same parish, then two separate group orders will be filled. **The deadline date for ordering and payment of tickets is February 1, 2012.** Of the \$25, the Hornets will return \$2.50 of each ticket to the parish 4-H Foundation and \$2.50 to the Louisiana 4-H Foundation for an endowment to sponsor 4-H trips. The first orders will have a greater opportunity for improved seating.

[Buses and Parking – Contact Terril D. Faul](#)

The Hornets are arranging parking space for the buses to attend the game, the parking fee has been waived. **Please send to Terril Faul by February 1, 2012** the number of buses that will require parking space.

4H Night Hoops and Clovers

Don't miss your chance to watch the New Orleans Hornets as they take on the Portland Trailblazers for a night full of excitement and entertainment!

NEW ORLEANS ARENA
February 10, 2012 at 7PM



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Location	# of Tickets	Price	Total
Lower Corner		\$49	
Balcony Side		\$25	
Total Amount			\$

DEADLINE: Jan. 23, 2012

Tickets are based on availability

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____
Payment: VISA _____ MC _____ AmEx _____ DISC _____ Check/Cash _____
CC #: _____ Exp. _____
Signature: _____ CC Verification #: _____

To purchase tickets return this form with payment to:
New Orleans Hornets, Attn: Emily Britton, 1250 Poydras Street, 19th floor,
New Orleans, LA 70113 or fax 866-794-7699
Questions? Call (504) 593-4746 or email Emily.Britton@hornets.com.

Make checks payable to the New Orleans Hornets

