



Jr. Leader Newslines

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October 2006

Dates to Remember

- 14 LSU (4-H) Football Game
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting
- 19 4-H Officer Training
- 28 Make a Difference Day

The next Jr. Leader meeting is **October 16th at 5:30 pm at the 4-H Office.** We will be having a **Halloween costume contest** so we are encouraging everyone to come dressed in a cool costume. There will be three categories: Most Unusual, Scariest, and Funniest. Something for everyone! So, get busy putting together that awesome costume that will scare all of your friends, or at least make them laugh!

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week was October first through the seventh! I hope all of you got the chance to support 4-H, but if you missed it, don't worry, you can have 4-H spirit year round!

T-Shirts and Dues

It's never too late to order a t-shirt! The t-shirts are sale for \$10.00 and can be purchased at any Jr. Leader meeting. Dues are due by the November meeting for \$5.00 to the Jr. Leader Treasurer. We look forward to greet you at the October Meeting.

Community Service Learning

We are still in the process of deciding on an additional service learning project. If you have any other ideas please e-mail me at ejisadore@yahoo.com. Every idea is a good one.

ATTENTION PARENTS!!

After Meeting Pick Up

Our Jr. Leader meetings start at 5:30 p.m. and end around 6:30 p.m. Please return to pick up your Jr. Leader at 6:30 p.m. This allows the agent and parent volunteers to leave at 6:30 also. Thank you for your cooperation.

Junior Leaders, please arrange for a ride to arrive by 6:30p.m.

Faith House Halloween Carnival

We are collecting prize items to give away at the Faith House Halloween Carnival. Items such as small toys & trinkets like you give a birthday party are appropriate. Please bring your items to our next meeting.

Ladies, we have been invited to help with games and activities at the Halloween Carnival for the children of the Faith House. It will be held on the evening of Friday, October 27th. Only females may sign up to help.

Officer Training

We want to remind all officers about officer training. It would be in your best interest to attend. We will have a mock meeting to show how it's done. We will also break into groups with your office and learn your responsibilities. It will be held at Lafayette Middle on Thursday, October 19th at 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Just a reminder, Jr. Leaders officers, don't forget that you need to conduct the training. There will be a sign-up sheet for Jr. Leaders wishing to help.

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 28 is Make a Difference Day. On this day, an alcohol awareness program for teens will be held here at the 4-H office, from 9am until Noon. Sign up at the upcoming meeting to attend. If you will not be at the October Junior Leader meeting, contact the 4-H office to RSVP for this Make a Difference Day project.

4-H Fall Fest

4-H Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th, at Evangeline Elementary.

Junior Leaders, we will need your help with contest set-up, registration, judging, clean-up from 7:30 a.m. - Noon. Please sign up at the meeting to help.

Four Essential Elements

The 4 essential elements of 4-H designed to benefit all members include independence, belonging, generosity, mastery. Each one can help you on your journey through personal development. Independence can be learned by taking advantage of leadership opportunities that develop maturity and self-discipline. Physical and emotional belonging can be experienced by participating in group activities. By participating in 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth can connect to communities, learn generosity, and give back to others. Members can learn mastery by exploring 4-H projects and activities, youth master skills to make positive career and life choices. These four things will help you during your 4-H experience and continue to aid you throughout your life and career.

Anniversary of Hurricane Rita

One year ago on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita devastated much of the Southwest Louisiana coast. Last year, our focus was on Community Service Learning, and after the Hurricane we decided to take action. The Jr. Leader Club last year adopted Cameron Parish 4-Hers that had been affected by the wrath of Hurricane Rita. It proved to be a very successful project.

On Saturday, September 23, 2006, some of the 4-H Jr. Leaders visited Cameron Parish again for the Anniversary of Hurricane Rita. Many of the Jr. Leaders worked in the free coke stand. A cattle drive entitled "Riding the Trail to Recovery" was held. Many political dignitaries including, Governor Kathleen Blanco, Lieutenant Governor, Mitch Landrieu, Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter, and Lieutenant General Russel Honore were in attendance and rode in the cattle drive. Cody Turner and a Cameron 4-Her presented the Governor Blanco with a mock check representing the hours that 4-H affiliations put into helping with the recovery after Hurricane Rita. Eve Franchebois and a 4-Her from Cameron parish said the Pledge of Allegiance. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served for lunch. As we toured the area of Cameron a year later, many people have moved back, but not everything has been rebuilt. The South Cameron school grades K-12 is now being held in 5 commodious portable buildings. The spirit of the people is still present, and we will continue to help them rebuild. Thanks to all of the Jr. Leaders and parents that attended; it was a very special day!