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Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program



■ On behalf of 224,946 Louisiana 4-H youth and 6,133 adult volunteers, the LSU AgCenter's 4-H Youth Development Program would like to thank the Louisiana state legislators for their continued support of 4-H.

■ Louisiana 4-H reaches a diverse group of youth, grades K-12. Through nonformal, research-based, experiential learning activities, 4-H participants gain knowledge and life skills to become productive, capable and compassionate members of their communities. The 4-H program combines the cooperative efforts of youth, volunteer leaders, land-grant universities, federal, state, local governments and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

■ The 4-H Youth Development Program focuses on three areas: Citizenship; Healthy Living; and Science, Engineering and Technology.

■ Since 1996, the LSU AgCenter's character education program has targeted youth, adults, parents, schools, employees, sports teams, governmental agencies and other community groups. Some students receive programs through Principal's Principles statements, which target one of the Six Pillars of Character each school day. In addition, youth receive character lessons in after-school programs, school enrichment programs, child care centers and youth camps.

■ The Louisiana 4-H Technology Board, established in 1999, helps integrate computer skills and new technology into the 4-H program. The board promotes the 4-H computer and photography projects. Board members maintain the Louisiana 4-H Web site and produce a technology newsletter, *Tech Talk*.

■ The 4-H program includes a Food and Fitness Board, which addresses nutrition education for teens, and a Fashion Board, which addresses self-esteem and poise. The Executive Committee plans Junior Leader Conference and 4-H University, both statewide annual events.

■ 2008 is the fifth year for 4-H University (June 17-19) but the 94th year for this activity, formerly known as 4-H Short Course. Nearly 1,600 4-H'ers participate. This year's program includes 43 contests and eight Clover College learning tracks. The young people learn about the LSU campus and the opportunities of a college education.

■ One of the major learning opportunities through the 4-H program is summer camp. In 2007, 3606 4-H members participated in summer camp. The LSU AgCenter has offered 4-H Camp Grant Walker since 1922 – so this is the 86th birthday of this unique educational experience. Children learn a variety of skills related to Head, Heart, Hands and Health. A Master Plan for the expansion and renovation of this facility near Pollock, La., is under way.

■ 4-H agents across Louisiana recruited schools to participate in the Second Annual Youth Wetlands Week organized by the LSU AgCenter. More than 55,000 children in more than 800 schools learned the value of Louisiana wetlands March 31-April 4, 2008.

For more information about 4-H, go to our Web site www.lsuagcenter.com and click on 4-H.

Madison Parish 4-H

Your continued support allows us to "Make the Best Better" through positive youth development programs. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Louisiana 4-H.



Madison Centennial Celebration and 4-H Hall of Fame inductees



Advisory Leadership Council



Reading to the Heart

Community Service-Learning projects are an important component of Madison Parish 4-H:

- Madison youth improve skills in communication, planning and organizing by participating in service-learning programs such as *Reading to the Heart* literacy enrichment program and *Health Rocks!* healthy lifestyle initiative.



TEAM Challenge Camp

Leadership and citizenship skills are developed through participation in camps, conferences and special events held throughout the year, such as:

- Citizenship Louisiana Focus
- Junior Leadership Conference
- Co-op Youth Conference
- TEAM Challenge Camp
- 4-H Summer Camp
- 4-H University
- 4-H Clover College
- 4-H Day at the Capitol
- Madison Farm Safety Day
- Teen Leadership Advisory Board and 4-H Advisory Council
- Parish Police Jury and School Board presentations
- Parish Centennial Celebration

Youth develop valuable life skills through 4-H project learning experiences:

- 125 fifth grade youth learned ATV safety skills
- 3 Blue Ribbon Winners at 4-H University in Consumer Foods Judging.
- 3 Blue Ribbon Winners in Records/Portfolio contests in the Equine, Clothing and Communications projects.
- 2 teen graduates received achievement scholarships to state universities.
- 50 4th, 5th and 6th graders participated in 4-H Camp through contributions made by local volunteers and matched by Chancellor Richardson's Camp Fund for limited resource youth.



4-H University

**AGENDA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL
JUNE 5, 2008**

8:30 – 10AM – Registration on Capitol Steps

9:00 – Noon – Parish Group Photos coordinated by Craig Gautreaux

9:30 AM – 2:30PM – 4-H Exhibits & Booths in Rotunda of State Capitol coordinated by David Latona, David Boldt, and Peter Cannizzaro.

10:00 AM – General Assembly on Capitol Steps

Welcome – Jonas Augustine, State 4-H President

Pledge of Allegiance – Taylor Chargois, Historian/Reporter
Conrad Cable, Parliamentarian

4-H Pledge – ReAzalia Allen, Secretary/Treasurer
Nick Nash, Vice President

National Anthem – Lindsey Tassin, East Baton Rouge Parish

Sing Happy Birthday – State 4-H Officers

Ben Bennett – 4-H representative on Legislative Youth Advisory Council. Louisiana Commission on Civic Education

Greetings – Chancellor Richardson

Greetings – Director Coreil

Greetings – Senator Butch Gautreaux

Greetings – Representative Rick Gallot

Greetings – Other Representatives and Senators in the audience

10:45AM – Assembly ends, 4-H members meet with legislators

Parish Delegations may leave following their meetings and tours of the state capitol or remain for the start of the House and Senate sessions. The starting time for the sessions will be set the evening of June 4th by the legislature. Sessions normally begin at 2PM.

2:00 PM (tentative) – House and Senate Session Begins

State 4-H President Jonas Augustine speaks to both the House and Senate. State 4-H officers and AgCenter administrators introduced to House and Senate