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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:

CONDUCTING OFFICER ELECTIONS



One of the many benefits of the 4-H Youth program is developing leadership skills. One way to enhance leadership development among youth is by having club officers, which promotes responsibility, respect, and citizenship among the group. All 4-H Club officers will be invited to attend the Officer Leader Training on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in Belle Chasse, La. (Bus transportation will be provided.) Therefore, it is important to conduct officer elections prior to the training to give officers the opportunity to attend. From elementary to high school, clubs differ in the way they conduct officer elections. Here are a few examples of how 4-H clubs conduct officer elections:

- Have interested members sign up for an office and present a speech at the next meeting for members to vote
- Have candidates campaign and vote at the next meeting
- Print ballots with candidates' names and have members vote
- Have members vote by writing names on scrap slips of paper or by putting heads down and raising their hands

Feel free to use multiple methods or contact the 4-H Agent for more suggestions.

OCTOBER Meeting Ideas CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 6-12, 2013. Whether your club meeting is scheduled during this week or not, take time to celebrate 4-H week with your 4-H members. Here are some activities that you can do to celebrate National 4-H Week:

- Host a school green and white day—If you charge students to wear green and white, you can always donate the money collected to a charity of your club's choice
- Post 4-H clovers or posters in the school hallways—You can visit www.4-h.org for promotional National 4-H Week flyers, bookmarks, and logos.
- Have members make morning announcements about 4-H
- Ask the school principal for permission for a member to say the 4-H pledge on morning announcements during that week
- Give 4-H members a clover to wear on their shirt or schoolbag
- Have older 4-H members teach others how to say the 4-H pledge
- Send a club picture and article to the local newspaper
- Participate in a community service project
- Make a 4-H clover craft or poster with club members
- Have 4-H members create a 4-H display for your local library

 **NATIONAL
OCTOBER 6-12, 2013
4-H WEEK**



Last year R. J. Vial 4-H Club was awarded funding from the 4-H Club Activity Grant to make bat boxes.

4-H CLUB ACTIVITY GRANT

Did you know that there is an opportunity for you to gain funding for a 4-H club project? The St. Charles Parish 4-H Foundation established a 4-H Club Activity Grant to provide leaders with an opportunity to enhance their members' educational experience by providing funding for a project that includes the entire club. The grant is open to any St. Charles Parish 4-H club for an educational activity, which may include but is not limited to field trips, demonstrations, or supplies for a 4-H project. Grant applications will be judged and awarded by a community board. Please see the 4-H Agent for an application.



Volunteer Training Opportunities

Please contact Kali Zammit to sign up, for more details, or for additional resources or training.

In addition to working with youth, one of the many benefits of being a 4-H Leader is gaining knowledge and experience through professional development. There are three upcoming opportunities for you to learn more about becoming an effective 4-H leader. Please consider attending at least one of the upcoming trainings. If for some reason you are unable to attend the trainings but would like further training or additional resources, please feel free to contact the local 4-H agent—Kali Zammit.

4-H Southeast Region Volunteer Training:

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lamar Dixon located at 9039 S St. Landry Ave. Gonzales, LA 70737

Details: This training is for 4-H volunteers. Carpooling with the 4-H agent is an option. Please register by September 13 if possible.

4-H Officer Leader Training:

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Belle Chasse Primary School located at 539 F Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Details: This training is for 4-H volunteers and 4-H members who are officers. A bus will be provided for youth and adults.

Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum:

Date: October 3-6, 2013

Location: Rock Eagle, 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Details: This is a regional training for 4-H volunteers from the southern region states. Louisiana 4-H volunteers gain new ideas by participating in workshops at this 4-day conference. There is an opportunity for you to travel with other volunteers from Louisiana by bus or van to the conference. The St. Charles Parish 4-H Foundation also offers a scholarship that funds the registration fee for the interested leader(s) to attend.

GEAUX GREEN

WITH 4-H ONLINE RESOURCES



Additional resources for 4-H are at your fingertips! Take a few minutes to browse the following websites for new ideas and tools to creating a successful 4-H experience!

www.4-H.org
www.4-Hmall.org
www.louisiana4h.org
www.4-hclubhouse.com
www.lsuagcenter.com/stcharles

Reward Raffle

UPCOMING RAFFLE ENTRY BOOSTERS:

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

- ⇒ Attending 4-H Fun Day—October 5, 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 Gloria Miller 4-H Fashion Club

1. **How long have you been a 4-H Leader?** 6 years
2. **What is your most memorable moment in 4-H?** The most rewarding is working with a child, trying to teach the same skill year after year, in which the child seems not to understand how to do the task... and then all of a sudden, it clicks! That's the most rewarding thing!
3. **What do you look forward to doing in 4-H each year?** The first day of Fashion Club, which is hand-sewing with all the little girls.
4. **What idea or tip would you like to share with other 4-H Leaders?** When you find yourself frustrated, back up and take a breath. You may need to reword what you're saying or have another child explain what you're trying to say. Sometimes kids learn best from other kids.



Volunteering with 4-H can be quite a rewarding experience. We realize that you continue to volunteer your time and talents to improving the quality of life—one child at a time. The 4-H program wouldn't be what it is today without people like YOU. Volunteers are truly the HEART of 4-H!

This year St. Charles Parish 4-H will be holding a raffle to honor our 4-H club leaders. Throughout the year 4-H club volunteers will gain one entry for the raffle for each of the following:

- Increasing membership (1 ticket for every 10 kids)
- Increasing member participation in parish events
- Attending any parish, regional, or state 4-H event
- Sharing 4-H club event flyers, articles, or photos by e-mailing them to Kali Zammit at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu



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