

4-H YOUTH CONNECTION

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COOKERY / AMBASSADOR WINNERS

Congratulations to the 4-H members who participated in the recent Jefferson Parish 4-H Commodity Cookery and Ambassador Contests! Overall winners will represent Jefferson Parish in the next level of competition in April.

Egg Cookery Winners

Brynna Robert, East Bank Teen Leaders; **Metaxania Evangeloulis**, Metairie Academy; **Destiny Humphrey**, Audubon Elementary.

Egg Ambassador Winners

Brynna Robert, East Bank Teen Leaders; **Nicole Celestine**, Roosevelt Middle School

Other Egg Cookery

participants were **Taylor Genna** and **LeAnn Lightell**, Fisher Middle/High School; **Jannely Perez** and **Ajdin Hasanovic**, Roosevelt Middle School.

Sugar Cookery Winners

Elise Van Pelt, East Bank Home School; **Hailey Castiglione**, Fisher Middle/High School; **Zachary Bladsacker**, Kerner Elementary; **Caitlyn Reisgen**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

Sugar Ambassador Winners

Elise Van Pelt, East Bank Home School Club; **Hailey Castiglione**, Fisher Middle/High School

Other Sugar Cookery

participants were **Laura Melancon**, Fisher Middle/High School; **Emma Navero**, Kerner Elementary.

Poultry Cookery Winners

Katie Maise, Word of Life Academy; **Selena Rodriguez**, Roosevelt Middle School

Poultry Ambassador Winners

Katie Maise, Word of Life Academy; **Kaori Keyser**, Roosevelt Middle School; **Arrash Faili**, Word of Life Academy

Other Poultry Cookery

participants were **Dani Bean**, Fisher Middle/High School; **Molly Gaffney**, Metairie Academy.

Seafood Cookery Winners

Saida Granizo, Word of Life Academy; **Tiffany Landry**, Fisher Middle/High School; **Shane Salvant**, East Bank Home School Club; **Emma Navero**, Kerner Elementary

Seafood Ambassador Winners

Shane Salvant, East Bank Home School Club; **Saida Granizo**, Word of Life Academy

Other Seafood Cookery

participants were **Laura Melancon**, Fisher Middle/High School; **Skylar Fazende**, Kerner Elementary.



LOST Camp—

Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology Camp

This special camp will be held **Monday July 30—Friday, August 3** at the Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, LA. It is open to boys and girls completing 7th grade or 8th grade as of May 2012.

Tracks will cover Wetlands, Energy, Videography, Kitchen Chemistry, Outdoor Skills, ATV, and more! Participants will choose and participate in 3 of these tracks while at camp.

Cost of camp is \$230 and includes meals, lodging, and transportation. Students on free or reduced lunch can attend camp for \$170. You must provide a copy of "Notification Letter for School Meals" to be eligible for reduced fees.

Space is limited! A \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot, and will be deducted from the total camp fee. **Fees are DUE in the 4-H Office by 12 noon, Wednesday, May 31.**

Contact the 4-H Office for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 3 Regional Commodity Cookery Contest, Houma
- 15 Spring Garden Show City Park, New Orleans
- 20 News articles due for May 4-H newsletter
- 24 State Ambassador Contest, Baton Rouge
- 27 Registration deadline 4-H Day at the Capitol
- 27 Registration deadline 4-H Camp

May

- Club Exhibit Days
- 4 4-H Beef Posters DUE
- 7 4-H Foundation Board mtg.
- 11 4-H University registration and deposit DUE
- 30 4-H Day at The Capitol
- 31 Registration deadline 4-H LOST Camp

June

- 1 4-H University fees DUE
- 11-15 4-H Camp (4th–6th grades)
- 19-22 4-H University 8th–12th grades)

July–August

- 30–August 3 4-H LOST Camp (7th–8th grade)



Reminders!

4-H Camp applications and fees DUE in 4-H Office April 27.
(Or closed before if available spaces filled.)

4-H Day at the Capitol registration DUE April 27.
to receive free t-shirt.

4-H Beef Posters DUE May 4.

4-H University applications and deposits DUE May 11



4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The annual “4-H Day at the Capitol” has been announced by the State 4-H Office. All 4-H members and volunteers are invited to travel to Baton Rouge on **Wednesday, May 30** to participate in this fun, educational event!

Visit our historic state capitol building! See how our government works! Meet some of your Senators and Representatives who make up our Louisiana Legislature.

The day will begin with a short program on the front steps of the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. Members from all over the state of Louisiana will participate. Plan to be in that number!

Last year over 1000 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and agents attended this event. Legislators truly enjoy this day and many have expressed their eagerness to meet with 4-H members.

All participating 4-H members will receive a **free t-shirt** to wear.

The event is free, but you must register by **Friday, April 27 to get a shirt.** Call the 4-H Office at 736-6519 for more information.



GEAUXING GREEN

As warm summer months approach, here are some “Geauxing Green” tips from Entergy to help you save energy.

- ▶ Set your thermostat to 78 or the highest comfortable temperature. Each degree cooler than 78 will increase your bill as much as 3%. If you are going to be away for an extended period, set your air conditioner to 80 degrees or higher.

- ▶ Keep air conditioner filters clean. Aluminum filters should be washed and fiberglass filters should be replaced monthly.

- ▶ Leave storm windows and doors closed when the air conditioner is on.

- ▶ Close shades and drapes on the sunny side of the house during the day to keep light and heat out.

- ▶ Don’t block air vents with curtains, shades or furniture.

- ▶ Keep the cool air in your home circulating with ceiling, oscillating or box fans. Circulating air makes you feel cooler and slows you to set your thermostat higher.

- ▶ Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans to remove excess heat and humidity caused by cooking, laundering and bathing.

For the latest Jefferson Parish 4-H information, visit our website at:

www.lsuagcenter.com/Jefferson

NEWS FROM OUR CLUBS



Attention Club Reporters!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Members of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 4-H Club elected officers recently. The club is new to our school, so we are ready for the exciting experience! Club Officers include: **Mocoy**, President; **Joey A.**, Vice President; **Gabriella S.**, Secretary; and **Swathi K.**, Reporter.
The leaders have decided to take the students to a church to plant flowers. We are very happy and excited about our new club experience!

East Bank Home School Club
Our club had a great meeting in March. Mrs. Dukes was our guest speaker and gave us a lesson in American History. Remember that April 27 is the deadline to register for 4-H Camp.
Gabriel Contreras

Word of Life Academy
The year is almost over and opportunities for Service Learning are available for all club members and mailbox members. There is so much to learn about Geauxing Green and a good way to express yourself is in the contests currently offered parish-wide including the Container Garden and "Geauxing Green" poster contest. As a club, we give support and share ideas when we work together on projects to meet deadlines. When students share ideas and things they have learned in the past projects, they realize that "service learning" is a fun way to gain knowledge and be creative at the same time. Try this at your next club meeting!

Rachel Faili, Volunteer

Alice Birney Elementary
Our club members are busy working on their Geauxing Green posters for the Spring Garden Show at City Park. Our club is very happy to announce that several of our students will be attending the 4-H Summer Camp this summer. This month we will be busy working in our vegetable garden that we have planted here at Birney. We have learned a lot about different types of vegetables and how they benefit our bodies!

Hang Nguyen



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
6640 Riverside Drive,
Suite 200
Metairie, LA 70003
OR
Email report to:
agauthier@agcenter.lsu.edu
Please put "4-H newsletter" in subject line
Deadline for May newsletter is
April 20

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Fred Silva, Cecilia Borne, Nerri Borne, Arrash Faili, John Hood, and Emzy Pomacino** who attended State 4-H Junior Leadership Conference at Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, LA in March. All of these students are from Word of Life Academy.

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4-H BEEF POSTER CONTEST

4-H members are encouraged to create a poster telling about beef and/or beef products. The finished poster should be appropriate for use on a billboard. Poster must be on **11" X 14" white poster board** and should generate positive images of beef and beef products and not portray negative images of other food products (such as chicken, pork, etc.)

Completed posters are due in the Jefferson Parish 4-H Office by Friday, May 4.

The overall winning posters in each division will be sent to the State Contest in Baton Rouge. State awards in each division are as follows: 1st Place—\$100; 2nd Place—\$50; 3rd Place—\$25.

Complete rules can be found in the March 4-H newsletter or on the Jefferson Parish 4-H website.

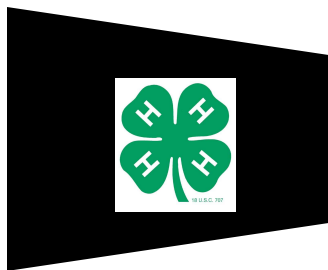


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4-H UNIVERSITY

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge on the LSU campus **Tuesday, June 19–Friday, June 22.** This exciting and ever popular event is open to 4-H members age 13 and older (must have reached 13th birthday by 1/1/12).

Teens will get to experience a taste of college life as they stay in college dormitories and explore the beautiful LSU campus. They will join approximately 1,500 teens from across the state for this 4-day event.

Participants choose a competitive or non-competitive track for 4-H University.

Participants in the **competitive track** select a contest area, prepare for competition, and then compete with other 4-H members for trips and other awards. Some contests are team events, while others are for individuals. Contest areas are varied and numerous. They include Computer Simulation, Sports Broadcasting, Fishing Sports, Dog Care, Personal Development, Public Speaking, Nutrition Illustrated Talk, Outdoor Skills Triathlon, and 4-H Has Talent.

Interested members will get a complete list of contests and requirements for each.

Participants in the **non-competitive track** (Clover College) will attend approximately 7 hours of workshops in a selected area of interest. A complete list of available Clover College areas with descriptions will be provided to interested individuals.

See your 4-H Agent for a 4-H University packet with all of the details and fees. **Hurry! Deadline to apply is May 11th!**



4-H Summer Camp

How would you like to spend a fun-filled week playing soft-ball, basketball, badminton, and volleyball? Maybe you would enjoy swimming in an Olympic-sized pool, canoeing, making handicrafts, and learning to shoot a bow and arrow. Maybe you would like to meet and get to know other 4-H members like yourself in a beautiful outdoor setting.

If this sounds like fun, plan on spending a week at 4-H Camp this summer. Camp will be held **Monday through Friday, June 11–15.**

Camp is open to boys and girls in **4th–6th grades.** Jefferson Parish campers will join boys and girls from other surrounding parishes at the Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center in Pollock, LA for a fun-filled week of adventures and good friends. (Pollock is located near Alexandria, LA in the central part of the state.)

Campers will travel by bus to the Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center. Transportation is included in camp fees.

Space is limited!

Applications will be provided to all interested members.
Do not bring your application and fee to your school or 4-H leader. Mail or bring applications and fees to the 4-H Office.