

# 4-H Clover Blog



Concordia 4-H

## 4-H DATE LINE

### October

- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 7 Junior Leader Meeting
- 9 4-H License Plate Design Due
- 9 "Catch Phrase" for Camp Due
- 18 Nat. "CHARACTER COUNTS" Week
- 21 Shooting Sports-Sheriff's Firing Range, Hwy 15- 5:00pm
- 24-Nov 10 State Fair of LA, Shreveport, LA
- 25 "Get the Picture" Contest (Summer 2013)

### November

- TBA Bicycle Rodeo
- 4 Junior Leader Meeting
- 8 Deadline to order broiler chicks
- 11 Shooting Sports-Sheriff Firing Range-4:30pm
- 22 "Get the Picture" Contest (Fall Scenery)
- 28-29 4-H Office Closed/Holidays

### December

- 2 Junior Leader Meeting
- 9 Shooting Sports-Sheriff's Firing Range-4:30pm
- 14 Agricultural 4-H Photo Entries Due
- 14 "Get the Picture" Contest ( Best Smile)
- 24-Jan 1 4-H Office Closed/Holidays

October 2013

4-H News & Notes for Grades 4-12

## "Catch Phrase" for 4-H Camp Contest (5 Points)

Can you come up with a "catchy" theme for 4-H summer Camp? Then plan to enter the "Catch Phrase for Camp" Contest!! The deadline for all entries is at your October club meeting. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place parish awards will be given. The State winner will receive \$50 cash award. All you have to do is think of a brief and "catchy" slogan that captures the spirit of 4-H Camp Grant Walker and provide a drawing to go along with your phrase.

Rules & Regulations: 1. Be seven (7) words or less. Also, you must provide a drawing to go along with your phrase. 2. Include the following information on the back of your entry: Name, age, name of 4-H Club, Parish, Your complete mailing address & telephone number. Submit your entries by Oct. 19th to your Leader.

**GOOD LUCK!**

## 4-H Livestock Projects

The parish 4-H Livestock Program is open to anyone interested in exhibiting show animals at the upcoming 2014 Spring Show in Delhi and Gonzales. Any 4-H'er interested in showing animals at these shows should contact the 4-H Office immediately (ph: 336-7084). There are possession dates for these shows that you must meet for your animal to be eligible to show.

## Military: State 4-H Service Focus

The focus of the state project is to create awareness of and support for our military personnel. Learn about how your club can support Military Heroes! Many programs are available to provide you with a troop or unit in need of support, from letters, and cards to care packages. Start the year with a round of letters! The following website will give you additional information concerning this project;  
<http://www.operationgratitude.com/halloween-candy-buy-back-2012/>

## CAMP LAGNIAPPE (Operation Military Kids)

All military youth ages 5-18 are invited to attend Operation Military Kids annual Fall Camp Lagniappe. The event will be held at Camp Grant Walker on November 2-3, 2013. Campers must pay a registration fee of \$10 for lodging, meals, and a camp t-shirt. Deadline for registering is October 25, 2013. Contact the 4-H office for additional information concerning this camp at 336-5315.

**Operation LA Connections: Boot Camp:** Tracks include: A Day in the Life-Experience a day in the life of a military person; Honoring Our Furry Friends-Help us give back to our service dogs by making them special gifts; Art of War-Come and express your creativity with the Art of War; Operation Give Back-Come join us and help make Christmas cards and care packages for United States!! The schedule kicks off on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Camper/Volunteer Eligibility: Each parish has the opportunity to send a team of 4-H campers who are in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. There is no limit on the number of campers a parish can send. Parishes that send 5 or more youth should make an effort to send an overnight chaperone to help with supervision during camp. The fee is \$40.00 for each participant which includes a t-shirt. The deadline to register for this camp is November 8, 2013. Contact the 4-H office at 336-5315 for an application.

### Louisiana State Fair Livestock

Concordia 4-Hers will be exhibiting their animals at the State Fair of Louisiana in Shreveport, October 24-November 10, 2013. Exhibitors participating will be Hunter Randall, Colby Avery and Tal Taliaferro.  
**BEST OF LUCK WITH YOUR PROJECTS AT THE SHOW.**

### Bicycle Rodeo (10 points)

A bicycle rodeo will be held at the various schools throughout the month of November (Monterey, Ferriday, Vidalia, and Concordia Parish Academy. Be on the lookout for the day and time of your rodeo. Each 4-Her must furnish their own bicycle or make arrangements to use one. All riders will have one chance on each of the six (6) obstacle riding events. **Divisions:** Grades: 4th-6th  
 Grades: 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

Gardening projects for children in a school setting provide an extraordinary learning opportunity, and their popularity is increasing. Through school gardening children can learn science, mathematics, English, environmental studies, health, family and consumer sciences and art. They learn first-hand about plants, nature and the outdoors, and they learn how fresh food is grown. Teachers in Louisiana have an excellent opportunity to enrich the educational experience and the lives of children through the use of school gardens. Leaders interested in starting a garden at their school can contact the 4-H office for information to get started 318-336-5315.

## "Get the Picture" Contest - 5 Points



Each month 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to enter one picture in the category for that month. The picture must be submitted by the due date and must have been taken by the 4-H'ers (*you must have taken the picture yourself within the past year*). Photos must be 3 1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6 (your choice). Printed pictures from digital cameras will also be accepted. Divisions: 4th-6th : 7-12th  
 Photos will be displayed at various locations in Concordia Parish. **DO NOT MOUNT THE PHOTOS.** Complete and attach the entry form below to the back of the picture with clear tape and turn in to your 4-H Leader or to the 4-H Office by the due date. **November Category: Fall Scenery -Due: At your November 4-H Club Meeting**

4-H Photography Contest: " Fall Scenery ". Date Due: November Club Meeting  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: (Circle one): 4th-6th 7th - 12th

# Agriculture 4-H Photography Contest



**Entries are due in the 4-H office no later than December 13, 2013 to compete.**

**Rules and Regulations:**-All pictures must relate to Agriculture. -Open to all 4 -H youth 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. -Divisions will include: 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> **and** 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> -Picture must be taken by individual listed on entry label. -Entry label must include name, parish, grade, and category. -Photograph entered must have been taken during 2012 and in Louisiana. -All entries must be 8" x 10" (color or black/white). **(No other size pictures will be accepted)** -All 8"x 10" pictures must be mounted on a 10" x 12" thin art/mount board this will allow a 1" border. **(Please no foam core board)** -Each photograph must include a one-line title mounted on thin art/mounted board below picture. -You are limited to enter only one picture in each of the categories that are listed below. -Entries cannot be duplicated. -Winning photographs will be displayed during Ag Expo -January 17-18, 2014 -All photographs will be returned to parish extension offices in February 2014 -Ink jet prints acceptable

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST CATEGORIES:**

**Farm Animals   Horticulture/Plants/Crops   Any Other Agriculture**

## **Attention 7-12 Grades**

**Are you interested in: Having fun? Helping others? Being a leader and learning how to lead?**

Then come to the next Junior Leader Meeting (5 points) **Monday, November 4th** at 6:00pm. We will meet every 1st Monday of the month. Dues are \$5.00. Remember to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House/St. Jude Children Home. We also need your help in conducting the bicycle rodeos at the various schools! (points!!)

**Officers for the club will include:** President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Photographer, Parliamentarian, Service Learning Chairman, Service Learning School Representatives- one from each school (7th-12th).

## **ST. JUDE 4-H FUNDRAISER**

Parish 4-H clubs have the opportunity to collect aluminum pull tabs beginning **October 1st**. Concordia Parish collected over 210 pounds of aluminum pull tabs to help benefit this program last year. Decorate a container for your club and get started in assisting with this worthwhile program! Competition between clubs will be based on number of pounds collected. Clubs will collect tabs until **March 1, 2014**. Top clubs will be recognized at 4-H Achievement Day.

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***Any adult interested in volunteering with 4-H contests and activities- give the 4-H Office a call at 336-7084 .***

***We will place your name on file to assist with future 4-H events.***



## LA Character Lifestyles Respect

A person of character values all people.

- **Golden Rule-Treat others the way you want to be treated**
- **Respect the dignity, privacy, and freedom of all individuals**
- **Tolerance and Acceptance-Be tolerant, respectful, and accepting of those who are different from you**
- **Nonviolence- Resolve disagreements, respond to insults, and deal with anger peacefully and without violence**
- **Courtesy-Use good manners. Be courteous, polite and civil to everyone**

## H u r r i c a n e   S a f e t y   T i p s

**BEFORE A HURRICANE:** Have a disaster plan and a pet plan ready. Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency. Board up windows and bring in outdoor objects that could blow away. Make sure you know which county or parish you live in and know where all the evacuation routes are. Prepare a disaster supplies kit for your home and car. Include a first aid kit, canned food and a can opener, bottled water, battery-operated radio, flashlight, protective clothing and written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water. Have a NOAA weather radio handy with plenty of batteries, so you can listen to storm advisories. Have some cash handy as well, because following a hurricane, banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed. Make sure your car is filled with gasoline.



### "Louisiana CAN Fight Hunger" Campaign

4-H Clubs from throughout the parish can participate in the "Louisiana CAN Fight Hunger" Campaign by collecting cans of food. It is each individual club's option as to who the food will be given to. It can be given to a needy family in your community or to a food bank. We will need each club to provide us with the weight of the food collected so this can be given to the State 4-H Campaign. This campaign will continue until January 10, 2014. A special THANK YOU for reaching out to those in need in our communities and parish!

***If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in 4-H meetings or activities, please call Concordia Extension Office at 336-7084. Membership and participation in activities and events are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, veteran status, or disability.***

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