

## Important Dates



### October

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 4-7 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
- 5-6 Cattle Festival, Abbeville, LA
- 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
- 12 Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leaders
- 15 Junior Leader Meeting
- 15 Smart Bodies School Assembly, Carencro Heights Elementary
- 16 Smart Bodies School Assembly, St. Genevieve Elem.
- 16 4-H Officer & Volunteer Training, Lafayette Middle School
- 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 Smart Bodies School Assembly, Prairie Elementary
- 18 Smart Bodies School Assembly, Evangeline Elementary
- 19 Smart Bodies School Assembly, E. Gallet Elementary
- 19 (tent) Candy Sales Begin and Delivery Begins
- 21-26 National 4-H Agents Convention, Atlanta, GA
- 21-27 American Character Week & Character Counts!
- 23-Nov. 3 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport

### November

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 3 4-H Fall Fest, Evangeline Elementary
- 5 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 5 Possession Date for Beef, Sheep, Exhibition Poultry & Goats
- 6-12 Livestock Educational Trip for Beef and Sheep, Louisville, KY
- 9 Final Day of Candy Sale
- 12-14 Deadline for turning in Candy Sale Money, 4-H Office
- 15 Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 18-20 4-H Educational Trip, New Orleans, LA
- 20 Livestock Farm Tour, 4-H Office
- 22-23 **Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed**
- 22-27 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia
- 29 Record Book Workshop, Lafayette Middle School
- TBA Lafayette 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- TBA Junior Leader Meeting

Sincerely,

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# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 7-13, 2007. This year's National 4-H Week promotional kit is highlighting our Mission Mandate in the area of Science, Engineering and Technology. This is a time to tell everyone around you what 4-H is about. We encourage your club to get involved in a marketing campaign in your school and/or community.

Help your leader think 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? Providing refreshments for your teachers, having special programs at school, making and wearing 4-H name badges, attending church as a group, having cleanup the campus days, flag raising ceremonies, Green & White Day, etc.



## 4-H Camp Celebrating 85th Birthday

Camp Grant Walker, our state 4-H camp, will be 85 years old this year. We are planning a celebration for you at camp! The birthday celebration will be held on October 27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

It will include games, face painting, activities and tours of the camp facility as well as the new additional thirty acres. There will be awards for the oldest camper in the attendance, family with most camp alumni in attendance, etc.; silent auction; lunch and birthday cake.

If your family would like to be a part of the celebration, contact the 4-H office for more information. You can register online at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com).



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### Points of interest:

- ☉ Fall Fest Contest Day- November 3, 2007, Evangeline Elementary School
- ☉ Collection of 4-H memorabilia
- ☉ Join Jr. Leader Team
- ☉ Character Counts!
- ☉ Rabbit Show
- ☉ Livestock News
- ☉ Project Books
- ☉ Officer & Volunteer Training
- ☉ America's Wetlands & You
- ☉ Dates to Remember
- ☉ Horseland & 4-H on CBS

## Fall Fest

All 4-H'ers and their families can make plans to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual **4-H Fall Fest** scheduled for **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Evangeline Elementary School. 4-H members will have a chance to compete in various contests such as bicycle rodeo, dog and pet show, poster contest, cookery contest, Bring your lawn family and lawn chair while you enjoy the morning. See the separate sheet for rules and contests.

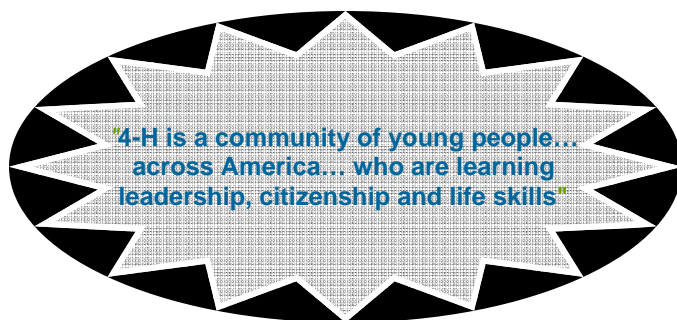
In 2008, we will celebrate 100 years of Louisiana 4-H. The main kick-off of festivities and activities will begin in January. Plans are currently being finalized for numerous celebrations throughout the year. We would like for everyone to join in the celebrations and help market the "Centennial Celebration."



We will begin Fall Fest with an open house to welcome everyone as well as with a collection 4-H memorabilia. There will be a collection drive of memorabilia that will include 4-H photos, t-shirts, record books, etc. The purpose of these items is to stock the State 4-H Museum currently being constructed in Marksville, Louisiana. We request that all items be labeled with name, address, phone number and an explanation of why it is relevant. Come out and support this campaign!

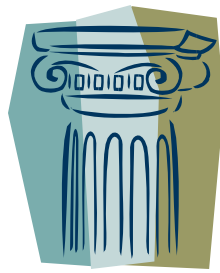
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## Character Counts

The *Character Counts!* program is based on the "six Pillars of Character" and those are: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Each month will be devoted to one of these pillars, and to start off, we will devote October to Respect.



When we use good manners, are courteous, polite, and civil to others, we are being respectful. Respect is treating others the way you want to be treated. We should respect other's property. We should be tolerant of others and we should resolve disagreements without anger and violence. These are just a few ideas for all of us to put our first pillar of character into practice. To learn more go to [www.charactercounts.org](http://www.charactercounts.org).

## Join Team Junior Leader

Be a part of the action! Stand apart from the crowd! Being part of the Lafayette 4-H Junior Leader Team certainly has its advantages. The Junior Leadership Club takes the lead role in parish-wide service-learning. The Club also helps out in other parish 4-H activities, such as contest days, workshops, etc.

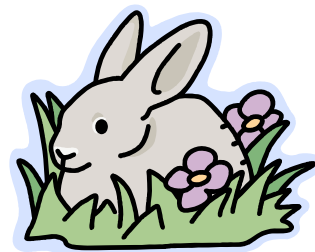
This is one for greatest experiences of a high school 4-H member. Any way you look at it, you can't afford not to be a 4-H Junior Leader. Membership is open to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in Lafayette Parish. Dues are \$5.00 for one year. If you missed the September meeting, try not to miss the next one scheduled for **Monday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## Rabbit Show

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Rabbit Show will be conducted on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Evangeline Elementary School as part of the 18<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H Fall Fest.

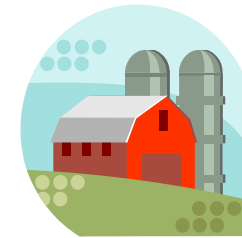
All 4-H'ers who have enrolled in the Rabbit project should receive a letter about the show. Only those 4-H'ers who enrolled in the rabbit project are eligible to show. Check the Fall Fest rules and regulations for further information on the Rabbit Show.

Any 4-H'er who has followed the above directions and does not receive a letter by October 7<sup>th</sup> should contact Ms. Angie at 291-7090.



## Livestock News

In selecting a show animal, it is important to remember that every animal is not a potential show animal. Show prospects should be of highest quality. For members and parents just starting with livestock, it is most important to get help from someone who has experience in selecting show animal projects.



Also, remember that the best places to buy your show animal prospect are from a "reputable" breeder or at a proven show prospect sale.

Now is the time to begin preparing if you plan to exhibit livestock at the 4-H livestock shows in January and February, 2008. Members can show cattle, sheep, goats, swine and/or poultry at these shows. Interested students should already have joined 4-H and enrolled in the appropriate project (beef, sheep, etc.)

To be eligible to show livestock in the January and February shows, 4-H'ers must get their animals before certain POSSESSION DATES each year. Currently, these are as follows:

**Market Steers, Beef Breeding, Dairy Breeding, Sheep Breeding, Market Goats & Market Lambs, Poultry, November 5; Market & Breeding Hogs, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The 4-H horse shows are normally held each year in July, separate from the livestock shows. Possession date for the 4-H horse shows is April 1st.

## Project Books Arriving Soon!

Each 4-H member who paid their dues should receive a project book for each of the 4-H projects selected. 4-H members should start reading and working in their booklets today. Record sheets located in each book should be completed over the next five (5) months. For 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders, these record sheets will be incorporated into the overall 4-H Record Book that 4-H'ers are to turn in on February 22.



How to complete a 4-H record book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for November 29, 2007. The workshop will be held at Lafayette Middle School. More information will be in the November Hotline.

## Officer & Volunteer Training

All 4-H officers are to attend the Parish 4-H Officer Training Meeting to be held:

**DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007**  
**TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**  
**PLACE: Lafayette Middle School**  
**1301 W. University**  
**Lafayette, LA 70506**



Officers will learn what their duties are and how to perform those duties.

A 4-H Parent/Volunteer Orientation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at Lafayette Middle School. This meeting will be held in the cafeteria beginning at 4:10 PM through 5:15 PM. It will be held in conjunction with our parish officer training. The purpose is to increase communication, learn what opportunities are available for volunteers, gain knowledge about the LSU AgCenter and 4-H Programs. Come join in and get involved by becoming a volunteer.

## Coastal Creatures Lessons

Our educational program at the monthly club meeting will focus on wetlands and the creatures that live in them. Each lesson will address specific GLE's that will be hopefully be helpful in standardize testing. This month we will introduce it with America's Wetland & You. Wetlands can be found all over the United States and in every parish in Louisiana. It is the area between open water and dry land that may be flooded year round or only sometimes flooded.



Our coastal wetlands are so important because Louisiana has 40% of all coastal wetlands and 80% of the threatened coastal wetlands in the United States. Thousands of different kinds of plants and animals thrive there. Louisiana wetlands are home to our many *Coastal Creatures*.

Over the next seven month, we will explore wetland habitat that includes **amphibians, birds, fish & shellfish, fur-bearing animals, insects, livestock and reptiles**. Wetlands serve as hurricane protection and a storm buffer to South Louisiana which helps reduce flooding. It is very important to the US economy and needs the protection of the coastal wetlands. Our wetlands also provide recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, nature trips and tourism as well as commercial fisheries.

We are in danger of losing all of this if we do nothing about it!