



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Welcome to 4-H

Four-H is a fun organization for youth that offers over 45 projects in which club member can Learn By Doing.

Through demonstrations, activities, and contests, club members can gain knowledge of science, agriculture, home economics, personal development, community service, leadership and citizenship. Often this knowledge helps open the door to a future career. But the main purpose of 4-H is to HELP YOUTH BECOME EFFECTIVE CITIZENS.

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be given to you each month from September to May. 4-H'ers should take it home, read it, and share it with your parents. It will keep you posted on all 4-H events. If you have any questions concerning the 4-H program, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.



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## National 4-H Week



The 2008 National 4-H Week theme will be "Keeping it Green." With 4-H's connection to environmental efforts, youth participating in environmental science, and 4-H's green brand logo, "Keeping it Green" shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related issues.

Your club can help celebrate 4-H week by having special programs at school, making and wearing 4-H name badges, having clean up the campus days, green and white day, or preparing a 4-H exhibit in your school library for EVERYONE to see.

This year each club participating will receive 10 points toward the Outstanding Club Award. Your leaders will receive an application form. Help your leader by thinking of ways to publicize your club, taking part in activities and setting a good example for others. How many clubs will contact the local TV stations and be interviewed on TV concerning 4-H? this year we challenge EACH 4-H club to get some sort of TV coverage at least one time during the school year.

## State 4-H Boards

At this summer's 4-H University held at LSU, Lafayette 4-H was well represented. Serving on the Executive Committee is National Conference Delegate, Desire' Taylor of Carencro High. Katie Domas from Academy of Sacred Heart is serving on the State 4-H Food and Fitness board and Amanda Barry from Teurlings Catholic is serving on the State 4-H Fashion Board. Congratulations to ALL!!!



## Join 4-H Junior Leadership

The upcoming year will bring about many new and exciting things in 4-H. One way to be a part of everything that is going on is by joining the Lafayette 4-H Junior Leadership Club. This club is made up of older, more active 4-H'ers from across Lafayette Parish who are in grades 8 to 12. The first Junior Leadership meeting of the 2008-09 school year is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 18, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office. All 4-H'ers in grades 8 to 12 are urged to attend. Parents are also welcome. BE A JUNIOR LEADER.

## 2008 Records Only Results

The results of the Records Only Contest are as follows: State Winner—Kris Simon, poultry. Kris has been awarded an all expense paid trip to 4-H Club Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, this fall.

## 4-H U - Welcome to the Big Clover College Life

Lafayette 4-H members earned 34 blue ribbon awards, including 4 state winners, and 6 1st alternate winners at State 4-H University in June. This event is the largest state 4-H Competition of the year and is the highlight for senior 4-H club members. Thanks to all the leaders and 4-H members for contributing to our summer of success. State Winners—Jeanne Deville & Niki Dutile, Agriculture Demo; Erick Malveaux, Career Preparation Interview; Amanda Barry, Fashion Review-Creative Choice; Dru Broussard, Meat ID; Lance Martin, Ashley Johnson & Dru Broussard, Meat ID Team; Kris Simon, Karl Simon & Katelyn Provost, Poultry Judging; 2nd Place Winners—; 3rd Place Winners—Elizabeth Mouton, Kelli Saloom & Tyler Dupuis, Consumer Decision Making Team; Desire' Taylor & Eve Franchebois, Environmental Threat Team; Whitney Simon, Livestock Judging; Lanie Dickerson, Whitney Simon & Blake McMillan, Livestock Judging Team; Patrice Wiltz, Plant Science; Breanne Hernandez, Patrice Wiltz & John Tracy, Plant Science Team; Kris Simon, Poultry Judging; Katie Domas, Soybean III Talk; 4th Place Winners—Emily Desormeaux, Fashion Review-Creative Choice; Ashley Johnson, Meat ID; Blue Ribbon Winners—Evan Kuske, ATV; Jonathan Thibeaux; Kayala Baker & Natalie Latour, Consumer Food Team; Caroline Montalbano, Tonya Broussard, Consumer Food Team; Lance Martin, Meat ID; John Tracy, Plant Science; Karl Simon, Poultry Judging; Katelyn Provost, Poultry Judging.



## Festival Cookery Contests



Four-H'ers and leaders are eligible to participate in the St. Martin 4-H Livestock Cook off, scheduled for Saturday, September, 27 the Louisiana Cattle Festival Foods Contest on Friday, October 10 and the Rice & Creole Cookery at the Rice Festival on October 17. If interested, get a copy of the rules from your 4-H leader or refer to our website. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOUR ENTRIES TO THESE CONTESTS.**

## Rabbit Shows

Four-H'ers who enroll in the Rabbit Project have two opportunities to exhibit their rabbits this Fall, but must hurry to get their rabbits entered properly.



Sugarcane Festival Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, September 27 in New Iberia. Entries must be received in New Iberia by September 17th - call Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 for an entry form.

LAFAYETTE 4-H RABBIT SHOW has been tentatively scheduled for November 15 as part of Lafayette 4-H Fall Fest. Entry forms may be found on the Lafayette parish site through [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com).

Four-H'ers who plan to show rabbits at the 4-H Parish Show must:

1. Enroll in the Rabbit Project in September when they complete the 4-H Enrollment Card.

**GET THEIR RABBIT(S) PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9th!**

3. Ear tattoo or ear mark (with a marks-a-lot) their rabbits for proper identification. Tattooing can be done prior to the rabbit clinic on October 9 beginning at 4:45 PM.

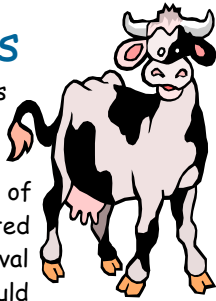
4. Try to attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 9 to learn about raising and showing rabbits. The clinic will start at 5:00 PM at the 4-H office at 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325.

5. **TURN IN THEIR LAFAYETTE PARISH RABBIT SHOW ENTRY FORMS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 9th.**

Entry forms will be mailed to all 4-H members who enroll in the Rabbit Project. Contact Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 if you have not received your rabbit entry by October 3rd.

## Fall Livestock Shows

This fall, several fairs and festivals will include livestock shows as part of their festivities. These events may be of interest to 4-H'ers enrolling in one of the livestock projects. Dates are listed below. Entries for these fair and festival shows (except the Cajun Classic) should already have been made through the 4-H office. Contact Mrs. Angie or Mr. Charles as soon as possible for further details.



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| September 26-27   | Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia      |
| October 10-11     | Cattle Festival, Abbeville          |
| October 23-Nov. 9 | State Fair, Shreveport              |
| December 12-13    | Cajun Classic Beef Show, New Iberia |

## 2009 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show Validation Procedure

All market and commercial animals, except commercial dairy, are required to be validated in order to be exhibited in the Spring Parish, District, and State LSU Livestock Show. Animals will be tagged, DNA tested, and classified (preliminary for entries).

Validation Fee is \$3 per animal.

**Steers, Beef Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does** will be validated and classified at **Sugarena in New Iberia from 4pm to 8pm on September 24, 2008**. Exhibitors must make arrangements for their animals to attend this validation. If you are unable to attend on this date, other validation sites across the state are available September 23-27 only, and you may contact the 4-H Office to inquire about these optional validation locations if you are unable to attend on September 24th. All animals must be tagged and DNA samples collected.

**Market Hogs** will be validated at **Blackham Coliseum, Swine Barn, from 4-7 pm on Friday, December 5, 2008**.

If you have any questions concerning the Validation procedure you are welcome to contact us at 291-7090.

## 4-H Garden Contest Results

The 4-H Garden Contest was held during the summer. The names of all the winners may be found on the Lafayette Parish site through [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com). Congratulations to our 2 Overall Winners: Emily Desormeaux, Comeaux High School - Champion; Abigail Lewis, St. Pius - Reserve Champion.

Thanks to the Lafayette Master Gardeners for their sponsorship of the contest. Be on the lookout in February for the start of the next 4-H Garden Contest. 4-H'ers who wish to grow a garden are urged to enroll in the Plant Science and/or Horticulture Projects.



## Camp Catch Phrase Contest

If you'd like to submit an entry in the Camp Catch Phrase Contest, refer to the website at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) or see your leader for the rules.

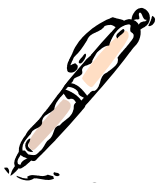
This is to select the slogan for the Summer Camp T-shirts. Prizes will be awarded.

## Searching for Livestock Exhibitors

As our 4-H year begins, some members make plans to raise and show livestock projects. If you are one of these, there are several things you must do:

1. When completing the 4-H Enrollment Card, be sure to mark the appropriate livestock project (beef, sheep, horse, etc.). This will put you on the livestock/horse mailing list.
2. Parents of new exhibitors must also contact Miss Nikki or Mrs. Angie at the 4-H office (291-7090) to discuss the 4-H livestock program and must attend one of the meetings scheduled for new exhibitors.
3. First year exhibitor meeting for livestock is scheduled for September 22, 6:30 PM at the 4-H office (beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine & poultry). Rabbit exhibitors do not attend this meeting, but should attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 9. First year horse exhibitors meeting will be held on March 26.





## Dates to Remember



### September 2008

- 1 Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed
- 1 MDA Telethon, Lafayette, LA
- 1 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 13 "Annual 4-H Football Game: LSU vs North Texas State, Baton Rouge, LA
- 15-19 Galaxy III, National 4-H Agents Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 17 **Enrollment Cards Due to Leaders**
- 18 Junior Leader Meeting & Reception, 4-H Office
- 19-20 Shooting Sports, Level 1 Training, Franklinton, LA
- 22 Livestock Educational Committee Meeting, 4-H Office
- 22 1st Year Livestock Exhibitors Meeting
- 22-24 **First Call** - 4-H Enrollment Cards Due to 4-H Office
- 24 Validation/Possession for Market Goats, Lambs, Steers & Commercial Does, Ewes, Heifers, Sugarrena
- 26-27 Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia
- 30 Area Leader Training, LSU
- TBA Dairy Selection Show, Baton Rouge
- TBA Dairy Educational Trip, Memphis, TN
- TBA Cattle Hoof Trimming Clinic, Blackham Coliseum

### October 2008

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- 2-8 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 9 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 9 Possession Date for Rabbits
- 9 Rabbit Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 9 Rabbit Clinic, 4-H Office
- 10-11 Cattle Festival, Abbeville
- 14 Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leaders
- 16 4-H Officer Training
- 16 4-H Parent/Volunteer "Get on Board Orientation Meeting", Lafayette Middle School
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 16-17 Due Date for 4-H Dues, 4-H Office
- 16-17 **Final Call** - Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Cards, 4-H Office
- 16-17 National 4-H Week Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 17 (tentative) Candy Sales Begin and Delivery Begins
- 17 Rice Festival Cookery Contest, Crowley, LA
- 23- Nov. 9 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
- 25 Make a Difference Day

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, religion, gender, age or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette 4-H office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

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