



TERREBONNE 4-H

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Dear 4-H Leader,

I hope that you all had a great summer and are ready for a new 4-H Year! Many of your 4-Her's have been busy with 4-H activities, camps, and contest throughout the summer. I am proud of the Terrebonne Parish 4-H members for doing such an outstanding job representing our Parish in these events. I look forward to working with you this upcoming year and as ALWAYS— Thank YOU for Volunteering your time to “Make the Best Better”! Please read the information below as well as the enclosed documents.

If you're a teacher or parent 4-H volunteer, I know this time of year is already stressful for you. Please do not let 4-H stress you out any more than you already are. Take it one day at a time and do what you can. The best thing that you can do throughout the year is to keep your 4-H members up to date about upcoming parish events and contest; and if you have extra time try to conduct a few community service projects at school.

I have scheduled a Volunteer Training for August 31, 2011 at the Main Branch Library (near the Civic Center) from 4:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This will be a great way to better understand what 4-H is about, your role as a leader and how you can help your 4-H members get the most out of the 4-H program.

Here are a few tips to Get your 4-H CLUB started:

Enrollment

- Begin recruiting 4-H members as soon as school starts— advertise by hanging signs around school, announcements in the morning, etc.
- I will present an overview of 4-H to potential 4-H members at the September meeting.
- Post signs around school advertising your September meeting—list date, time and place. (The September schedule is attached. If you have any problems, please let me know ASAP.)
- Have a letter (or note) ready to send home with your prospective 4-H members for the September meeting. In your letter (or note) include how much the dues will be (should not be more than \$10.00), the date the dues are due, and where to turn in the dues.

Enrollment Fees and Dues

- Parish dues will be \$5. You may choose to set your dues at a higher amount and keep some in your school club treasury for club expenses.

Deadlines

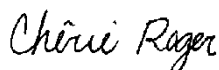
- October 5 is the proposed deadline for students to get their enrollment cards and dues to you. Our first call for completed enrollment cards is from September 26-30, 2011. Any other enrollment cards that come in after October 5 are to be turned in by October 15. You will be sent an assessment fee letter once all enrollment cards are received.
- You should encourage all students to enroll as soon as possible. This will enable them to:
 1. Run for an office (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter— optional: parliamentarian, committee chair)
 - ✿ ***The parish wide 4-H Officer training will be held on September 27, 2011. Let the 4-H members running for an office know that if elected they are required to attend the parish officer training on September 27.***
 2. Get their project books in October (if they choose— **project books are NOT required**)
- We do have an open enrollment policy, allowing members to join at any time throughout the year, but encourage members to sign up at the beginning of the year. Of course, if during the year students transfer schools, please work with them to get them enrolled, even if it is after the initial enrollment deadline.

Additional Tips:

- Make a plan for the year—try to incorporate at least one community service activity a month and at least one fundraiser. The more you do with the members, the more they will get out of the club.
- Our Educational Program Topic this year is Leadership (Accepting Differences, Accessing Leadership Skills, Building Your Leadership Team, Involving Others, Resolving Conflict, The Difference I Can Make)
- Be excited about 4-H!

Enclosed is the September monthly calendar and a tentative 2011-2012 calendar. I have scheduled meetings for September according to last year's schedule. Please review these documents and contact me if there are any changes to be made. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



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