



Clover Chatter

Iberia Parish 4-H

January 2015

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2015 Spring Contest Day

When: Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Where: Cajun RVeria and SugArena

4-H'ers and leaders should make plans to attend Spring Contest Day to earn points for your Best Club Book. This will be an opportunity for 8-12th graders to qualify for 4-H University. Mark your calendars and join us at Cajun Rvera and the Sugarena Saturday, February 28th!! The general assembly begins at 8:45. This contest will include cookery contest, demonstration contests, Commodity Ambassador Program contest and pet show. Complete contests rules will be given at January and February club meetings.

Iberia Parish 4-H Penny Contest

The 4-H Penny Contest kicks off at January club meetings. It is open to all 4-H members. This contest will serve as a fundraiser for Iberia Parish 4-H to offset the cost of buses for 4-H Camp and 4-H University.

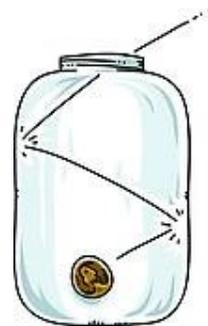
How Does It Work?

4-H members may participate by decorating individual collection containers for the 4-H Penny Contest. Ask your school, parents or local businesses to allow you to place the container at their office to collect donations from the day of your January club meeting until March 20, 2015. Many 4-H'ers have come up with creative ways to collect money such as bake sales.

During the week of March 20th, 2015, 4-H members pick up their container and turn the money into the 4-H Office. Please have money in the form of CURRENCY or CHECKS (payable to the Iberia Parish 4-H Foundation). We will not accept change. Money not brought in on time will be considered for the \$100 Club, but will not be used toward the overall winner.

At Achievement Day, awards will be given to over all winners and those members of the 100 Club. These are members who collect \$100 dollars. There will also be a special recognition for the overall winners.

Please check with your parents/guardians before participating!



Volunteer Opportunity



Volunteer help is key to a successful Spring Contest Day and Achievement Day. This offer goes out to parents, grandparents, other family members, school leaders and principals. If you would be interested with either of the remaining contest days, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office.

January Club Meeting Educational Program: Who Wants to be a 4-H Record Book Winner?

Record Books will be due to the 4-H Office March 2nd. At the monthly club meetings the 4-H Agents will be giving tips on how to complete an award winning record book. Completing a record book has many benefits which include:

- Helping you reflect on your year in 4-H
- Help you set goals and reach them
- Develop record keeping and organizational skills
- Earn awards and many times trips



Journey Into Jobs Winners

- 4th Grade-Aubrey Menard-North Lewis Elem.
- 5th Grade Girl-Caroline Hebert; Delcambre Elem., Emma Duhon, Delcambre Elem., KeAsia St. Julien, Center Street
- 5th Grade Boys-Kullen Gillian, Sugarland Elem.
- 6th Grade Girls-Jaiden Gardner-Sugarland Elem.
- 7th Grade-Victoria Watson-Home Schoolers on the Teche
- 9-12th Grade-Avery Boudreaux-NISH

4-H Has Talent

4th-6th Grade

- Jolie Derouen, Emily Viator, Brianna Touchet, Kelsee Thibodeaux-Center Street
- Claire Bourque-Center Street
- Jolie Derouen, Celena Flores, Claire Bourque, Kelsee Thibodeaux, Arkasha Proctor-Center Street

7th-12th Grade

- Victoria Watson-Home Schoolers on the Teche

Food and Fitness Camp: 4th-6th grade

Food and Fitness Camp will be held March 21-22, 2015 at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, LA. This camp is designed for family teams of youth and caring adult(s) to develop knowledge and skill in the area of food and nutrition, food safety, food preparation and healthy living. The camp includes hands-on workshops and physical fitness activities/recreation designed for families.

Space is limited to 60 family teams. Adult family members attending must complete 4-H Overnight Chaperone Certification and will be responsible for providing supervision.

The cost is \$75 per family (one camper/one adult) \$40 for additional family member.

Applications may be picked up from the 4-H office and are due back no later than Friday, February 20, 2015. Spots are allotted on a first come-first serve basis, so don't delay!

Parents that have not been Overnight Chaperone Trained must complete this training before Friday, February 20th, 2015. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.

4-H Night With the New Orleans Pelicans

The annual 4-H Night with the Pelicans is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2015. The New Orleans Pelicans will be taking on the Heat. Game time is set for 7:00 p.m. Discount tickets are being offered at \$26.00 per ticket. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.



Food For Families Report

Congratulations to Dodson Elementary 4-H Club for their efforts in the annual Foods for Families Drive. The Dodson Elem 4-H Club collected and donated over 45 items to the Food for Families Drive.

4-H Club Clover

The next 4-H Club Clover meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 4:45. 4-H Club Clover is a leadership club for 6-7th grade members. There is still time to join. Annual membership dues are \$5.

Portfolios

This month you will receive information on the 4-H Portfolio. The portfolio is turned in along with the project book that you received at the beginning of the year. If you would rather complete the portfolio on line you can access it at: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/teens/4h_portfolio/4H-Portfolio.htm

All 4-H Project books and portfolios are due to the 4-H Office by March 2, 2015. Remember, books are due to your school leader before this date.

There will be a record book workshop on January 29, 2015 at the 4-H Office beginning at 5:00 p.m. to assist members in completing the portfolios.

Rural Electric Youth Tour

This exciting trip to Washington, DC awarded to 4-H'ers is an all-expense paid trip valued at over \$1,500.00 This trip is June 15-19, 2015 (does NOT conflict with 4-H University!). 4-H'ers must be 16 years of age or older. (including 12th graders) to apply for this award. Interested youth must complete an application and compose an essay voicing their opinion to an elected official on any issue or success (whether negative or positive). Here's your chance to have YOUTH VOICE heard. Applications and essays are due January 22, 2015 to the 4-H Office. Contact the 4-H office for more information.



Junior Leader Meeting

The next Junior Leader meeting will be held on February 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. It's still not too late for 8-12 graders to join the Iberia Parish 4-H Junior Leadership Club. Dues are \$10.00 for all members.

Senior Scholarships

The Louisiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship application for 2015 is available for seniors to begin completing. The application can be downloaded on the 4-H Foundation website. http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/4h_foundation/scholarships/ or you can contact the 4-H office for the application. Senior 4-H members should submit scholarship applications by Thursday, February 19, 2015 to the Iberia Parish 4-H Office.

Wildlife Trip

Any 4-H member in 8th grade or younger, who is enrolled in any of the wildlife project books could win an all expense paid trip to one of the state's many Wildlife and Fisheries Management and Research Areas.

Crabbing, Fishing, Swimming, Boat Rides, and much more could be yours if you submit your environmental/wildlife related project book to the 4-H Office by March 2 along with a 4-H Portfolio. 4-H members may need to do additional work to qualify for this contest; however, the parish record book may be enough to qualify. The top two parish wildlife books will be sent to the state contest to compete for the wildlife trips.

The wildlife records include wildlife activities in Discovering 4-H, You and Nature, You and Plants, Wildlife Pioneers, Aquaculture, Birds, Insects, Forestry, and Fur. Interested 4-H'ers should contact the 4-H Agents.



Rabbit & Poultry Workshops

Iberia 4-H will host upcoming workshops for the broiler project and rabbit projects.

- Broiler Selections Workshop: Saturday, January 31, 2015 @ 4-H office 9:30-10:30am; Learn how to select your best birds and prepare broilers to show. DO NOT bring birds to this workshop. Birds will be available for use in the workshop.
- Rabbit Workshop: Saturday, January 31, 2015 @ 4-H office 11:00am- 12:30pm; Learn how

4-H'ers interested in participating in these workshops should contact the 4-H office or return the reply slip to RSVP.

Spring Poultry and Rabbit Show

The 2015 Spring Poultry and Rabbit Show is scheduled for February 13, 2015 at the Cajun RVer. Forms and information will be handed out at January Club meetings. Entry forms for rabbits are due to the 4-H office by February 2, 2015.

Broiler entry forms were turned in on January 8th when you picked up your chicks!



Spring Livestock Show Season is Here!

The **Iberia Parish 4-H Livestock Show** is scheduled for January 23-24, 2015 at SugArena in New Iberia. This show will feature swine, beef, goat and lamb species. Exhibitors have worked very hard to prepare their projects for the Spring livestock shows. We wish them the best of luck this Spring show season!

The **Acadiana District Livestock Show** will take place on February 4-7, 2015 at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette, LA. This is a qualifying show for the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.

The **LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show** will take place in Gonzales, LA February 14-21, 2015 at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center.

4-H Summer Camp Is Coming

4-H summer camp will be held from May 25-29, 2015 at 4-H Camp Grant Walker Educational Center near Pollock, LA. Applications will be given out at future club meetings. Active members are the ideal campers. It is not too late to participate in activities on the local and parish level.



Special Clovers

Stefani Barras (LHS), Katie Magar (HOTT), Brittney Watson (HOTT) and Mrs. Charlene Picheloup (LHS Leader) who attended 4-H National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

Horse News

4-H'ers interested in participating in the Summer Horse Shows are reminded that possession date for horses is April 1st, 2015. If interested in more horse information as it becomes available, please fill out the reply slip at the back of the clover chatter and return to the 4-H office.

Outdoor Skills/Shooting Sports Program Update



The Iberia 4-H Outdoor Skills/ Shooting Sports Program is underway! If you joined this program and have not attended a practice yet, please contact Ms. Bethany to make sure you are receiving all correspondence information. Due to the large number of enrollment participants, information is sent via email and Remind. Competitions will begin in the next few months and we want you all enrolled members to be eligible to compete.

2015 Honey Bee Essay Contest

Topic: "Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up"

Requirements: Write on the designated subject only. All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes. A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay. Length: 750 to 1000 words. The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist's biographical sketch, which should be on a separate page. For more information call the 4-H Office at 369-4440

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY. Double-spaced, 12-pt. Times New Roman or similar font, with 1 inch margins. Submit as a Microsoft Word document via email by Monday, January 22, 2015. Email essays to coliver@agcenter.lsu.edu

State Contest Sponsor: The Louisiana Beekeeping Association

STATE CONTEST AWARDS: Cash Prizes and Plaques to 3 Top Winners:

•1st Place -- \$100 •2nd Place -- \$75 •3rd Place -- \$50

Dates to Remember

January 2015

- 8 Broiler Pickup 4:30-6:00pm
- 10 Fabric and Fashion 8am
- 11 Shooting Sports Practice 1-4pm
- 15 Junior Leader Meeting 6:00pm
- 18 Shooting Sports Practice 1-4pm
- 19 Martin Luther King Day, 4-H Office Closed; Fabric and Fashion 9:00am
- 22 Honey Bee Essay Due to the 4-H Office
- 23-24 Parish Livestock Show @ SugArena
- 24-25 Fashion Camp
- 26 Fabric and Fashion 4:45pm
- 29 Record book Workshop @ 4-H Office 5:00 p.m.
- 31 Broiler Workshop II @ 4-H Office 9:30am– 10:30am
- 31 Rabbit Workshop @ 4-H Office 11:00am– 12:30pm



February 2015

- 1 Shooting Sports Practice 1-4pm
- 4-7 Acadiana District Livestock Show
- 7 Valentine Candy Workshop 9am-12pm
- 8 Shooting Sports Practice 1-4pm
- 10 Six Easy Bites 5:30pm
- 12 4-H Club Clover 4:45 p.m.; Junior Leader Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Parish Poultry and Rabbit Show @ Cajun RVer
- 14-21 State Livestock Show @ Lamar Dixon in Gonzales, LA
- 17 Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed
- 27 4-H Night With The New Orleans Pelicans
- 28 Spring Contest Day-Seafood/Bento Cookery @ Cajun RVer; Pet Show, Demonstrations, Commodity Ambassador @ SugArena

March 2015

- 1 Benefit Ranch Sorting @ SugArena; Shooting Sports Practice 1-4pm
- 2 4-H Record Books Due
- 2 Fashion Revue Garments Due for Achievement Day
- 8 Shooting Sports Practice 1/4pm
- 13 Livestock Benefit Shrimp Boil 5-7pm
- 13-15 Junior Leadership Conference
- 20 Parish Shooting Sports Match @ SugArena; Penny Contest monies due to 4-H office
- 21-22 Food and Fitness Camp
- 28 Achievement Day @ WHS; Southern Regional Shooting Sports Match @ Lamar Dixon

Valentine Candy Workshop

Do you want to learn how to make candy ? In this workshop 4-Her's will learn how to create candy. The workshop will be held February 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost of the workshop is \$10 If interested in participating in this fun workshop, preregister at the 4-H Office by January 29. Space is limited to 20 members.



JLC 2015: Let the Leadership Roll



During the 2015 Junior Leader Conference held at Camp Grant Walker on March 13-15th. 4-H members 14 years and older will choose from various tracks including: Service Learning, Leadership, Networking and Teamwork, Outdoor, SET, and Performing Arts.

This conference's objective is to increase leadership skills and knowledge of youth across Louisiana. The conference will feature a variety of workshops focused on leadership development, communication, teamwork, service learning, and much more. The cost is \$75.00 for participants who register by January 26, 2015. Contact the 4-H Office for registration forms.

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Please return the slip by to 4-H Agents, 415 Providence St, New Iberia, LA 70560

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Check all that you are interested:

_____ Livestock Project (Any grade)

_____ Horse Program (Any grade)

_____ Food and Fitness camp

_____ 4-H Club Clover (6-7th graders)

_____ Candy Workshop (all grades)

_____ Record Book Workshop (all grades)

_____ Broiler Selections Workshop (RSVP; all grades)