



4-H Calendar

September

17 Livingston 4-H
 Outdoor Sports
 Registration – 10:00
 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bass
 Pro in Denham
 Springs

27 Jr. Leader Kickoff
 Meeting -6:00 p.m.
 Livingston Parish 4-H
 Office located in
 Livingston Parish
 Courthouse.

27 Fashion Board
 Planning Meeting – to
 follow Jr. Leader
 Meeting.

October

2-8 **National 4-H Week**

5-9 Livingston Parish Fair

18 Project Training Day
 Family Life Subjects-
 N. Corbin Elem. –
 4:00 p.m.

27-Nov 13 State Fair -
 Shreveport

28 Enrollment Cards
 due to 4-H Office

November

1 4-H Dues due to 4-H
 Office.

3 Officer Training Day
 4:00 p.m.- Juban Parc
 Elementary – Denham
 Springs.

10 Project Training Day
 Ag & Natural
 Resources -
 Fairgrounds –
 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to 4-H!

4-H in Livingston Parish is part of a local, state, national, and international youth program. It is the largest youth organization in the United States.

Livingston Parish has 40 organized clubs with about 1600 members. 4-H has something for everyone. We hope you will join in the fun. Members must complete and turn in an enrollment card to their leader or 4-H agent.

4-H clubs are open to all interested youth and exclude no one regardless of race, creed, religion, or national origin. If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in the meeting, please contact Christy Sorenson or Bobby Bingham at **686-3020**.

Volunteer 4-H Leaders:

Any parent, 4-H Alumni member, or other adults interested in volunteering to help with local or parish wide 4-H projects and activities please contact Christy Sorenson or Bobby Bingham at 686-3020. No special talent, skills, or education are required.

Junior Leadership Club:

If you are in the 7th – 12th grade, you are invited to become a member of a parish wide leadership club called the Jr. Leader Club. The club plans, organizes, and conducts various community service activities, along with many fun events each year. The first meeting will be **September 27, 2011** at the Livingston Parish 4-H Office located in the Livingston Parish Courthouse.

Catch Phrase for Camp Contest: What's a good theme for 4-H Summer Camp? Send us your most creative ideas or slogan...in 7 words or less. Also, illustrations must accompany your phrase this year. The winning slogan will be one that is brief and "catchy", capturing the spirit of 4-H Camp Grant Walker. The slogan will be used on all publicity for camp and on the camp T-shirt. Deadline for sending in entries is **November 1, 2011**. Must include name, age, parish, club, mailing address & phone number. Please send entries to Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center, Camp Catch Phrase, 3000 Hwy. 8, Pollock, LA 71467, FAX: 318-765-3135 or email – kmlandry@agcenter.lsu.edu .

Outdoor Sports

Registration for the Livingston Parish 4-H Outdoor Sports Program will be **Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Bass Pro in Denham Springs**. The Outdoor Sports Program includes archery, air pistol, shotgun, rifle, and Hunter Safety. Hunter Ed will be offered to all members 10 years of age and older who are not currently certified. Shooting sports will continue to be offered and expanded as equipment and trained instructors become available. **You must be an active Livingston Parish 4-H Member to participate in the Outdoor Sports Program.**

Project Training Day

4th, 5th, and 6th grade members may participate in Project Training Day to learn more about their projects. If you plan to participate you need to sign up with your 4-H Leader. Make sure you sign up for either the Family Life Subjects on **October 18, 2011** or the Agriculture and Natural Resources on **November 10, 2011**. You can only sign up for one.

Fashion Board: (7th-12th graders)

Lights, Camera, Action! Do you like to model and sew? Would you be interested in planning, conducting, and participating in a fashion show? If so, you should consider becoming a member of the Livingston Parish 4-H Fashion Board. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Fashion Board you must complete an application and enroll in either the Clothing & Textiles project or the Personal Development project. Our first meeting will be on **September 27, 2011** immediately following the Jr. Leader Meeting at the Livingston Parish 4-H Office.

Character Counts! Corner

This month's pillar is **Trustworthy**. To be trustworthy, you must be honest, have integrity, keep promises and be loyal.

To be **trustworthy** in school, remember:

- tell the truth at all times.
- be brave and always do and say the right thing.
- keep all your promises.
- refuse to lie, cheat or steal to get what you want.

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2011

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote 4-H, as well as show teachers and other school personnel how much our clubs appreciate their cooperation. Some ideas may include: door decorations, news articles, bulletin board displays, treats for the teachers, etc.

Officer Training Day

Officer Training Day will be on **Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Juban Parc Elementary in Denham Springs**. Elementary and Jr. High Officers are encouraged to attend.

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Important Dates for Livestock Exhibitors:

Validation for commercial beef and dairy heifers, does, and ewes as well as market goats and market lambs will be during the first week of November. The exact date is to be determined later. To be eligible for the District and State Show, you must attend this validation. The validation for market hogs will be in the first week of December. I will send out more information regarding these dates, but if you are a new exhibitor, please contact Bobby Bingham at 686-3020. We will need to put you on the mailing list.

Possession Dates for Registered Breeding Animals ONLY:

Breeding Goats, Sheep, Beef, and Dairy	November 7 th
Breeding Hogs	December 3 rd

Livingston Parish Fair

Wednesday, October 5th

- Exhibits (except pets, dogs, and horses) must remain at the fair until Sunday – Fair Association Rule.
- Agriculture-Homemaking-4-H Exhibits received from 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. (Crafts, Foods, Crops, and Clothing).
- Poultry and Rabbits received from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Floral exhibits received from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6th

- Judging of exhibits – 9:00 a.m.
- Judging of poultry 9:00 a.m. rabbits 12:30 p.m. (Rabbit exhibitors must be present)
- Register Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 7th

- Livestock Show – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 8th

- Horse Show – Registration – 11:00 a.m. – Noon.
- Pet Show – Registration – 8:30 a.m. Pet Show – 9:00 a.m.

Pet Show will have pre-school and school age divisions.

- Dog show – Registration 9:30 a.m. Dog show follows Pet Show

Dog Show will have no pre-school or adult divisions-Only school age youth. All pure bred dogs must be shown in Dog Show.

LSU FOOTBALL TICKETS:

The LSU Athletic Dept. is providing the opportunity for 4-H members to order tickets for the LSU/Western Kentucky football game on **Saturday, November 12, 2011**. The tickets are \$25.00 and are located in the East Upper Deck. To ensure this opportunity for every parish to order tickets we are limited to 15 tickets per parish for the first order. For the second order we will be given a special code which will allow you to order any of the remaining tickets yourself. If you are interested in ordering tickets, please email your name, address, phone number, child's name & school and number of tickets to csorenson@agcenter.lsu.edu.

September is Whole Grains Month! It is a great time for everyone to get on the whole grains bandwagon. Eating better is not an all-or-nothing choice; every little improvement you make in your food helps. Make sure to choose 100% Whole Grains!

Sincerely,

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