

## 4-H YOUTH CONNECTION

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## COOKERY / AMBASSADOR WINNERS

**Congratulations** to the 4-H members who participated in the recent Jefferson Parish 4-H Commodity Cookery and Ambassador Contests! Overall winners will represent Jefferson Parish in the next level of competition in April and May.

**Egg Cookery - Division Winners**  
**Rayven Carter**, Roosevelt Middle School; **Zachary Bladsacker**, Leo Kerner Elementary  
**Egg Ambassador Winners**  
**Zachary Bladsacker**, Kerner Elementary; **Brynna Robert**, East Bank Teen Leaders  
 Other Egg Cookery participants were **Miguel Stewart**, Roosevelt Middle School and **Kennedy Jeffery**, Airline Park Academy

**Seafood Cookery - Division Winners**  
**Bailly Kuhn** and **Jonathan Hughes**, Leo Kerner Elementary; **Jake LeBlanc**, Patrick Taylor Academy

**Seafood Ambassador Winners**  
**Jonathan Hughes**, Leo Kerner Elementary; **Jake LeBlanc**, Patrick Taylor Academy; and **Dani Bean**, Fisher Middle/High School.  
 Other Seafood Cookery participants were **Laura Melancon**, Mailbox Member; **Cy Salvant**, NOLA Homeschoolers; **Megan Faber**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; and **Gabrielle DeHard**, Clancy-Maggiore Elementary

**Poultry Cookery - Division Winner**  
**Ashlyn Taranto**, Roosevelt Middle School  
**Poultry Ambassador Winners**  
**Logan Bukaske**, Airline Park Academy; **Richard Hood** and **John Hood**, Word of Life Academy

**Sugar Cookery - Division Winners**  
**Blake Bonnette**, Airline Park Academy; **Rayven Carter** and **Miguel Stewart**, Roosevelt Middle School

**Sugar Ambassador Winner**  
**Mallorie Bergeron**, Hazel Park Elementary  
 Other Sugar Cookery participants **Kylee Ponthieux**, Leo Kerner Elementary; **Nadeen Saleh** and **Nicole Celestine**, Roosevelt Middle School; **Nyla Gayle**, Terrytown Elementary; **Matthew Faber**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; **Shane Salvant**, NOLA Homeschoolers; and **Brett Galloway**, Airline Park Academy.

**Beef Cookery - Division Winners**  
**Aiden Payne**, NOLA Homeschoolers; **Emma Bordelon**, Our Lady of Prompt Succor  
**Beef Ambassador Winner**  
**Aiden Payne**, NOLA Homeschoolers



## LOST Camp— Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology Camp

This special camp will be held **Monday August 5– Friday, August 9, 2013** at the Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, LA. It is open to boys and girls completing 7th grade or 8th grade as of May 2013.

Tracks will cover Wetlands, Energy, Videography, Kitchen Chemistry, Outdoor Skills, ATV, and more! Participants will choose and participate in 3 of these tracks while at camp.

Cost of camp is \$250 and includes meals, lodging, and transportation. Students on free or reduced lunch can attend camp for \$185. You must provide a copy of "Notification Letter for School Meals" to be eligible for reduced fees.

**Space is limited!** A \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot, and will be deducted from the total camp fee. **All fees are DUE in the 4-H Office by 12 noon, Friday, May 10, 2013.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

- 8-10 Jr. Leadership Conf.
- 11 4-H Foundation Board
- 15 Deadline for articles for April newsletter
- 22 Geaux Green Posters DUE
- 22 Container Gardens DUE
- 22 T-Shirt Design entries DUE
- 22 Dairy Billboard entries DUE
- 22 4-H Camp registration DUE

### April

- Club Exhibit Days begin
- 6-7 Spring Garden Show, City Park
- 16 State 4-H Ambassador Contest
- 26 Registration deadline for 4-H Day at the Capitol

### May

- Club Exhibit Days continue
- 8 Area 4-H Commodity Cookery Contest, Hammond
- 10 LOST Camp registration DUE
- 10 4-H University registration DUE
- 29 4-H Day at the Capitol

### June

- 10-14 4-H Camp (4th–6th grades)
- 18-21 4-H University (8th–12th grades)

### August

- 5-9 LOST Camp (7th-8th grades)



## Reminders!

**4-H Camp applications and fees DUE in 4-H Office March 22.**  
(Or closed before if available spaces filled.)

March 22 is also the deadline for the following:

- ◆ Geaux Green Poster Contest
- ◆ Container Garden Contest
- ◆ Parish T-Shirt Design Contest
- ◆ Dairy Billboard Contest



## 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The annual "4-H Day at the Capitol" has been announced by the State 4-H Office. All 4-H members and volunteers are invited to travel to Baton Rouge on **Wednesday, May 29** to participate in this fun, educational event!

Visit our historic state capitol building! See how our government works! Meet some of your Senators and Representatives who make up our Louisiana Legislature.

The day will begin with a short program on the front steps of the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. Members from all over the state of Louisiana will participate. Plan to be in that number!

Last year over 1000 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and agents attended this event. Legislators truly enjoy this day and many have expressed their eagerness to meet with 4-H members.

All participating 4-H members will receive a **free t-shirt** to wear.

The event is free, but you must register by **Friday, April 26 to get a shirt**. Call the 4-H Office at 736-6519 for more information.



## GEAUXING GREEN

As warm summer months approach, here are some "Geauxing Green" tips from Entergy to help you save energy.

- ▶ Set your thermostat to 78 or the highest comfortable temperature. Each degree cooler than 78 will increase your bill as much as 3%. If you are going to be away for an extended period, set your air conditioner to 80 degrees or higher.

- ▶ Keep air conditioner filters clean. Aluminum filters should be washed and fiberglass filters should be replaced monthly.

- ▶ Leave storm windows and doors closed when the air conditioner is on.

- ▶ Close shades and drapes on the sunny side of the house during the day to keep light and heat out.

- ▶ Don't block air vents with curtains, shades or furniture.

- ▶ Keep the cool air in your home circulating with ceiling, oscillating or box fans. Circulating air makes you feel cooler and allows you to set your thermostat higher.

- ▶ Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans to remove excess heat and humidity caused by cooking, laundering and bathing.

For the latest Jefferson Parish 4-H information, visit our website at:

[www.lsuagcenter.com/Jefferson](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/Jefferson)

# NEWS FROM OUR CLUBS



## Word of Life Academy

Congratulations to the following Cookery Contest winners: Katie Maise, Blue Award, Beef Cookery; Heather Austin, Egg Cookery; Richard Hood, Poultry Cookery; John Hood, Poultry Cookery; Arrash Faili, Poultry Cookery; and Victoria Fischer, Sugar Cookery. Katie, Heather, Richard, John, and Arrash were Blue Award winners and will represent our club at the Parish Commodity Cookery Contest.

## NOLA Homeschoolers

At the February meeting we discussed our poster contest and our T-Shirt Design Contest. We also had presentations by Cy Salvant about health benefits of eating crabs and Aiden Hartle talked about beef safety. Both of their presentations are going to be given at the Commodity Cookery Contest. We also discussed the Dairy Billboard Contest. We decided to work on our entries for the contests at the next meeting on February 28th. Carson Leigh gave a report to the club about our recent trip to the SPCA. Jackson Olson

## Airline Park Academy

Airline Park recently held the Commodity Cookery Contest. It was a lot of fun! The teachers were the judges. The winners were Kennedy Jeffery, Blake Bonnette, Logan Bukaske, and Brett Galloway.



## Attention Club Reporters!

All 4-H Club Reporters are encouraged to submit their monthly news articles for publication in the **Jefferson Parish 4-H Youth Connection**. Share your club activities, ideas, and successes! Give a copy of your report to one of the 4-H Agents or mail it to:  
4-H Newsletter  
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.,  
Suite 300  
Jefferson, LA 70121  
**OR**  
Email report to:  
agauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu  
Please put "4-H newsletter" in subject line  
Deadline for the April newsletter is **March 15**.

## Lafitte 4-H Shooting Sports Members compete in out of state competitions.



Congratulations to **Laura Melancon** who competed in the USA Shooting Sports State Junior Olympics and took home the Gold on December 16, 2012.

4-H members of the Jefferson Parish Shooting Sports Program have been busy competing in Air Rifle and BB Gun Marksmanship competitions. BB Gun members **Bailly Kuhn, Chandler Gavin** and **Hannah Gavin** experienced their first competition in marksmanship at the Annual Dixie Challenge in Anniston, Alabama where they shot a 4P BB Gun match (four positions- prone, standing, kneeling and sitting).

**Dani Bean** and **Hayley Kunzli** participated in the Sporter Air Rifle, with a score of 480 and 597 respectively, **Hayley** ranked 14th. **Laura Melancon** competed in the Precision Air Rifle with a score of 655 ranking 15th and scoring her best performance.

**Dani Bean** recently competed in the Bass Pro Invitational in Leeds Alabama. **Hayley Kunzli** and **Laura Melancon** recently competed in the Bass Pro Invitational in Ozark Missouri, and the Gary Anderson Invitational, Anniston Alabama. **Laura** also competed in the Dixie Double in Anniston, Alabama.

Laura Melancon

*Pictured are kneeling BB Gun members **Bailly Kuhn, Chandler Gavin** and **Hannah Gavin**; standing Air Rifle members **Laura Melancon, Dani Bean** and **Hayley Kunzli**.*

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## ► 4-H Camp

Monday, June 10—Friday June 14

We are in need of 2 **male adults** to attend 4-H Camp with us.

No experience needed—required training provided! Must pass required background check. If interested, please call the 4-H Office **as soon as possible** at 736-6519.

## ► Spring Garden Show, City Park

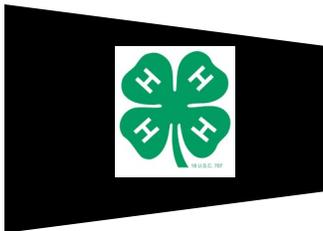
Saturday, April 6

Need 4 adults to work with Jefferson Parish 4-H Teens at the Kids Discovery Tent during the Spring Garden Show in City Park Botanical Gardens. Show hours are 10:00 am—5:00 pm. If interested and available, please call the 4-H Office at 736-6519.

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Keep up with all of the Jefferson Parish 4-H happenings!

# 4-H UNIVERSITY

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge on the LSU campus **Tuesday, June 18–Friday, June 21**. This exciting and ever popular event is open to 4-H members age 13 and older (must have reached 13th birthday by 1/1/13).

Teens will get to experience a taste of college life as they stay in college dormitories and explore the beautiful LSU campus. They will join approximately 1,500 teens from across the state for this 4-day event.

**Participants choose a competitive or non-competitive track for 4-H University.**

Participants in the **competitive track** select a contest area, prepare for competition, and then compete with other 4-H members for trips and other awards. Some contests are team events, while others are for individuals. Contest areas are varied and numerous. They include Computer Simulation, Sports Broadcasting, Fishing Sports, Dog Care, Personal Development, Public Speaking, Next Healthy Food Star, Outdoor Skills Triathlon, and 4-H Has Talent.

Interested members will get a complete list of contests and requirements for each.

Participants in the **non-competitive track** (Clover College) will attend approximately 7 hours of workshops in a selected area of interest. A complete list of available Clover College areas with descriptions will be provided to interested individuals.

See your 4-H Agent for a 4-H University packet with all of the details and fees. **Hurry! Deadline to apply is May 10th!**



## 4-H BEEF POSTER CONTEST ANNOUNCED

4-H members are encouraged to create a poster telling about beef and/or beef products. The finished poster should be appropriate for use on a billboard.

Each participating 4-H member will receive an award ribbon. Contest divisions are:

Division 1 4th–6th grades  
Division 2 7th–9th grades  
Division 3 10th–12th grade

The overall winning posters in each division will be sent to the State Contest in Baton Rouge. State awards in each division are as follows:

1st Place—\$100  
2nd Place—\$50  
3rd Place—\$25

### Contest rules are as follows:

- Poster must be on 11" X 14" white poster board.
- Posters should generate positive images of beef and beef products and not portray negative images of other food products (such as chicken, pork, etc.)
- DO NOT use copyrighted materials. Pictures, clip-art and materials (such as cartoon characters, advertisements, logos, etc.) that are copyrighted may not be used on the poster. The poster will be disqualified if these materials are used.
- Computer generated clip-art may be used if it is not copyrighted material.

- Completed posters are due in the Jefferson Parish 4-H Office by **Friday, May 3**. No posters will be returned.

**Need ideas?** 4-H members can get ideas from magazines, parents, friends, nutrition bulletins and meat publications. Materials are also available from your local supermarket, butcher, The American Meat Institute or National Livestock and Meat Board.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association and the LSU Ag Center.



## Jefferson Parish 4-H Shirts are Still Available!

Get yours today! Limited quantity available!

Cost: \$10.00

Sizes available: Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult Extra Large

Contact Ann Gauthier at 736-6519 or agauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu

