



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## National 4-H Week



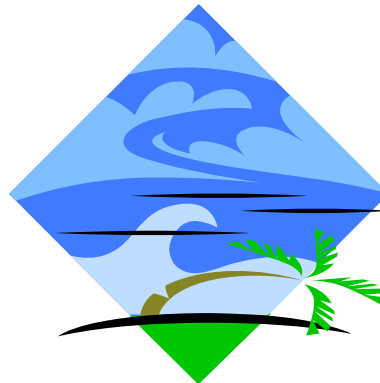
4-H youth from across the nation will "Celebrate 4-H" as they honor 2009 National 4-H Week October 4-10 by raising awareness about environmental issues and initiating environmental projects that make a positive difference in their communities.

Throughout National 4-H week and the year, 4-H'ers solve problems in their communities, raise awareness about environmental issues, and make a difference for their futures in the spirit of 4-H's vision to create a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change.

4-H is a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Headquarters, which operates out of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the federal partner of 4-H programs implemented by the Cooperative Extension System of the nation's 106 land-grant colleges and universities and in local communities through 3,150 county Cooperative Extension offices.

## Hurricane Hazards

Did you know that June 1st to November 30th is hurricane season? Each year those of us that live in South Louisiana face the possibility of hurricanes. This month at your 4-H club meeting, you will learn about the history and effects of hurricanes. You will also learn how to track a hurricane on a hurricane tracking chart! As you all know, being prepared for a hurricane is very important. Today, we will share preparation procedures for hurricane watches, warnings, and evacuations with family and neighbors. After today's lesson, you should be HURRICANE READY!



## October 2009

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## Fall Fest

All 4-H'ers and their families can make plans to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> annual **4-H Fall Fest** scheduled for **November 7<sup>th</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, and cookery contest. Bring along your family and lawn chair while you enjoy the morning. See the separate Fall Fest sheet that will be given out at this meeting for rules and contests.

The day should be lots of fun. We are encouraging 4-H members, leaders and parents to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and make plans to spend part of the day with us. Check the Fall Fest Rules and Regulations given to all members for the time schedule and specific contest rules. We hope to see you there. **SPECIAL NOTE: ALL CATS AND DOGS ENTERED IN EITHER THE DOG OR PET SHOW MUST SHOW PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION. FARM ANIMALS AND CAPTIVE WILD ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT FALL FEST.**

**\*\*\*\*NOTE: FALL FEST COOKERY RULES HAVE CHANGED FOR THIS YEAR'S FALL FEST. PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE NEWLY UPDATED RULES WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.**



## 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 **Wednesday, October 21 at 5:00pm.**

## 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).

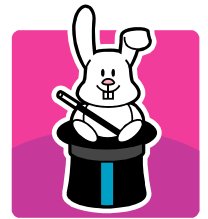


## Rabbit Show

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Rabbit Show will be conducted on November 7 at Evangeline Elementary School as part of the 20<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 September 30<sup>th</sup> should contact Ms. Angie at 291-7090.



## 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 26.

How to complete a 4-H record book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for December 8, 2009. The workshop will be held at Lafayette Middle School. More information will be in the November Hotline.



## 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, 2010. 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 Animals (goats, lambs steers, commercial does, commercial ewes, commercial heifers) November 6th.**

**Exhibition poultry, beef breeding, dairy breeding, sheep breeding, goat breeding - November 6th.**

**Market and breeding hogs - December 1st.**

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.

## Officer & Volunteer Training

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

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009

TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:15 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 Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 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.

## Heads Up, Hands Out 4-Healthy Hearts

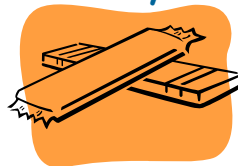


The Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program is continuing to promote Service Learning Initiative. Service-learning can be delivered in a variety of ways, supporting a wide array of program areas. Service-learning is a win-win for your club programs and can be integrated into goals and objectives already 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.

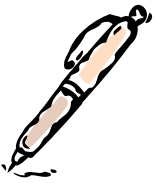
Service-learning has many benefits. You can move beyond your school or 4-H program experience to see the importance of learning in real life experiences. It enhances your self-esteem and sense of civic responsibility by actively making a difference. This is by your involvement in meaningful contributions 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.

## Candy Sale



This year, 4-H clubs in Lafayette Parish will participate in a candy sale to raise money for the parish 4-H Foundation and local clubs. The sale will be held from **October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>**. The candy sale will not only provide funds to carry out parish activities, but each club will get to keep a portion of the profits to fund local clubs activities.

The top selling club will receive a pizza party as an award for their efforts. Let's all work to make this year's candy sale a big success!



## Important Dates



### October

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 1-4 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 8 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 8 Possession Date for Rabbits
- 8 Rabbit Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 8 Rabbit Clinic, 4-H Office
- 9-10 Cattle Festival, Abbeville, LA
- 9-10 Paint the Town Green Judging
- 13 Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leaders
- 14 4-H Officer & Volunteer Training, Lafayette Middle School
- 15-16 Due Date for 4-H Dues, 4-H Office
- 15-16 **Final Call** - Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Cards, 4-H Office
- 15-16 National 4-H Week Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 16 (tentative) Candy Sales Begin and Delivery Begins
- 20-24 American Character Week & Character Counts!
- 21 Junior Leader Meeting
- 21-Nov. 1 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
- TBA Smart Bodies School Assembly,
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### November

- 2 First Day of Club Meetings
- 7 4-H Fall Fest, Evangeline Elementary
- 4 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 6 Possession Date for Exhibition Poultry & Breeding: Beef Dairy, Sheep and Goats
- TBA Livestock Educational Trips, Louisville, KY
- 6 Final Day of Candy Sale
- 9-11 Deadline for turning in Candy Sale Money, 4-H Office
- 15 Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 22-24 4-H Educational Trip, New Orleans, LA
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed**
- 27-Dec. 1 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia
- TBA (17) Lafayette 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 18 Junior Leader Meeting

**Don't forget to order your Papa John's Pizza on October 8th!**

Sincerely,

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<p><b>Coupon 1</b></p> <p><b>Large 2-Topping Pizza &amp; Cheesesticks</b></p> <p><b>\$15<sup>97</sup></b></p> <p><small>Louisiana 4-H Pizza Day . Valid 10/08/09</small></p>	<p><b>Coupon 2</b></p> <p><b>Two Large 2-Topping Pizzas</b></p> <p><b>\$19<sup>97</sup></b></p> <p><small>Louisiana 4-H Pizza Day . Valid 10/08/09</small></p>	<p><b>Coupon 3</b></p> <p><b>Large 2-Topping and Large Specialty Pizza</b> <small>a 2-Liter Drink &amp; Chocolate Pastry</small></p> <p><b>\$27<sup>97</sup></b></p> <p><small>Louisiana 4-H Pizza Day . Valid 10/08/09</small></p>
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