



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## It's 4-H Time Again!

4-H is a **FUN** organization for youth that offers over 45 projects in which club members can Learn By Doing. 4-H offers a whole new world of opportunities for boys and girls to learn new things, go new places, and meet new friends.

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.**

Any boy or girl who is 9 years old by January 1st of the current school year (that means January 2010), in 3rd-12th grade, and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible to join.

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 2009 National 4-H Week theme will be "Celebrate 4-H." 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.

We also challenge each club to "Paint The Town Green" again this year in honor of National 4-H Week! Show us what you got!

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.

## 2009-2010 State 4-H Boards

At this summer's 4-H University held at LSU, Lafayette 4-H was well represented. Jonathan Thibeaux of Lafayette High was elected State 4-H Parliamentarian. Serving on the Executive Committee for the second year in a row, Desire' Taylor of Carencro High. Katie Domas from Academy of Sacred Heart is serving on the State 4-H Food and Fitness Board again this year and Amanda Barry from Teurlings Catholic is serving once again 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 8th-12th**. The first Junior Leadership meeting of the 2009-10 school year is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, at 5:00 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!**

## 2009 4-H Camp Shoot-Off

We would like to congratulate two Outstanding 4-Her's for their participation in the 2009 4-H Camp Shoot Off. Two of our Lafayette 4-Her's were able to show off their archery and rifle skills at this competition. Lydia Primeaux participated in the archery contest and Bailey Snyder participated in the rifle contest. **GOOD JOB GUYS!**



## 4-H U - STATE WINNERS!



Lafayette 4-H members earned 18 blue ribbon awards, including 6 state 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**— Katelyn Provost, Rebecca Woodson, and Cole Guidry, Meat I.D.; Ann Katherine Clark, Lani Dickerson, and Whitney Simon, Livestock Judging. **2nd Place Winners**— Amanda Barry, Fashion Review- Special Occasion; **4th Place Winners**— Emily Desormeaux, Fashion Review-Creative Choice; Karl Simon, Forestry. **5th Place Winners** - Jeanne Deville, Meat I.D.; Lauren Aucoin, Photography; Taylor & Tyler Girard, Entomology Demo; Dru Broussard, Shawn Broussard, and Michael Dubose, Dairy Judging. **Blue Ribbon Winners**— Jonathan Thibeaux, Career Prep; Michael Taylor & Mitchel Romero, Computer Simulation; Natalie Latour, Kayala Baker & Chelsea Griffin, Consumer Foods Judging; Daniel Reaux, Katie Hebert, & Patrick Mouton; Dairy Judging; Nina Hoffpauir, Fashion Review-Casual; Shannon Fleming, Megan Dumatrait, & Jerome Rosenberg, Plant Science; Brandon Dale, Public Speaking Coop; Katie Domas, Kasie Dugas, & Desire' Taylor, Solutions Unlimited.

## Festival Cookery Contests



4-H'ers and leaders are eligible to participate in the St. Martin 4-H Livestock Cook off, scheduled for Saturday, September, 26th at Henderson Park, the Louisiana Cattle Festival Foods Contest on Friday, October 9th and the Rice & Creole Cookery at the Rice Festival on October 16th. 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



4-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 26** in **New Iberia**. Entries must be received in New Iberia by **September 16th** - call Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 for an entry form.

We will be holding a special **Rabbit Clinic** on selecting new rabbits, here at the 4-H office on September 14th.

LAFAYETTE 4-H RABBIT SHOW has been tentatively scheduled for **November 7th** 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).

4-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.
2. GET THEIR RABBIT(S) PRIOR TO **OCTOBER 8th!**
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 8 beginning at 4:45 PM.
4. Try to attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 8 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 8th.**

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 1st.

## 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 Ms. Nikki as soon as possible for further details.



September 24-26	Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia
October 9-10	Cattle Festival, Abbeville
October 21-Nov. 1	State Fair, Shreveport
December 11-12	Cajun Classic Beef Show, New Iberia

## 2010- 2011 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 \$4 per animal.

**Steers, Beef Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does** will be validated and classified on **Friday, November 6, 2009, from 4-7 p.m.** at Blackham

Coliseum. Exhibitors must make arrangements for their animals to attend this validation. 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 4, 2009.**

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: Allen Lee - Grand Champion and Chase Ables - 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.



## 4-H Day with the LSU TIGERS

November 14th is 4-H Day with the LSU Tigers! LSU will be playing Louisiana Tech for the homecoming game.

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! More information and a complete list of events can be found on the State 4-H website. Tickets may be purchased on Monday, September 21st beginning at 8am by accessing the following website: <http://ev10.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/ExecMacro/eventue/ev68/se/DisplayPromoList.d2w/report?linkID=lsu&RSRC=&RDAT=&caller=PR> the promo code is LAFAYETTE4H.

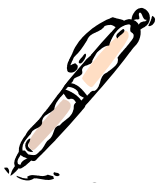


## Searching for Livestock Exhibitors

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 21, 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 8. First year horse exhibitors meeting will be held on March 25.





## Dates to Remember



### September 2009

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 7 **Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 7 MDA Telethon, Lafayette, LA
- 7 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 10 State Fair Broiler Pickup
- 10 Cattle Hoof Trimming Clinic, Blackham Coliseum
- 12 Shooting Sports, Level 1 Training
- 14 Rabbit Clinic (Rabbit Selection), 4-H Office
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting & Reception, 4-H Office
- 16 **Enrollment Cards Due to Leaders**
- 21 1st Year Livestock Exhibitors Meeting
- 21-23 **First Call** - 4-H Enrollment Cards Due to 4-H Office
- 22 Livestock Educational Committee Meeting, 4-H Office
- 23-26 Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia
- 25-27 Rocketry Camp @ Camp Grant Walker

### October 2009

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 1-4 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
- 4-10 **National 4-H Week**
- 7 Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- 7 National 4-H Science Day

- 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
- 13 Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leader
- 14 4-H Officer Training
- 14-18 Dairy Educational Trip, Southaven, MS
- 14 4-H Parent/Volunteer "Get on Board Orientation Meeting", Lafayette Middle School
- 15 Dairy Selection Show, Baton Rouge
- 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
- 16 Rice Festival Cookery Contest, Crowley, LA
- 21 **Junior Leader Meeting**, 4-H Office
- 21- Nov. 1 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
- 24 Make a Difference Day
- 24-30 National Meat Judging Contest, Manhattan, KS

## Louisiana 4-H Pizza Day!

Join 4-H Supporters from across Louisiana for a flavorful fundraising event. All you need to do is use one of the three 4-H pizza coupons on Thursday, October 8. 20% of your check will benefit the 4-H program. Enjoy something delicious from the Papa John's Pizza Menu. For more information go to our website: [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com)



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