

Calcasieu Parish 4-H

# Cloverleaf

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### April

9 – Spring Contest Day  
12 – JR Leaders  
15 – Good Friday (Office Closed)  
17 – 23 National Volunteer Week  
25 – May 1 State Shooting Sports

### May

17 – Junior Leaders  
18 – Achievement Day

### June

21 – 24 4-H University  
30 – SWD Horse Show

### July

11 – 14 Summer Camp



## Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Want to come and have a fun filled day with your fellow 4-H'ers and 4-H Agents? We are inviting you to this years' Achievement Day and we are challenging each club to wear their BEST Dr. Seuss outfits! All our stations this year will feature career exploration! Get ready to explore all the places you will go as a member of Calcasieu 4-H!

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. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation for your participation in an activity, please contact us at 337-788-8821.

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## Draw a Dairy Billboard Contest



### PURPOSE:

1. Learn more about milk and milk products and their importance to healthy bodies
2. Demonstrate communication skills by drawing a billboard encouraging and promoting the consumption of milk and/or milk products.
3. Share their knowledge with others

**SPONSORS:** Co-sponsors are the Louisiana Dairy Industry Promotion Board and the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

**WHO CAN ENTER:** Any bonafide 4-H club member.

**DIVISIONS:** Division I - 4th, 5th and 6th grades  
Division II - 7th and 8th grades  
Division III - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades

### OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

4-H club members are to draw a billboard that encourages or promotes the consumption of milk and milk products and their importance for health. Billboard design must be made on 22" x 28" regular poster board size only.

2. **DO NOT ATTACH** anything to the poster that is more than 1/2" thick.

3. **Do not use the commercial brand names of products on the poster. Do not use jingles, slogans, signs or pictures that are trademark or copyright protected on the poster.**

4. **BE SURE** to print name, address, grade in school and parish on back of the poster in the upper right-hand corner. Please fill out the reporting

form completely.

5. A 4-H club member can win first place in each division **ONLY ONCE**.

6. Posters are due the Calcasieu 4-H Office no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 by 4:30PM.

## Spring Contest Day 2022

April 9<sup>th</sup>  
10AM until 2PM

Horticulture ID, Insect ID, Dog Science, Wildlife ID, Fishing Sports, Consumer Foods Judging, Consumer Decision Making, Ready to Wear

### **CONTEST ADDITION: Poultry Judging**

Contests will be held at the Calcasieu Parish 4-H Office

Study Guides for contests are available on our website!

*Congratulations!*

We are proud to announce the induction of Mrs. Brenda Shope into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame!

Mrs. Brenda began her volunteer involvement as a 4-H parent volunteer when her children became involved in the 4-H program. Serving as a parent volunteer at Holy Family private school was her volunteer start but quickly grew to here serving as an organizational club leader at Calcasieu Home School club. She serves project leader for the horse program and was instrumental in the organization of the Calcasieu – Cameron 4-H Horse club. She has conducted 4-H Horse Camp reaching over 900 participants. In addition to her veterinary career, she completed the Master Horseman program to continue to learn and refine her skills and knowledge. Given her knowledge of the program as well as the respect she garners in the community, she serves on the Calcasieu 4-H Overall Advisory Board and currently serves as president of the Calcasieu 4-H Foundation board.

Brenda and another parent started the 1st Home school club in the parish, and it quickly became

one of the biggest and most active 4-H clubs in the parish. They began with 10 members and the last year she was a leader the home school club had divided into 3 separate clubs of Elem, Junior, and Senior members with 90 club members and 12 adult volunteer leader and a clover bud type club for younger family members. The club consistently had the most active 4-H participates whether it was contest or workshops. Brenda was a staunch believer in 4-H members completing record books. Her club members always had the most books turned in and won the most awards for their percentage of members who turned in books. Her clubs won numerous club awards on state level in record contest over the years such as outstanding senior club for community service Over the years, she has served as chaperon/volunteer for 4-H summer camp for approximately 4 year and Chaperone and volunteer for 4-H Short Course/ 4-H U for 7 years. She also has volunteered as a trainer coach for 4-H University coming back and volunteered to trained youth for 4-H U after her kids graduated. Since she has been president of the 4-H Foundation the number of scholarships the foundation is able to give to graduating seniors has increase from 2 to 8. With her leadership the foundation has secured more than \$50,000 in donations to be able to help more youth.

Brenda is a graduate of the first Master Horseman Class in Southwest Louisiana. Through participating in this class she has gained confidence to teach youth riding skills learned in this class. She has helped organize and teach the Southwest LA Horse Camp held in Lake Charles each spring. Over the past twenty years she has instructed over 900 youth. Brenda has trained numerous state-winning horse demonstrations and speeches and assists with the training of members participating in horse judging and Quiz Bowl at the state horse show. Th horse club has 60 members that meet once each month during the year. Conducted horse club fundraisers such as 3D barrel racing events, Hosted 4-H/FFA horse judging events. What makes the club unique is that it not only has 4-Hers that ride horse but is one of the only horse clubs that 4-Hers don't have to own horses to participate. She developed curriculum to teach these horse "enthusiast" as they are called to learn hands on about caring for horse. Served as an adult leader for 4-H summer camp for 2 years teaching nutrition classes to 500 youth.

Mrs. Brenda will officially be inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame on November 12, 2022 at Camp Grant Walker.



### **WHAT IS 4-H U?**

Louisiana 4-H'ers will compete for best in the state in more than 40 events ranging from plant identification, photography and computer simulation to speechmaking and fashion design. In addition, almost 300 students will take part in the noncompetitive learning event called Clover College, which includes seven hours of instruction over the three days.

During 4-H U, participants will be introduced to aspects of life that college students experience on an everyday basis. Students will tour a working dairy, a biomedical center and athletic facilities. Students will also get to see how college students live during the week by residing in campus dormitories, eating at campus dining halls and even going through the rigors of scheduling classes.

### **WHO CAN GO?**

4-H members who are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade eligible to attend 4-H University to be held on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge. 4-H U gives you the opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from throughout the state and compete for trips and prizes through a variety of project-area contests.

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

4-H members who are interested in attending 4-H University should contact the 4-H Agents for a list of available contests and registrations forms.