

Concordia 4-H

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LACharacter Lifestyles

Caring

A person of character is caring, compassionate, kind, loving, considerate, and charitable.

- Be kind.
- Be compassionate and show you care.
- Express gratitude.
- Forgive others.
- Help people in need.



Be thankful and express gratitude for what people do for you. Give money, time, support, and comfort just for the sake of making someone else's life better.

4-H University

Now is the time to sign up to attend the 2015-H University on LSU campus in Baton Rouge. The dates for this year are June 16-19, 2015. Any 4-H member 13 years of age by January 1, 2015 are eligible to attend. We leave the 4-H office in Vidalia on Tuesday morning -June 16 and return on Friday morning June 19. Youth stay in dormitories on LSU Campus and are supervised by the parish 4-H agent and certified adult leaders. The costs for attending is approximately \$110 which is due a week prior to the event. Youth are responsible for your meals each day. Participants will be transported to eat, to 4-H contest, to night activities and back to dorms at night. There will be very little walking if any at all. Youth can select a 4-H contest that they feel most comfortable with. These include judging teams, written tests, talks, demonstrations, skill test and identification contest. In addition to their contest youth will also attend an educational program that is required. Night activities include recognition of 4-H supporters, youth talent, motivational speakers and dance and movie each night. Interested 4-H youth can call the 4-H office to sign up (336-7084) or contact Mr. Joe for additional information. Sign up today to reserve your spot to join this great summer experience with over 1600 4-H youth from throughout Louisiana.

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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January 2015

4-H News & Notes for Grades 4-12

4-H DATE LINE

January 2015

- 5 Junior Leader Meeting, tentative
- 9 LA 4-H Can Fight Hunger Deadline, Report weights to 4-H Office
- 12 Shooting Sports Firing Range, 4:00pm
- 16 Get the Picture Due - "Louisiana Waters"
- 23 Honey Bee Essays Due
- 24-25 State 4-H Fashion Camp (10-13 yr. olds)

February 2015

- 2 Junior Leader Meeting
- 2 Hoops and Clovers -Ticket Orders Due
- 4-7 Northeast District Livestock Show, Delhi
- 6 Valentine Cards Due
- 9 Shooting Sports, Firing Range 4:00pm
- 14-21 LSU Junior Livestock Show, Gonzales
- 20 Get the Picture Due -"Louisiana Animals"
- 23 Area Cookery (Rayville Civic Center)
- 27 4-H Night with the Pelicans (New Orleans)

March 2015

- 2 Junior Leader Meeting
- 9 Shooting Sports-Firing Range 4:00pm
- 13 Project Books Due Jr. High/Sr. High
- 13-15 4-H Junior Leadership Conference
- 13 Get the Picture -" Louisiana Gatherings"
- 27 Jr. High/Sr. High 4-H Day Hwy 15 Ferriday

April 2015

- 10 4-H Project Books Due -4th/5th
- 15 \$50 4-H Camp Deposit Due
- 24 Elementary 4-H Achievement Day (MHS)

June 2015

- 16-19 4-H University-LSU Campus (8th-12th)

July 2015

- 6-10 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker (4th-6th) (Pollock, LA)



Honey Bee Essay Contest

Topic: "Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up"

Essays due: January 23, 2015

Length: 750-1000 words (essay only) - Prepare your essays double-spaced, 12 pt (Times or similar type style), following standard manuscript format. Submit as a Microsoft Word compatible document. **Contact the 4-H Office for a complete list of rules and a website for reference and links to other beekeeping sites.**

4-H Christmas Card Winners

A special thank you to all of the 4-H youth that designed a Christmas card this year. Over 233 cards were entered. **Large cards** - 1st- Jacee Whittington, V4; 2nd- Taliyah Johnson- V5, 3rd- Regan Cobb, V5; **Small cards** - 1st- Sarai Guerrero, CPA; 2nd- Carson Ibarra, V4; 3rd- Luke Stone, V5.

Get the Picture - "Halloween Fun"

1st- Storm Edwards- (M4)





2015 4-H Camping Date Set

Mark your calendars for the 2015 4-H Camp Week. Concordia 4-H will be camping July 6-10, 2015. Additional information about 4-H camp will be given out in March 2015. The camp is open to all youth who have not turned 13 years of age before our camping dates. Spaces will be limited so sign up early when the applications become available. Hope you will be able to attend this fun-filled week!

Attention Graduating Seniors!

There are several scholarships offered through the State 4-H Program. If you are interested in applying for any of these scholarships go to the LSU AgCenter website listed below to secure the scholarship application. All scholarship applications must be typed. All 4-H'ers completing an application will be considered for the Scott Foundation Scholarship which is presented to the top applicant in Concordia Parish. All completed applications must be turned in to the Concordia 4-H Office by February 20, 2015. 4-H Foundation website: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/4h_foundation/scholarships/

State Food and Fitness Camp

The weekend Food and Fitness camp experience is designed for family teams of youth and a caring adult (s) to develop knowledge and skills in the area of food and nutrition, diet and fitness. The camp is scheduled for March 21-22, 2015 at Camp Grant Walker. This years theme is "Shells and Living Well". Space is limited to 60 family teams. Youth campers should be in 4th- 6th grade. Adult family members attending should have completed the 4-H Overnight Chaperone Program and will be responsible for providing supervision. Cost for the camp is \$75 per family (one camper/one adult). Deadline to sign up and pay is February 18th.

"Get the Picture" Contest

Photos must be taken by 4-H'er within the last year

- Photos must be 3½ x 5 or 4 x 6 -your choice. Printed pictures from digital cameras are allowed
- Divisions: 4th-5th; 6th-12th
- Complete and attach the entry form below to the back of the picture with clear tape.
- Turn in to your 4-H Leader or bring to 4-H Office by the due date.

January 2015 Category: "Louisiana Waters" Due January 16, 2015:

February 2015 Category: "Louisiana Animals" Due February 20, 2015

4-H Photography

Name: _____ **School:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Division: (Circle one): **4th-5th** **6th - 12th**



"4-H Mardi Gras Mask" Contest

Our theme for the 2015 4-H Achievement Days will be "Mardi Gras". So we are providing you the opportunity to make a 4-H Mardi Gras Mask. **Mask must be made by the 4-H'er.** It can be any type with a stick attached or without a stick. Top ten winners will get to wear and model their mask at 4-H Achievement Day. Other mask will be used for display. The divisions will be 4th-5th and 6th-12th. Awards in each division will be -1st (\$15); 2nd (\$10)and 3rd (\$5). Mask are due to the 4-H office by March 6, 2015. Hope you will design a mask in support of our "Louisiana Culture" theme for the year!

4-H Junior Leadership Conference

Where: Camp Grant Walker Education Center

When: March 13-15, 2015

Open to Junior Leaders -14 and older. Registration fee: \$75. Check with Mr. Joe or the 4-H office for form to attend **318-336-7804**. Interested 4-H members must register and pay fee by January 23, 2015. The tracks for JLC 2015 will be **Service Learning, Leadership, Networking and Teamwork, Outdoor, SET, and Performing Arts**. More info and track descriptions will be coming soon.



Valentine Card Contest

Make one card with a Valentine theme. Must be made out of a whole sheet of construction paper or larger. Foam board or poster board may be used. Regular writing paper or copy paper are not to be used. Do not apply anything thicker than ¼ inch to decorate. **Label on the back with your first and last name, school club and grade.** Everyone will receive a purple, blue, red or white award depending on workmanship. Due at your February 2015 club meeting or by February 6th! (No glitter) Cards will be judged then sent to Veteran's Hospital in Pineville to give to patients. Let's show our veterans how much we appreciate them!

4-H Community Service Projects

Reminder to continue collecting canned food items for the "Louisiana CAN Fight Hunger Campaign." The deadline for reporting your total weights to the 4-H office is **January 9, 2015**. Also, continue to collect tabs for the St. Jude Fundraiser. Clubs will collect tabs until **March 2, 2015**. In addition, this is great time for your club to help those in need in your communities and in our parish nursing homes. Thanks for all that you do to make our communities a better place to live.

Upcoming Livestock Shows

The following 4-H youth will be exhibiting livestock projects in the two upcoming spring livestock shows: Hunter Randall, Jake Crawford, Colby Avery and Reed Wilson. Also, at the Northeast District show there is an opportunity for those 4-H youth that have rabbits to show. Dates for the shows: Ag Expo Livestock Show-Ag Expo's Jr. Livestock Show to be held Jan 16th & 17th at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe, LA. Northeast District Livestock Show-February 4-7, 2015 (Delhi); LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show - February 14-21, 2015(Gonzales, LA). Best of luck to all of our parish 4-H livestock exhibitors!