



4-H Leader Update

September 2011



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a safe and happy summer and are all geared up for a brand new school year. We're delighted with the fact that a 4-H Club will be in your school and that you have volunteered to serve as a 4-H Leader!

We are looking forward to a very productive year and hope you are, too. Please feel free to call us at any time if questions arise. Our number at the 4-H office is **291-7090**.

What's In Store

Enrollment Meetings

As a 4-H Leader, we are counting on you to make announcements to students and to arrange a place for our 4-H meeting at your school each month. As always, we will present an overview of the 4-H Youth Development Program to potential 4-H'ers at our September meetings. We invite all **interested** youth to attend and find out what 4-H has to offer them. See the attached "sample" parent permission slip for students to attend this first meeting.

Enrollment Fees/Dues

At the meeting, each child should be given a card to take home to their parents. **Parish dues are \$6.00 per member**. Please, let us know if there are any members wanting to join who may not be able to pay. Dues cover insurance for members at 4-H events as well as the state assessment. You may choose to set your dues at a higher amount, and keep some in your club treasury for club expenses.

Deadlines

September 15th is the proposed deadline for students to get their enrollment cards and dues to you. Our 1st call for completed Enrollment Cards is from **September 19-21**. Don't send us dues until October, however.

Dues and any other enrollment cards that come in after September 15th are to be turned in between October 17-18. This will eliminate you having to write two checks.

Once a child turns in a completed card to you, you may wish to make a copy of the enrollment cards. This would be your record of your enrollment.

We should encourage all students to enroll by **September 15th**. This would enable them to:

Run for an office

Get their project books in October

In the event a child is absent from school the day of the meeting and misses September 15th, the **Final Call for Enrollment Cards is October 13th**.

We do have an **open enrollment** allowing members to join at any time throughout the year, but encourage members to sign up at the beginning of the year. Of course, if during the year students transfer schools, please work with them to get them enrolled, even if it is after the initial enrollment deadline.

This procedure is a combination of what we have done in the past. It should work.

Dates to Remember

September 2011

- First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 4 MDA Telethon, Lafayette, LA
- State Fair Broiler Pickup
- 15 Enrollment Cards Due to Leaders**
- 16 Livestock Educational Committee Meeting, 4-H Office
- 16 1st Year Livestock Exhibitors Meeting
- 19-21 First Call** - 4-H Enrollment Cards Due to 4-H Office
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting & Reception, 4-H Office 6 P.M
- 22-24 Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia
- 24 Youth Energy Program Training, Clifton Chenier Ctr.
- Rabbit Clinic I (Rabbit Selection), 4-H Office



October 2011

- 2-8 National 4-H Week**
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- National 4-H Science Day
- 5 Fall Fest Rabbit Entries Due, 4-H Office
- Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leader
- 14-15 Cattle Festival, Abbeville
- 16-22 National Character Counts Week
- 17-18 **Final Call** - Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Cards, & Dues 4-H Office
- 17 Junior Leader Meeting, TBD**
- Candy Sales Begin and Delivery Begins
- 20 4-H Officer Training
- 4-H Parent/Volunteer "Get on Board Orientation Meeting", Lafayette Middle School
- 21 Rice Festival Cookery Contest, Crowley, LA
- Oct. 25-Nov. 13 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport



4-H'ers on State Boards

At this summer's 4-H University held at LSU, Lafayette 4-H was well represented! Brandon Dale was elected to the State Executive Board and will be serving as a Regional Representative for the Southwest Region. Nick Saloom was selected to serve on the State Food & Fitness Board and Shannon Fleming and Nina Hoffpauir will represent Lafayette Parish on the State Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Board.

Congratulations to all of you!!!



Service-Learning Introduction

The Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program is continuing to promote Service-Learning Initiative. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. It can be delivered in a variety of ways, supporting a wide array of program areas. Service-learning is a win-win for your club programs and can be integrated into goals and objectives already planned for next year. Over the next year, we will be targeting each of the steps in the service-learning cycle to promote and expand your club program and/or a school wide effort.



According to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, Service-Learning is: organized service experiences that meet real community needs. The service is integrated into the curriculum where there is purposeful learning taking place. A critical part of service-learning includes reflection which provides youth the opportunity to “think about” their experience. Service-learning enables youth to utilize newly acquired skills and knowledge and typically enhances what is taught either in the classroom or in a community setting. Service-learning extends the world of the youth by extending the community and fostering a sense of caring for others. Service-learning is best thought of as a cycle, where each step in the process leads to the next.

Service-learning has many benefits. You can move beyond your school or 4-H program experience to see the importance of learning in real life experiences. It enhances your self-esteem and sense of civic responsibility by actively making a difference. This is by your involvement in meaningful contributions to your community. Service-learning broadens perspectives and enhances critical thinking skills. Studies show that service-learning improves interpersonal and human relations skills, which are increasingly viewed as the most important skills in achieving success in professional and personal spheres.

How do we to incorporate Service-Learning in Your 4-H Program?

You will find listed below five (5) steps that will help guide you through the process. They are:

- Identify a need
- When a need is identified tie it to a learning experience bring in a guest speaker to talk about the need for the service project.
- Perform the service project
- Do an evaluation or reflect upon of the service project.
- The children or members need to understand why they are doing the service project, who is benefiting from it, and really see that they CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Incorporate a project tied into your focus monthly or every other month.

Examples of Service-Learning Projects

- Environment—Phone book recycling: guest speaker from the recycling foundation, have a campus clean up day, plant a tree at your school,
- Nursing Home or Animal Shelter—Collect a different item each month such as one month toothbrushes, deodorant, etc., tour the nursing home, go conduct Christmas Carols, make cards for the residents, ask someone from nursing home to be a guest speaker.
- Illness—cancer, muscular dystrophy, etc. invite a guest speaker from a hospital, visit their a center or hospital, bring cards to children battling the disease, raise funds, etc.

Leader Development Resources

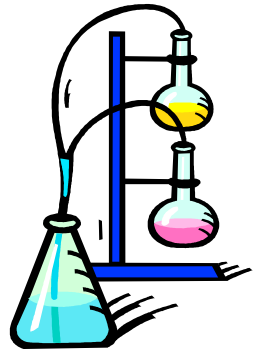
The leader resources have been posted on our website and all pertinent information may be found on our Leader/Volunteer Development link at: <http://la4h.org/lafayette>.

You will also be receiving information about a new online State 4-H Volunteer Training and Development System which provides many additional resources.

Grab'n Science Lessons

Our educational programs this year will focus on a series of lessons focused on kitchen experiments or basic kitchen chemistry that are all correlated to GLE's.

Science is one of the three National 4-H Mission Mandates. All lessons will be interactive and are designed to reinforce what is taught in the schools and improve standardized test scores through experiential



National 4-H Week Service-Learning Celebration

In celebration of National 4-H Week, we would like all Lafayette 4-H Clubs to help us celebrate the first full week of October (2nd-8th). The national theme, “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”

National 4-H Week provides a great opportunity to put you local 4-H club in the spotlight! Use the materials to celebrate 4-H'ers by sharing their stories and recognizing their positive impact in your community. For more information go to www.4-H.org.

This year we are encouraging your club to get involved in a service-learning focus. Choose one really cool project and conduct parts of it each day during the week. Service-learning can be delivered in a variety of ways, supporting a wide array of program areas. Service-learning is a win-win for each club and can be integrated into goals and objectives already planned for next year.

Service-learning has many benefits. Students move beyond the classroom or 4-H program experience to see the relevance and importance of learning in their real life experiences. It enhances students' self-esteem and sense of civic responsibility by allowing them to make a difference by active and meaningful contributions to their communities. Service-learning broadens perspectives and enhances critical thinking skills. Please, complete the attached entry form so that we can be aware of the great service-learning events that are occurring in our parish. Show your club spirit with service-learning!



Annual Candy Sale

Our 2011-2012 candy sale is quickly approaching. We will be once again selling World's Finest Candy. This fund raiser provides an opportunity to raise local money as well as help the Lafayette 4-H Foundation. All clubs are encouraged (but not required) to participate. Please, get permission from your principal before committing to this project.



We will be placing the order soon and must know how many cases you will attempt to sell. The candy sale begins with delivery tentatively planned for October 19, 2011. Call the 4-H office if you have any questions about this project. We'll keep all participating club posted on developing plans.

A Few Suggestions

Many of you have asked what is the ideal size of a 4-H Club. There is no sure answer, but clubs of 30-40 members usually work best and that is our goal for all clubs. Please try to avoid having a club with fewer than 15 members. However, in order to successfully work with a group of 40 or more 4-H-ers, you must have help. That help comes from parents, volunteers and other teachers. Contact interested people who can help. The new enrollment card asks for help from parents. Check it closely.

Current 4-H Staff Update

Many of you are aware that Ms. Niki Mouch, resigned in May, 2011. As of now and for the foreseeable future, the LSU AgCenter 's budget continues to struggle as a part of higher education. We are pursuing some other options that we hope develop in the near future.

We do not anticipate the third full time agent position being opened and/or filled. As we begin this school year, planning, meeting principals, conducting meeting, etc. we encourage your assistance, dedication and patience. We will keep you posted as we hear of any changes.

We remain committed to each of you, our members and the many volunteers in our program. It will take increased efforts in communication and teamwork among all parties. The bottom line that you are our clientele and our continued commitment is to provide excellent service to our customers, our members. We encourage parents to volunteer in our program to help us accomplish this goal. If you have specific questions and need something immediately, please contact our office and speak to one of our secretaries either Samantha Simmons or Karen Louviere.



National 4-H Week Service-Learning Celebration, Replacing Paint the town Green

As mentioned above, with limited staff we have met with advisory committee with to help address some of the concerns. This is the only immediate change that will take place in the month of September. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact us to discuss your idea.

LSU Football Game

November 12, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M. is 4-H Day with the LSU Tigers!

LSU will be playing Western Kentucky. 4-H will be recognized during half-time activities, and a 4-H tailgate party is planned at John M. Parker Coliseum with lots of fun activities for everyone!

All tickets are \$25.00, and are located in the East Upper Deck. More information and a complete list of events can be found on the State 4-H website. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call us at the 4-H office.



Albertsons' Community Partners

The Lafayette 4-H Foundation, Inc. participates in the Albertson's Community Partners program. As part of this program, we receive funds from Albertsons each time a person shops and scans the Community Partners card.



We'll be bringing cards for each of the leaders to the September and October club meetings. If you have any questions or need additional cards for interested parents, please contact the office at 291-7090. Thanks for making this a successful project.

Old and New Business

In the next issue of the Leader Update, you will find articles which can be used as old and new business during your meetings. The articles will be set up to allow you to clip them out and give to your members, not the officers, to read during the business part of the meeting.

We will begin judging the club meetings in November for the Club-of-the-Month Awards. By taking advantage of the "Old and New Business" articles, your club meetings will be better, more business like, and you'll probably win Club-of-the-Month more often.



It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance to participate in any aforementioned activity, please contact the 4-H office at 337-291-7090.

Sincerely,

Angie Arnould

CHARLES HEBERT

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County Agent
4-H Youth Development
Lafayette Parish

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Lafayette Parish



September 2011 4-H Meeting Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</p> <p><i>(Note: Clubs that meet on the first Monday will roll down a week. Clubs that meet on the second Monday will roll down to the third week as well due to the holiday).</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**8:45—9:30 Acadian Middle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**1:00-2:00 Family Life</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**2:45-3:35 Sts. Leo Seton</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">**2:00—2:45 Plantation Elem. 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**3:15-4:15 St. Genevieve Middle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**8:30-9:30 Prairie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:35-11:05 K. Drexel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**1:00-2:00 C. Burke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**2:53-3:43 Youngsville Middle</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">**8:30-9:30 Broadmoor Elementary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**12:30-1:20 Lafayette Christian Aca.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**1:45—2:45 Evangeline Elementary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**8:00-9:00 Plantation Elem.5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00—11:00 ACH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**12:45-1:45 Fatima</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**2:15-3:15 Northside High</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">**9:00-10:00 Woodvale</p> <p>Live Oak <i>Th, M @ 1:45-2:45</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:15-3:15 <i>Comeaux High</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**8:45-9:45 Milton Elementary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**1:30—2:30 Ernest Gallet</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">**1:45-2:45 G.T. Lindon Elem.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00—1:55 Ridge Elementary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">8:45-9:45 Scott Middle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:15-3:15 Acadiana High</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">NOTE: ** Denotes confirmed meeting times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1st Call Enrollment Cards Due 4-H Office</i></p>			

August 25, 2011

TO: All 4-H Leaders

RE: Upcoming events

Dear Leader,

We are hoping that the beginning of the school year has been bearable and we know that new challenges occur daily. We are also hoping that the new 4-H year is going as smoothly as possible. We would like to extend a huge thank you those that participated in our leader training.

Last year, the 4-H Foundation made a profit of \$3,000.00 from the sale of candy, thanks to the hard work of the many 4-H'ers and leaders who sold many cases of candy. Individual 4-H clubs made a large profit too. The profits from the fundraisers do help to offset the cost of our camps for all members and provide senior scholarships.

This year we are happy to announce that we will once again sell World's Finest Chocolates. The leaders voted to sell the variety pack with 50 chocolate bars per case. It includes 15 milk chocolate with almonds, 10 crisp bars, 10 milk chocolate bars, 10 caramel bars, and 5 dark chocolate bars. So please keep this in mind when placing your order. Hopefully, the sale of candy will be as successful. You are being asked to complete the attached form and send it back by September 16, 2011 indicating your club's intentions to sell candy. Please take the time and fill out the form as we must start making arrangements for the sale.

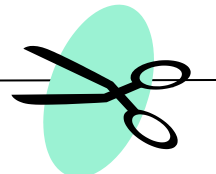
Our tentative plans are to have the candy delivered to you on October 19, 2011. As a reminder, any 4-H club planning to conduct a major fund raiser must have that fund raiser pre-approved by the 4-H staff. This excludes a club participating in the Lafayette 4-H Foundation, Inc. Candy Sale.

We look forward to working with each of you this year and know that we will have another successful year because of all of the wonderful people serving as 4-H leaders. Thank you,

Sincerely,

CHARLES HEBERT
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4-H Youth Development

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2011
LAFAYETTE 4-H FOUNDATION
CHOCOLATE CANDY SALE ORDER FORM

ALL 4-H CLUBS ARE ASKED TO RESPOND

CLUB _____

LEADERS _____

_____ Our 4-H Club will take part in this year's candy sale. Our club would like to order _____ Cases.

_____ Our 4-H Club will not be able to take part in this year's candy sale

Each case contains 50 bars for assorted chocolates that will sell for \$1.00. 4-H Clubs earn 25% of the sale of each bar.

Please send your response to:
4-H Office
1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 325
Lafayette, LA 70501

Or Email to Charles Hebert at chebert@agcenter.lsu.edu or Fax to: 337-291-7099

PLEASE RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

Sample Pre-Registration/Permission Forms
For Duplication

(The 1st one may be given out prior to the first meeting, and the 2nd one may be given out at the 4-H meeting).

4-H Club
Permission Form

Dear Parent:

Your child has expressed an interest to join the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H. At the first meeting, your child will receive the official 4-H Enrollment card and this card along with dues will be due at a later time.

Your child's first 4-H Meeting is scheduled to be held on _____ . For your child to be able to attend this initial enrollment meeting, please sign below.

Sincerely,

_____, 4-H Volunteer Leader

Parent Signature

4-H Club
Registration Information

Dear Parent:

Your child has expressed an interest to join the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H. In order to join, you must turn in dues of \$_____, and a completed official 4-H enrollment card by _____. Dues and the enrollment card are to be turned in to the 4-H Leader at school. Your child's 4-H Leader is _____.

For more information about 4-H, contact the LSU AgCenter at 291-7090 or see the Louisiana 4-H website at www.lsuagcenter.com or www.louisiana4h.org.

Sincerely,

_____, 4-H Volunteer Leader

attached: Official 4-H Enrollment Card

National 4-H Week
Application Form 2011

Club _____

Leader _____

All clubs that participate in the National 4-H Week—***Join the Revolution of Responsibility*** Event and/or market your club should complete this form. It should be returned to our office after Officer Training will receive 10 participation points towards the end of the year Achievement Award Trophy. Additional points may be earned for clubs that have identified a Service-Learning Focus and conducted events linked to it during National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2011.

Service-Learning Focus: (If applicable)

List the activities that your club conducted during National 4-H Week or whenever you celebrated it.

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Please, return to us at Officer Training or by Monday, October 31, 2011.

Fax to: (337)291-7099 or Email to: chebert@agcenter.lsu.edu.



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