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LEADER Letter

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE CHILD AT A TIME

4-H Meeting Schedule:

Use this space to prepare for your next 4-H club meeting.

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE:

TO DO LIST:

SERVICE-LEARNING

What is service-learning? Service-learning is organized service experiences that meet real community needs! This year's statewide service learning project focus is: **Operation Military!** As a club leader, you are encouraged to conduct a service-learning project on the state topic or a topic of your own (selected by your club members). The service-learning process is as follows:

1. **Identify a need** - Identify a need in the community.
2. **Planning and Preparing** - Plan and prepare to do a project to address the need.
3. **Meaningful service experience** - Do the project and experience serving others!
4. **Observation** - Observe what happened during the project.
5. **Problem-Solving** - Identify how you solved a community need.
6. **Evaluation** - Reflect on what worked and what did not work. Discuss what you could have done differently and plan for future projects.
7. **Celebration** - Celebrate! You should feel good about serving your community, so be sure to celebrate your achievement!

November Meeting Ideas MONTH OF SERVICE

Military Service Project Ideas:

Leftover Halloween Candy Project:

Are you looking for something to do with all that leftover Halloween candy? Operation Gratitude hosts a Halloween Candy buy back each fall. Candy can be collected and sent in to be distributed! You can have members bring candy to their next club meeting. www.operationgratitude.com/halloween-candy-buy-back

November - Month of the Military Family

Christmas Cards for soldiers must be out of the states early to arrive on time. Operation Christmas Cards collects millions of cards to send overseas. Mail cards to OCC by November 25. You can have members create Christmas cards during your next club meeting.

www.operationchristmascard.org/

www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/holiday-mail-for-heroes

United Way Toy and Food Drive:

Each year 4-H partners with the United Way of St. Charles to collect new toys and non-perishable food items to distribute to needy families in the community during the Christmas season. Each club is encouraged to host a toy and/or food drive. All items should be collected by **December 11, 2013**. Keep track of the number of non-perishable items and toys that your club collects and send those numbers to Kali Zammit at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu by the deadline. You can do one of the following:

- Contact the 4-H Agent to pick up items to deliver to United Way, who will identify needy families in St. Charles Parish.
- Identify needy families within your school to accept the items.
- Donate items to Second Harvest or a local food collection.

Whichever option you choose, send collection totals to the 4-H Agent by **December 11, 2013**.



Last year the 4-H Jr. Leader Club planted trees at Bayou Segnette State Park as a service-learning project.

YOUTH WETLANDS PROGRAM

Did you know that there is an opportunity for you to get FREE curriculum and materials to use for your classroom and/or 4-H Club? LSU AgCenter sponsors the Youth Wetlands Program, which is an initiative to educate youth about the environment through hands-on activities correlated to the Common Core Standards. The curriculum can be used in various subject areas including but not limited to English, Science, Math, and Social Studies. Please consider signing up TODAY to receive FREE curriculum and materials through the Youth Wetlands Program. Please contact 4-H Agent, Kali Zammit, for more information or to register.



4-H Club Reports

As a 4-H Leader, you are required to complete a few reports and forms. Please contact Kali Zammit or Jonas Augustine if you have any questions or need assistance completing any of the listed reports.

THE CLOVER

HOW TO USE THE
4-H CLOVER



Appropriate Use



Appropriate Use



Inappropriate Use



Inappropriate Use

When promoting 4-H, please remember that there are rules when using the 4-H clover in your flyers, t-shirts, and other promotional projects.

Go to <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/> to view promotional kits to publicize 4-H. 4-H Clover regulations and downloads are located on the right side of this website under the "Name and Emblem section."

DID YOU KNOW...

- 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization
- 4-H is a non-profit organization of the LSU AgCenter
- There is a 4-H program in every parish in the state of Louisiana
- The 4-H slogan is "Learn by doing."
- The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better."
- The 4-H colors are green and white.

Letter of Authorization:

This form authorizes you to use the 4-H clover and certifies your 4-H club.

To do: Sign the form and submit to 4-H Agent. **Due November 1, 2013.**

Leader Position Description:

This is a form that describes your role as a 4-H Leader.

To do: Edit form (if necessary), sign, and return to 4-H Leader.

Due November 1, 2013.

Volunteer Enrollment Form:

We input the information collected on this form to officiate you as a 4-H Club Leader.

To do: Complete and return to 4-H Agent. **Due November 1, 2013.**

CRD:

We use this information to decide on community service awards.

To do: Complete and return to 4-H Agent. **Due April 15, 2014.**

Organizational Club Report:

This report provides necessary facts to maintain funding and accountability for the Louisiana 4-H program.

To do: List the names of your club members on the form and put a tally mark next to the member's name each time he/she demonstrates mastery of that category.

Due May 1, 2014

Financial Report:

Since you are operating as a 4-H club, the 4-H office needs a copy of your financial statement at the end of the year that shows the amount raised and spent in the name of 4-H.

To do: Submit a financial report of money spent and received for the year. No specified format.

Due May 1, 2014

Reward Raffle

UPCOMING RAFFLE ENTRY BOOSTERS:

Gain entries to the raffle by participating in the following opportunities:

- ⇒ Attending 4-H Fun Day—November 1, 2013
- ⇒ Attending any Leader Training
- ⇒ Applying for 4-H Activity Grant

*There will be multiple prize winners and 1 Grand Prize winner, which will be awarded at the 4-H Volunteer Leader Banquet in the spring.

Leader Spotlight

Amber Guillot

St. Rose Elementary 4-H Club

1. **How long have you been a 4-H Leader?** 4 years
2. **What is your most memorable moment in 4-H?** My most memorable moments are when my students track me down in the halls and cafeteria to excitedly ask when our next meeting is. They can't wait!
3. **What do you look forward to doing in 4-H each year?** Every year I look forward to our work with the St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter.
4. **What idea or tip would you like to share with other 4-H Leaders?** My tip would be to find something that you and your students are passionate about and work on that at your meetings.



GET YOUR 4-H SHIRT TODAY!

Club 4-H Shirt Contest - Decide on a t-shirt design and have your club members order and wear their 4-H shirts to various 4-H Club and Activity Days! All Clubs participating in this contest will be asked to wear their school's 4-H Club T-Shirt at 4-H Achievement Day in April or May, where all shirts will be judged! Club t-shirts will be judged based on originality, use of the 4-H clover, use of school club name, and creative theme. (See "The Clover" section above for correct use of the 4-H Clover.)

4-H Volunteer Leader Polo Shirts - Show off your 4-H spirit by purchasing a 4-H Volunteer Leader Polo shirt today! Polo shirts come in men and lady styles and sizes. The cost of the polo is \$18.00. See the attached order form for purchasing a shirt.



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