

4-H YOUTH CONNECTION

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HOOPS AND CLOVERS

Join in the fun as 4-H members, friends, and family from across the state converge in the New Orleans Arena to see the **New Orleans Pelicans** battle the Timberwolves. This **"Hoops and Clovers"** event will take place on **Friday, February 7 at 8:30 PM**. This game is dedicated as Louisiana 4-H Night!



Specific information on each of these opportunities as well as ticket order information will be distributed at upcoming club meetings. Some age limits apply. If you have specific questions, call the 4-H Office at 736-6519.

All 4-H members, their families and friends are invited to attend. **Youth must be accompanied by an adult. The cost of the tickets will be \$22.00.**

In addition to a great game, over 150 4-H members will have an opportunity to participate in additional programs and activities.

It will be a fun night and a great way to promote 4-H clubs, especially from our area!



4-H CHALLENGE CAMP



Five Jefferson Parish 4-H members participated in the recently held 4-H Challenge Camp at Tickfaw State Park in Springfield, LA. 4-H members from sixteen parishes enjoyed the beautiful outdoor setting while learning environmental education and healthy living choices. They also participated in numerous challenge and teambuilding activities.

4-H Challenge Camp is held each November and is open to 7th and 8th grade 4-H members.

Jefferson Parish participants included **Betty Reyes, Marilyn Pati, Jake LeBlanc, and Mahree Houston** from Patrick Taylor Academy and **Brynna Robert** from Haynes Academy. LSU Ag Center 4-H Agents **Ann Gauthier** and **Chantel Williams** also accompanied the group.

Left to right: Betty Reyes, Marilyn Pati, Mahree Houston, Brynna Robert, and Jake LeBlanc.





4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,

My HEART to greater loyalty,

My HANDS to larger service,

And my HEALTH to better living

For my club, my community, my country, and my world..



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

Club level Commodity Cookery Contests
 6 Project Christmas ends
 7 Teddy Bear House Fundraiser
 9 Foundation Board Mtg.
 13 Club news articles for January DUE
 23-31 4-H Office closed

January

Club level Commodity Cookery Contests
 2 4-H Office reopens
 10 4-H Foundation Award applications DUE
 17 Arbor Day
 17 Deadline for articles for February newsletter
 17 Arbor Day
 20 Office Holiday
 31 Registration for Commodity Cookery Contest DUE

February

3 Honey Bee Essays DUE in 4-H Office
 7 4-H Hoops and Clovers
 15 4-H Commodity Cookery/ Ambassador Contest (tentative)



4-H FOUNDATION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Louisiana 4-H Foundation sponsors three special awards to recognize outstanding individual project work. These awards are the **Louisiana 4-H Foundation Award of Excellence** for Junior 4-H Members, **4-H Key Club Award** for Senior members, and the **4-H Honor Cord** for graduating 4-H members.

The deadline for application submission for these awards is January 10, 2014.

All applications are available in the 4-H Office.

Send request to agauther@agcenter.lsu.edu or call 736-6519.

The **Louisiana 4-H Foundation Award of Excellence** has the following requirements:

- Must be under 14 years of age by January 1, 2014.
- Must have at least two years of 4-H club work, including award year.
- Must score at least 100 points on the application and scorecard.



4-H Key Club Award requirements include:

- Must be 16 years of age by January 1, 2014.
 - Must have 3 years of 4-H Club work and at least one year of active Junior Leadership work.
 - Must score at least 140 points on the application and scorecard.
- The **4-H Honor Cord** has the following requirements:
- Must be a graduating senior.
 - Must have three years of 4-H club work in high school.
 - Must have participated in at least one state sponsored 4-H Program within the last 3 years.
 - Must complete required application form.

4-H, GREEN SINCE 1902

Adjust the thermostat. Every degree you lower your thermostat in cold weather, or raise it during hot weather, can lower your energy bill by 3% and conserve valuable natural resources.

Use public transportation. Taking the bus, train or carpooling vs. driving your own car saves gas money and reduces pollution. (Walking and bike riding is good for you and the environment!)

Plant trees. Besides producing oxygen and removing carbon dioxide and contaminants from the air, trees and other plants provide a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Source: United States Postal Service

NEWS FROM OUR CLUBS

West Bank Teen Leaders

The students of Word of Life Academy encouraged school-wide participation in the first of many Westbank Teen Leaders meetings for the new school year at Ryan's on Lapalco and Barataria. The meeting included a meal followed by a brief discussion and instruction of the 6 Pillars of Character as taught in 4-H. All interested 7th–12th grade students are welcome to attend the December meeting. Contact **Ms. Chantel Williams** for the date, time and price of the buffet lunch. Our thanks to **Mr. Roderick Seymour** for the use of his facility and friendly atmosphere. Attending the meeting were **Nerrie Borne, Kelsey Burris, Brandon Phillips, Luke Thomas** and **Richard Hood**.

Rachel M. Faili
Volunteer leader

Terrytown Elementary 4th

At our club meeting, **Ayline Giror** brought monkey shakes, **Angelina Giror** brought fruit salad, and **Ms. Chantel** made yogurt parfaits.

Ceidy Martinez

Terrytown Elementary

Ms. Chantel Williams showed our club a video on the Organwise Guys. Then we made yogurt parfaits.

Klara Gonzalez

Kerner Elementary 5th

Our officers attended 4-H Officer Leader Training at Belle Chasse Primary School. We learned about our responsibilities and did lots of fun activities. We will be collecting gently used blanket in our school to donate to area shelters. We also discussed ideas for other community service activities and fundraisers.

Madelyn Thibodeaux

Kerner Elementary 4th

Our officers for the new year are **Chloe Favaloro**, President; **Marissa Porter**, Vice President; **Ladan Caufield**, Secretary; and **Cadence Harper**, Reporter. We talked about the blanket drive that we conducted in our school. We also discussed things that we will be able to do in 4-H.

Cadence Harper

Audubon Elementary

At our November club meeting, we formed a committee to collect blankets throughout our school to donate to the poor. We also learned about Project Christmas where 4-H members donate new, unwrapped toys that will be given to needy children in our area. We were asked to target children ages 9 and older. We can also donate Christmas items other than toys. We also learned about the 4-H Commodity Cookery/Ambassador Contest. The types of food that you can make are egg, beef, poultry, seafood, and sugar.

Landen Colomer

Alice Birney Elementary

The Alice Birney 4-H Club started the new year with our new officers: **Paula Amodia**, President; **Julia Keller**, Vice President; **Lauren Nash**, Secretary; and **Raquel Anguiana**, Reporter. **Ms. Chantel Williams** talked to us about our responsibilities. We also talked about the Cooking Contest. Welcome to all 4-H members! We are all looking forward to the contest. Let's have the best year ever and make it fun and educational!

Raquel Anguiana



Attention Club Reporters!

All 4-H Club Reporters are encouraged to submit their monthly news articles for publication in the **Jefferson Parish 4-H Youth Connection**.

Share your club activities, ideas, and successes! Give a copy of your report to one of the 4-H Agents or mail it to:

4-H Newsletter
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.,
Suite 300
Jefferson, LA 70123

OR

Email report to:
agauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu
Please put "4-H newsletter" in
subject line

**Deadline for inclusion in
January newsletter is
December 13.**

Celebration!

THANKS to the following 4-H Clubs for contributing to our "Gently Used" Blanket and food drive: **Word of Life Academy, Patrick Taylor Academy, and Leo Kerner Elementary 4th and 5th Grade Clubs, Grace King, Terrytown, and St. Cletus**. Donated items are being distributed through area shelters.



ARBOR DAY—JANUARY 17



Arbor Day is a day set aside to commemorate trees and their importance in our lives. In Louisiana, Arbor Day is celebrated on the third Friday in January. This year Arbor Day will be held on **January 17**.

Trees have thousands of uses such as recreation, wildlife habitat, landscaping, energy, medicine, chemicals, packaging, lumber (to build houses, barns, and furniture), and food. Wherever you live you are in contact with products made from trees each day.

Forests have many environmental benefits such as providing food and homes for birds and animals. They protect our water supply by keeping soil from washing away. They clean the air by removing pollutants and giving off oxygen for us to breathe.

Individuals and groups celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees and shrubs. You can also share information about trees with your club, school, or neighbors.

Plan your Arbor Day celebration today!

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www.facebook.com/JeffersonParish4H#!/JeffersonParish4H and LIKE our page! *Keep up with all of the Jefferson Parish 4-H happenings!*

4-H COMMODITY COOKERY/ AMBASSADOR CONTESTS

The club level of the 4-H Commodity Cookery Contests are being conducted now! **Check with your 4-H Club Leader for the date and time.**

First Place Blue Award Winners from the club contests and any Mailbox Member will be eligible to participate in the Parish-wide Commodity Cookery Contest in the spring of 2014. Ambassador presentations will be part of the Parish-wide competition. Additional information will be provided to Blue Award Winners shortly.

Each 4-H member can enter **one dish** in any of the 5 contest divisions: Egg Cookery, Seafood Cookery, Ground Beef Cookery, Poultry Cookery, and Sugar Cookery.

Dishes must be prepared at home and brought to the contest following **good food safety practices** listed in the rules packet provided at your club meeting.

The dish must be accompanied by a typed copy of the recipe in correct recipe format. This information is provided in the contest rules packet.



HONEY BEE ESSAY CONTEST ✓



All 4-H members are invited to participate in the upcoming **4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest**.

- ✓ Essays are **DUE** in the 4-H Office by **Monday, February 3, 2014.**
- ✓ Entries must address the designated topic:

"Beekeeping in Colonial Times".

- ✓ The essay should be **750–1000 words**. The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, or the essayist's biographical sketch.
- ✓ All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- ✓ **Only emailed copies submitted as a Microsoft Word compatible document can be accepted.**
- ✓ Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research—40%; (b) accuracy—30%; (c) creativity—10%; (d) conciseness—10%; and (e) logical development of the topic—10%.

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

Complete contest rules, scoresheet, and essay cover sheet are available from the 4-H Office. Call 736-6519 if you need a rules packet or have questions.

Reminder!

Jefferson Parish 4-H Shirts are Still Available!

Shirts are **\$10** for regular sizes (Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult Extra Large)
Larger sizes available for **\$13** (2X, 3X)

Contact **Ann Gauthier** at 736-6519 or agauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu

Checks should be made payable to **Jefferson Parish 4-H Clubs** and mailed to:

Jefferson Parish 4-H Office, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 300, Jefferson, LA 70123

Be sure to indicate size requested and include contact information.