

4-H UNIVERSITY

Competitive Track Contest Summary

4-H HAS TALENT

May enter two entries of 1-8 members, competing either as an individual or as a group. Talent is judged in one category with a time limit of 3-5 minutes. Acts may include vocal, dance, drama, instrument, etc.

Age: 13

Award: Educational Trip

AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION TEAM CONTEST

Each parish may enter two teams. Teams can consist of one or two contestants. Must be a demonstration, not illustrated talk, on any agricultural practice, with the exception of cooking food.

Age: 13

Award: 1st Team, 4-H Congress Trip or Educational Trip if 13 years old.

ATV SAFETY CONTEST

May enter two contestants. The contest will consist of three parts: 1) written test, 2) parts identification and troubleshooting, 3) ATV safety skills driving.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Outdoor Skills Trip

AUTOMOTIVE CARE, SAFETY, AND DRIVING

Each parish may enter four contestants. Contestants will be identified on two separate teams but will compete for high individual. Contestant must possess a valid La. Driver's License or Learner's Permit, and an accident free driving record. The contest will consist of four parts: 1) written test, 2) parts identification, 3) safety & maintenance, and 4) skill driving exercise.

Age: 14 – Must have valid permit or license

Award: 4-H Educational Trip to winning team and highest-scoring individual who is not on the winning team

CAREER PREPARATION INTERVIEW CONTEST

Each parish may send two contestants. Contestants will be judged on a resume, story, and will be interviewed by a panel of judges.

Age: 13

Award: Educational Trips to 1st Place and 1st Alternate winners

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

May enter two contestants. Contestant will compete in a judging activity based on prior knowledge and information received during and educational activity. The judging activity will include written reasons.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Congress Trip or Educational Trip if 13 years old.

COMPACT TRACTOR

Two contestants per parish. The contest is in two parts: 1) Parts Identification, and 2) Driving a compact tractor.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip



COMPUTER SIMULATION

Each parish may bring two teams of two contestants. Each team will participate in the development of a virtual city utilizing SimCity 4 Deluxe by Electronic Arts. Teams will have free creativity to design their city in any way that they wish. Teams will be scored on various aspects of the game such finance, rating polls, and quantity of inhabitants.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING

Each parish may bring two (2) teams consisting of two (2) or three (3) 4-H members. They will judge six classes of consumer products or services. In addition, participants will use criteria outlined in situation statement to give a written set of reasons on one of the classes. Classes may include financial products or services, repeat purchase items, big ticket items, or contractual services.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

CONSUMER FOODS JUDGING

Each parish may bring two (2) teams consisting of two (2) or three (3) 4-H members. Team will work cooperatively to judge food items for nutrition, dietary guidelines, cost-per-serving, unit pricing, quality standards, and product forms. One judging class will include contestants submitting written reasons.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Congress trip for 1st place team. If 1st place team is 13 they will receive the 4-H educational trip.

DAIRY JUDGING

Each parish may bring a maximum of six (6) contestants. The top three (3) scoring individuals from a parish will make up team 1 and the remaining individuals from that parish will be members of team 2. All contestants will complete for high individual. Both teams are eligible to compete and place if a team has 3 members. Team will judge up to six classes of dairy cattle, giving oral reasons for placing of animals.

Age: 14

Award: One National Dairy Judging Contest Trip for Team and High Individual not on winning team to North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky or World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wisconsin

DIESEL EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS

Each parish may enter two contestants. The Diesel Equipment Operations contest will consist of a 25 Question Written exam and a hands-on mower component. The ten contestants with the lowest combined scores on the written exam and two-wheel trailer driving portion of the contest will then compete in the mower tractor safety event.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

DOG and CAT SCIENCE

Each parish may enter two contestants. All contestant will take a written exam on knowledge of dogs and cats. Contestants will also present a prepared 6-minute presentation on dog or cat care.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip



ENTOMOLOGY DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Each parish may enter two teams of two contestants. Contestants will present a demonstration on any topic relating to Entomology for no more than 15 minutes.

Age: 13

Award: Top three teams - Gulf Coast Trip

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ILLUSTRATED TALK

Each parish may enter two contestants. Contestants will compete individually. Contestants must present an illustrated talk on some aspect of conservation and/or management of any of the state's natural resources, such as soil, water, energy, solar energy, wind power, alternative energy, bioenergy, biofuels, air, forests, wetlands, etc. After their presentation, contestants will be asked questions by the judges. Knowledge of subject matter will be primary determinant of scores

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Congress trip for 1st place individual. If 1st place individual is 13, they will receive the 4-H educational trip.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION

Each parish may enter two teams. Teams can consist of one or two contestants. Must be a demonstration, not illustrated talk, related to clothing, family life, family resource management, health & safety, housing, housing furnishings, and food & nutrition.

Age: 13

Award: 1st Team, 4-H Congress Trip or Educational Trip if 13 years old.

FASHION REVUE

This contest has four divisions; a parish may send 2 contestants per division for 6 total contestants. Casual, Creative Choice, and Ready-to-Wear. Contestants will make and model a garment to be judged on appearance and construction.

Age: Casual and Ready to Wear – 13

Creative - 14

Award: Casual Outfit – Serger Machine
Creative Choice – 4-H Congress Trip
Ready-to-Wear – Fashion Board Trip

FISHING SPORTS

Each parish may send 6 contestants - 2 teams of 3 individuals. A team has to consist of 3 people. If there are not 3 people to make up a team, they will compete as individuals only. The contestant will be required to take part in performance challenges (casting, fish id, knot tying, and fishing gear id). They will be required to take a test related to fishing (rules, limits, safety, ethical issues, etc). Contestants will be required to show their fishing skills. They will be required to write a brief paper on a real-life situation involving a fishing adventure.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Outdoor Skills Trip to winning team and highest scoring individual not on winning team

FORESTRY STUDY

Each parish may enter two contestants. Contestant will be required to identify 20 trees from leaves, measure designated tree to determine the board foot volume, take a written test on all information, measure the distance and azimuth or bearing for five lines, identify 10 insects and diseases of trees.

Age: 14

Award: Trip to the National 4-H Forestry Invitational Contest for the top 4 winners.



HORTICULTURE GENERAL DEMONSTRATION

Each parish may enter two teams. Teams can consist of one or two contestants. Teams or individuals will present a 15 minute demonstration relating to one or all four areas of on production, marketing, artistic arrangement or landscaping.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

HORTICULTURE USE DEMONSTRATION

Each parish may enter two teams. Teams can consist of one or two contestants. Teams or individuals will present a 15 minute demonstration preparing vegetables, fruit, or herbs for table use, cooked, or raw, for canning, freezing, or dehydration. The final product must have horticulture products as the main ingredient by volume (at least 1 cup).

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

HORTICULTURE JUDGING

Each parish may bring a maximum of six (6) contestants. The top three (3) scoring individuals from a parish will make up team 1 and the remaining individuals from that parish will make team 2. Contestants will compete for high individual. Both teams are eligible to compete and place. The contest is composed of 3 parts: 1) 4 classes of vegetables, fruits or nuts, flowers and woody ornamentals will be judged on quality & condition, 2) a test of 20 objective-type questions (true-false & multiple choice) dealing with horticulture projects, 3) identification of 40 specimens of fruits, flowers, etc.

Age: 13

Award: Educational Trip for winning team and high individual if not on winning team.

INSECT IDENTIFICATION SURVEY

Each parish may enter two contestants. Contestants will be required to identify 25 insects by common name and order. A written exam will be given on questions of a practical nature regarding the habits, food, etc. of insects.

Age: 13

Award: Gulf Coast Area Trip for top two individuals

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Each parish may bring a maximum of six (6) contestants. The top three (3) scoring individuals from a parish will make up team 1 and the remaining individuals from that parish will make team 2. Each contestant will judge at least seven (7) classes of livestock. Species of livestock include beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for each class. Each contestant will be required to give three (3) sets of oral reasons.

Age: 14

Award: One National Livestock Judging Contest Trip for Team and High Individual not on winning team

LOUISIANA AGRONOMIC CROP ILLUSTRATED TALK

Each parish may enter two contestants. Contestants present a 5-8 minute illustrated talk on a Louisiana produced agronomic crop (soybean, corn, wheat, grain sorghum, or cotton) related topic.

Age: 13

Award: Educational Trip



THE LOUISIANA CHEF

Each parish may enter two teams. Teams can consist of one or two contestants. Individual demonstration preparing a dish with one of the following agriculture commodities: Rice, Sugar, Beef, Wheat, Egg, Poultry, Louisiana Seafood, Dairy, or Soybeans. Demonstration should not exceed 15 minutes.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

MEAT EVALUATION, JUDGING AND IDENTIFICATION

Each parish may bring a maximum of six (6) contestants. The top three (3) scoring individuals from a parish will make up team 1 and the remaining individuals from that parish will make team 2. Contestants will compete for high individual. Both teams are eligible to compete and place. Contestants will be required to identify up to 30 retail cuts of meat. Contestants will be required to place 3 or 4 meat classes and give oral reasons.

Age: 14

Award: Trip to National Contest for team and high individual not on winning team. (Contestants shall not have competed in an intercollegiate meat contest or national FFA or 4-H meat contest previously).

THE NEXT HEALTHY FOOD STAR **must be 9th -12th Grader*

Each parish may allow a team of two to four (2-4) participants to compete in this contest. This is a team food preparation/presentation is a contest using Louisiana Seafood to prepare a dish that must contain 500 calories or less. The team will also present an informal speech on how the dish was prepared, importance of Louisiana seafood and the nutritional value of the dish.

Age: 13 – Must be in 9th – 12th grade

Award: Great American Seafood Cook Off: 4-H Edition—Award Trip to New Orleans

OUTDOOR SKILLS TRIATHLON

Each parish may send 2 teams of 3 individuals. A team has to consist of 3 people. If there are not 3 people to make up a team, they will compete as individuals only. The contestant will be required to take part in a performance challenge trail that involves shooting and orienteering challenges. They will take a test related to ethical and environmental decisions in the outdoors. Contestants (team) will be required to give a 5-7 minute oral presentation on a real-life situation involving an outdoor adventure.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Outdoor Skills Trip to winning team and highest scoring individual not on winning team

PERSONAL TRAINING

Each parish may send two contestants. Individual contest including a written exam, personal training demonstration rotations, scenario coaching including exercise adaptations for specific needs.

Age: 14

Award: National 4-H Healthy Living Summit Trip (Washington DC) or the Educational Trip for the top contestant (trip award will depend on available funding)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Each parish may enter two contestants. This contest is composed of a written exam and a portfolio of 10 pictures and a short story about project work.

Age: 14

Award: 4-H Congress Trip; Marty Due Award



PLANT SCIENCE

Each parish may bring a maximum of six (6) contestants. The top three (3) scoring individuals from a parish will make up team 1 and the remaining individuals from that parish will make team 2. Contestants will complete for high individual. Both teams are eligible to compete and place. Contest will consist of exercises in four areas: namely, Soil, Seed Identification, Weed Identification (examples will be live plants), Crop Identification and a test.

Age: 13

Award: Educational Trip for winning team of three (3); High Scoring Individual not on winning team.

POULTRY JUDGING

Each parish may bring a maximum of six (6) contestants. The top three (3) scoring individuals from a parish will make up team 1 and the remaining individuals from that parish will make team 2. Contestants will complete for high individual. Both teams are eligible to compete and place. The contest will consist of three parts: 1) egg production class, 2) market class, and 3) egg class.

Age: 14

Award: National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, Louisville, KY for winning team & high individual not on winning team.

PUBLIC SPEAKING - ANY OTHER SUBJECT:

Each parish may send two 4-H members. They are expected to research and present a 4-7 minute talk on any subject other than Cooperatives.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Congress Trip or \$250 if 13 years of age.

PUBLIC SPEAKING - COOPERATIVE SPEECH:

Each parish may send two 4-H members. They are expected to research and present a 5-7 minute speech on cooperatives.

Age: 13

Award: 1st place - 4-H Congress Trip or \$250 if 13 years of age. 1st alternate - \$100.00; 3rd place - \$50.00

SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED

Each parish may enter two teams consisting of two or three contestants. The contest will consist of the team receiving a scenario. They must research, write an abstract, & make a power point presentation on day one. On day two they will give a 5-7 minute presentation.

Age: 13

Award: Educational Trip for winning team

SPORTS BROADCASTING CONTEST

Each parish may send two teams of two contestants. A team of two individuals will broadcast a sporting event selecting from football, basketball, and baseball.

Age: 13

Award: 4-H Educational Trip

TEENS DRIVING TEENS TO SAFETY

Each parish may enter 2 teams of 2-3 members. Contestants will present a 5 – 7 minute presentation using format or audio visuals of choice on the topic of safe driving. Safe Driving topics include, but are not limited to: distracted driving (texting); drinking; wreckless; sleepy; road rage. The emphasis will be on young drivers, influencing other young drivers.

Age: 14

Award: 4-H Congress Trip for 1st Place Team



TIGER TANK ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE

The Tiger Tank Entrepreneurship Challenge is an opportunity for individuals or a team of two to create or propose a product or service-based business. In some cases, contestants may already have a business that is up and running, and in other cases, they may have a business idea that they want to design and explore. Both types of entries are acceptable. Contestants will have to prepare a business plan packet and outline, an overview presentation slide, and will present their pitch at 4-H University.

Age: 13

Award: \$1000 to team or individual

WILDLIFE HABITAT JUDGING

Each parish may enter two participants. Contestants will be required to identify the needs of wildlife in the southeast mixed and outer coastal plains forests habitat and make recommendations on wildlife management practices that will improve the habitat for certain wildlife species. Contestants will be required to identify certain wildlife species and take a written test dealing with species habitat needs and general species information. Contestants must give on-site recommendations for various wildlife management practices, prepare a written wildlife management plan and give an oral defense of this written plan.

Age: 14

Award: Top 4 winners will receive a trip to the national contest

