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Join 4-H

4-H is an important organization. It's part of a local, state, national and international youth program and the largest youth organization in the United States. Louisiana has more than 85,000 4-H members in more than 1,700 clubs.

4-H members choose activities they want to do: visit interesting places, share experiences with family and friends, win awards, learn to raise animals and plants, prepare food, care for pets, go camping, collect insects, learn to sew and much more.

4-H is a club. 4-H is fun. 4-H is learning. It's making new friends and doing new things. Sometimes it's even going new places. It teaches community involvement and good citizenship...it develops tomorrow's community. Anyone can join, no matter where you live— city, country, town, farm — whether you are a boy or a girl.

If this is your first experience, welcome to an organization that makes a difference by involving the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow. If you are a volunteer or a supporter, let us say thank you. If you have any questions or comments about any 4-H activity, please feel free to contact us at 446-1316.

Get involved...Join Now...Join 4-H and Be a Winner!

New Livestock Exhibitors

Please contact the 4-H Office at 446-1316 as soon as possible if you are a new exhibitor interested in showing Livestock or Horses in 4-H during this school year. It is important that we have your name and address so you can receive information on any upcoming events. There are important deadlines that need to be met so please call the office as soon as possible if you have livestock animals.



Executive Committee

The Parishwide Executive Committee meeting is Nov. 1, 2012. Each school may send two voting delegates and officers. If you want to run for a parish office, you must be a voting delegate from your school and we must receive a list of your qualifications in the 4-H Office (P. O. Box 429, Thibodaux, LA 70302) by **Oct. 12, 2012.**

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Calendar of Events:

September 19

Area Leader Training

September 26

Junior Leader Meeting

October 7-13

National 4-H Week

November 1

*Executive Committee Meeting/
officer & Leader Training*

November 3

Sugar & Seafood



Let's Celebrate National 4-H Week

Join 4-H'ers around the country in celebrating National 4-H Week during the week of **Oct. 7-13, 2012**. This week is set aside by the Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H Clubs in each state to focus attention on the value of 4-H. Through their 4-H clubs, they have fun, make friends, explore new adventures and develop skills for future success. Louisiana has more than 80,000 4-H members in more than 1,700 local clubs. Lafourche Parish has about 1,200 members in 32 clubs.

Observed since 1927, National 4-H Week has been a time for 4-H members and their volunteer leaders to observe the past year's accomplishments and achievements.

To celebrate this week, we are sponsoring a "Show Your 4-H Pride" Contest. We would like each club to create a display to put **outside in front of your school**. Some of the things the judges will look for are: creativity, involvement of the 4-H'ers, if your display publicizes 4-H and originality. We want the community to see them, so be creative. We will award First Place and Honorable Mention to each division (Elementary, Middle and Senior). Judging begins **Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012**. More details will be sent to leaders.

Agriculture in Louisiana Poster Contest

Louisiana is blessed with an abundance of natural resources. Agriculture is important to everyone in Louisiana. We get our food, our clothing and our homes from agricultural products. It is the biggest industry in Louisiana. It is very important to our state.

4-H club members should research agriculture and create a poster to generate awareness of the types of agriculture in Louisiana. The guidelines for the contest are:

1. Poster must be an 11 x 14 white poster board. No foam boards
2. Do not attach anything to the poster that is more than 1/2 " thick.
3. Be sure to place your name, grade and school on the back of the poster in the upper right hand corner.

Posters are due at **November Club Meetings**. Recognition and awards are in the following divisions: Elementary Division- 4th – 5th grade, Middle School Division- 6th – 8th grade and High School Division- 9th – 12th grade

Purple, Blue and Red ribbons will be awarded. Every 4-H club member that makes a poster will receive a ribbon.

Purple ribbon posters will be displayed at Poultry and Pet Day held on **December 1, 2012**.



Sugar & Seafood Contest



Sugar and Seafood Contest will be held on **Nov. 3, 2012, at Galliano Elementary School**. **Registration will begin promptly at 9 a.m.; contest ends by noon with awards to follow.**

Don't forget to begin your sewing projects with the first contest being Sew with Cotton in conjunction with Sugar and Seafood. Details will be in the October Lafourche Happening and the 4-H website. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at 446-1316.

4-H Broiler Project

The deadline for ordering baby chicks is **Sept. 20, 2012**. Please be sure order forms and money are in to the 4-H Office, before the deadline. Forms can be obtained from your 4-H leader.

The Contest will be held **Dec. 1, 2012** in conjunction with Poultry Day. Pick up chicks on **Oct. 18, 2012**.



Junior Leader Times

As a club composed of 4-H members at least 13 years of age, our Lafourche Parish Junior Leader Club focuses on being involved in community service as well as having fun as a group. Helping at many parish 4-H events is an annual task completed by many of our junior leaders. If interested in joining the club, please make every effort to attend the first meeting on **Sept. 26, 2012 at the Agriculture Building in Raceland from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Officers for the 2012-2013 school year were elected at the May meeting of the Lafourche Parish Junior Leader Club. They are:

- President— Victor Bimah, Thibodaux High
- Vice President—Patrick Zeringue, Central Lafourche
- Secretary— Jamie Granier, Thibodaux High
- Treasurer— Claire Melancon, Central Lafourche
- Reporter— Breanna Washington, Thibodaux High
- Parliamentarian—Daniel Triggs, E. D. White

Summertime Fun Activities...



4-H University Winners

During the week of June 19-21, 2012, 30 middle school and senior high 4-H members from Lafourche Parish competed in 4-H University at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. These 4-H'ers brought home two first alternates and 11 blue ribbons.

Lafourche Parish winners are: Consumer Decision Making, Blue Ribbons, Kali Clement, E. D. White and Kassie San Miguel, Sixth Ward Middle; Dog Care, 1st Alternate, Cecily Plaisance, Central Lafourche High; Fishing Sports, Blue Ribbon Individual and Blue Ribbon Team, Kolt Clement, E. D. White and Blue Ribbons, Victor Bimah, Thibodaux High and Sam Cartozzo, E. D. White; Horticulture Crop Judging, Blue Ribbon Team, Claire Melancon and Jenna Covington, St. Mary and Crystal Melancon, Central Lafourche High; Public Speaking-Any Other Subject, 1st Alternate, Carley Duet, Larose-Cut Off; Blue Ribbon, Courtney Troxclair, E. D. White High and Soybean Illustrated Talk, Blue Ribbon, Benton Troxclair, E. D. White; Other 4-H'ers participating were Catherine and Cecilia Lirette, Bayouland Home School, Child Development; Coleen Plaisance, Central Lafourche, Breanna Washington and Ashley Richard, Thibodaux High, Consumer Decision Making; Amber Ledet, Central Lafourche, Kirsten Angelette, Holy Savior and Maria Lirette, Bayouland Home School, Fishing Sports; Abagale Thibodaux, St. Mary, Horticulture Crop Judging; Hillari Arcement, Central Lafourche, Livestock Judging; Paige Quebedeaux and Justin Matherne, Thibodaux High, Meat Identification; Hunter Weimer, Bayouland Home School, Outdoor Skills; Daniel Triggs, E. D. White, Jamie Granier and Emilie Torres, Thibodaux High, Solutions Unlimited and Jerrin Dugas and Seth Bouvier, South Lafourche, Sports Broadcasting. Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who participated!



4-H'ers Go to Camp!!!

One hundred Lafourche Parish 4-H members, eight junior leaders and five adult leaders attended Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center in Pollock, LA July 23-27, 2012. **"We're Wild About 4-H Camp"** was the theme of this year's summer camp. Eight high school members of the parish Junior Leader club served as counselors: Hunter Weimer, Daniel Triggs, Victor Bimah, Jamie Granier, Emilie Torres, Ashley Richard, Hillari Arcement and Maria Lirette. Adult leaders were: Alison Jennings, Dayna Duet, Cecia Benoit, Samantha Lirette and Kip Doucet and Lafourche Parish Extension agent Donna Ayo.

Records Winners

Congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers and volunteers that entered the State Records competition in July. Lafourche records winners are as follows: Jamie Granier, Thibodaux High, Blue Ribbon Healthy Living Mandate; Kirsten Angelette, Holy Savior, Blue Ribbon, Citizenship Mandate; Victor Bimah, Thibodaux High, Blue Ribbon, SET Mandate; Mallory Jennings, East Thibodaux, Abby Dupierre, Holy Rosary and Bailey Duet, Golden Meadow Middle, State Winners, 7th & 8th Grade Achievement; Cameron Folsie, Sixth Ward Middle, State Winner, 6th Grade Achievement and Rochelle Orgeron, Galliano Elementary, Blue Ribbon, Adult Leader Award. Congratulations to you for a job well done!

4-H Garden Contest Winners

The winners of the 4-H Garden Contest held in June were as follows:

Elementary Division Winners

First Place

Kalli Soley, Golden Meadow Upper

Second Place

Sarah Oubre, Bayou Boeuf Elementary

Third Place

Blake Falgout, Larose Upper

Honorable Mention

Morgan Jennings, Thibodaux Elementary



Middle School Division Winners

First Place

Abby Dupierre, Holy Rosary

Second Place

Desi Lassigne, Bayouland Home School

Lafourche Website

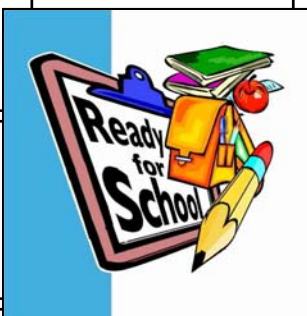
Please take the time to look at the Lafourche website at www.lsuagcenter.com (click on parish offices, then Lafourche and 4-H). We're in the process of adding more things daily so if you don't see exactly what you're looking for at this time, chances are it will be there soon.

We are always open to suggestions, so if there's something you think we should add to our website that would help, please feel free to let us know.

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