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**January 2012**



**Dates to Remember:**

<b>January</b>	
Jr. Leader Meeting	17
Honor Cords & Jr. Excellence	6
Outdoor Skills (Tentative)	12
Fashion Camp	21-22
Food & Fitness Camp Due	24
Jeff Davis LVSK Show	24-26
4-H-New Orleans Hornets Ticket Orders Due	23
Livestock Awards & Sale	28
<b>February</b>	
Jr. Leadership Conference Due	1
District Livestock Show	31-4
Jr. Leader Meeting	6
Outdoor Skills (Tentative)	9
Food & Fitness Camp Due	15
Rural Electric Youth Tour Due	14
State Livestock Show	11-18
S. Regional Shoot Forms Due	20
Scholarship Applications Due	27
<b>March</b>	
Jr. Leader Meeting	5
T.V. Auction	6
Jr. Leadership Conference	9-11
Achievement Day	17
Food & Fitness Camp	17-18
Southern Regional Shoot	29-1
<b>April</b>	
Records Due	2
4-H Awards Banquet	24
State 4-H Shooting Sports Match	27-29

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 If you have a disability, which requires special assistance for your participation in any 4-H activity, please contact Mr. Silas or Miss Kori .

**National 4-H Conference Delegates**

The National 4-H Conference is held every year in Washington, D.C. Four-H members apply to represent Louisiana as a sophomore then attend the conference their junior year. Consideration is given to selected delegates who represent a diverse audience of the 4-H program.

National 4-H Conference is a planning forum to give direction to the future of 4-H. This is a working conference and not a sightseeing trip to the nation’s capital. Those who attend are expected to be knowledgeable about 4-H in Louisiana and interested in helping to implement new programs when they return. You will also serve on the 4-H Executive Committee and assist with 4-H Leadership conferences and 4-H University.

**Application and letter of recommendation** from your 4-H agent are **Due March 7, 2012**. Interested sophomores contact the 4-H office for an application.

**4-H Scholarship Applications for Graduating Seniors**

4-H Scholarships for graduating seniors are now available through the 4-H office or at your club meetings. A hard copy of the scholarship application will be available to you, however you need an electronic copy so you can type your application.

Scholarships will need to be placed in a green 4-H Record Binder. These are available at the 4-H office for \$4.00.

**Application deadline** is **before February 27, 2012** if you want agents to help review your scholarship forms.

**Top Raffle Ticket Salesman**

- Jamie Leger - 220 Ticket from Jennings Elementary
- Alexis Hornsby - 215 Tickets, Lake Arthur Elementary
- Peyton Thibodeaux - 205 Tickets, Lake Arthur Elementary

Our thanks to all clubs for selling raffle tickets. The funds you raise help us to do all the great programs for 4-H in our parish.

**In case you missed it...** Jr. Leaders provided protection and added an aesthetic appeal to the live oak trees at the I-10 Park!





## Food and Fitness Camp

Food and Fitness Campers in grades 4th - 7th (9-12 years old) will have an exciting 24 hours March 17 & 18, 2011. This is a very educational and fun camp for the chefs inside all of you. This year's theme is 'Wild About Food and Fitness.' Campers are encouraged to bring unused stuffed animals as donations to the children's hospitals statewide.

Jeff Davis can send 4 campers and at least one overnight chaperoned leader. Registration for Food and Fitness Camp is \$40 for campers and adult leaders. T-shirts are optional. Registration forms and fees are due to the 4-H office on February 15th, 2012. Check your calendars to begin making plans!

## Jr. Leadership Conference - Viva la 4-H: Deal out the Leadership

Attention all Jr. Leaders 14 years of age and older. If you are interested in developing leadership, teamwork skills, communication skills, hanging out with other teens and having a great time, then come register for the 2012 Jr. Leadership Conference. The conference is operated and planned by other members across the state. The conference will take place March 9 – 11 at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock.

The conference features a variety of workshops focused on leadership development, communication, teamwork, service learning, youth-adult partnerships and time management. A key element of the conference is its youth-driven focus. Youth decide what is offered, preside over the sessions and teach all the educational workshops.

Transportation is on your own or carpool with other Jr. Leader members. This will be a first come first served basis. Registration of \$75 is due before February 1, 2012. After February 13 a late fee of \$10 is assessed. Flyers will be handed out at the club meetings!

## Rural Electric Youth Tour - June 15-22, 2012 (This Conflicts with 4-H University!!)

The Association of LA Electric Cooperatives, Inc., will sponsor two (2) 4-H members ages 16 and older a week-long, all expense paid trip (worth \$1800) to Washington, D.C. The application process includes an application form, and compose an essay. Selected youth must also attend the Youth Leadership Conference in Baton Rouge, March 28-30, 2012.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour will provide an opportunity for LA youth to join over 1,400 students from 36 states in a program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Winners will see government in action, visit with Congressmen and Senators, and visit various government agencies and sites of historical significance. **Applications are due** to the 4-H office by **Monday, February 14!** Contact the 4-H Office for application and registration packet.

**Essay Guidelines from 2011:** *Students are being given the opportunity to voice their opinions (positive or negative) to their elected officials on any issues, problems, situations or successes. In the letter the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed. The letter should be addressed to the respective local, state or federal official and should be in the format of a formal letter at least one page long.*



**4-H Mall Cents Challenge** - Learning about fabrics, fashion, budgeting, modeling and Shopping of course included: Destany Hutchins, Tristan Courville and Kelcie Thomasse; along with Calcasieu and Cameron parishes 4-H clubs.

**4-H Pet Show!!** New categories: Owner Pet Look-A-Like and Best Dressed Sports Theme. What might next year hold??





## Louisiana Young Ag Producers Program (LaYAPP)

The recruitment process for the next class of the Louisiana Young Ag Producers has now begun. This program is open for students who will be juniors or seniors for the 2011-2012 school term (next year). Applications will be selected on the basis of application and interview process. Applications and other information can be downloaded at: [www.lsuagcenter.com/layapp](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/layapp).

Please help us to identify quality applicants who you know would have a serious interest in pursuing a career in production agriculture. No prior experience is necessary and this program seeks applicants from a diverse audience. Applicants can come from within the ranks of 4-H, FFA, or any interested high school student (public, private, GED, or home school). Membership in 4-H or FFA is not a prerequisite. They may be nominated by any AgCenter employee or volunteer, FFA Advisor, other educational professional, [ag producer](#) or home school teacher. **Applications are due February 1, 2012.**

## Level I 4-H Instructor Training

If you have been to a Outdoor Skills - Shooting Sports Workshop lately you probably notice something missing, Yourself training youth! We need additional help. As competitions draw closer, we will need additional instructors to work with youth outside of the parish workshops.

The next closest Level I Instructor Training is being offered in Port Allen on January 21, 2012. At this time, the program has only one rifle instructor, who is doing a great job, yet we need more if you want your child to have more one-on-one training to help develop the skills and knowledge to be successful. The registration deadline is January 11 however, call if you will be sending a late registration application to Baton Rouge. What a great AFTER Christmas gift that would make for your child, their neighboring friends or fellow 4-H members of their school club!!



## 4-H Camp



**4-H Camp** will be held **July 2 – 6, 2012**. 4-H Camp is for youth in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> this school year. Dads, uncles and grandparents we need male chaperones!! Come and enjoy the challenge and excitement of 4-H camp with your 4-H'er!! Contact the 4-H office today, get overnight chaperoned trained, complete the background checks and the interview process. If our parish doesn't have a male chaperone or two (depends on the number of cabins we can get) we won't go.

## Record Books

Record books will be due April 2, 2012 this year. Record keeping is a life skill that will benefit you for years to come. So, what are the benefits are there in doing records?

- Gives you an opportunity to reflect on year work
- Learn how to organize yourself
- Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself
- Appreciate what you've learned each year from the goals you've reached
- Recognize what you've learned in their 4-H projects
- Provides the opportunity to explain what you've learned and how to teach someone else
- Keep track of costs of projects
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- And yes, also meet requirements to participate in some parish and state 4-H events



The 4-H office has its parish contest each year. Scholarships can be won on the parish and even state levels based off your records. Great award trips are also sponsored by the State office. The Jr. Wildlife Tour for 4th and 8th grade members are awarded for records in *Discovering 4-H*, *Learning More About You and the Environment*, *Creepy Crawlers*, *What's Buggin' You?*, *Wildlife Project*, *You and the Environment*, *Follow the Path*, *Reach for the Canopy* and *Aquaculture*. Each year twelve (12) state winners are chosen to attend the trip.



Explore what 4-H at: <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/Kids/>

# The Back Gate

## Show Time Preparation

As the livestock shows approach, now is the time to be honing your grooming skills if you haven't been already. A bad hair cut now is better than a bad haircut a week before the show!

Remember the more time you spend with your livestock project, either setting feet, bracing or driving your hog the better your animal will perform in the show ring!

For more information checkout the You Tube webpage concerning fitting your animal project at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCiUU> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4> . These sites are available for free or you can purchase the videos through the American Angus Association.

## 2011 Livestock Judging Results

### Livestock Judging

Elementary 1st - Caroline Doise, 2nd - Sarah Estes, 3rd - Brylee Crochet, 4th - Cutter Tonn

Junior High 1st - Emily Estes, 2nd - Caroline Hardy

Senior High 1st - Amber Estes, 2nd - Braden Williams, 3rd - Evan Landry, 4th - Christian Bergeaux

### Poultry Judging

Elementary 1st - Cutter Tonn, 2nd - Sarah Estes, 3rd - Caroline Doise, 4th - Brylee Crochet

Junior High 1st - Caroline Hardy, 2nd - Emily Estes

Senior High 1st - Morgan Richard, 2nd - Christian Bergeaux, 3rd - Laiha Bergeaux, 4th - Amber Estes

### Horse Judging

Elementary 1st - Cutter Tonn, 2nd - Caroline Doise, 3rd - Brylee Crochet, 4th - Sarah Estes

Junior High 1st - Emily Estes, 2nd - Caroline Hardy

Senior High 1st - Amber Estes, 2nd - Laiha Bergeaux, 3rd - Evan Landry, 4th - Morgan Richard

### Overall Winners

Poultry - Morgan Richard

Horse - Amber Estes

Livestock - Amber Estes

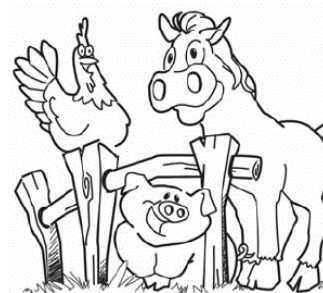
## LSU Premier Exhibitor Contestants

Entry forms for the LSU Premier Exhibitor contest are due to the State Livestock Show Office by January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All youth exhibiting animals at the LSU State Livestock Show grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are eligible to participate. Applications may be downloaded at [http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/departments/Livestock\\_Show\\_Office/Forms/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Livestock_Show_Office/Forms/) or visit the 4-H office.

The 4-H office also has a few of the resources you can use to study for in preparation for the Premier Exhibitor Contests. These materials are not to leave the office, so call and make an appointment today!

## Livestock Show Dates

Jeff Davis Jr. Livestock Show:	January 24-26, 2012
Jr. Livestock Sale:	January 28, 2012
Southwest District Livestock Show:	Jan. 31 - Feb 4, 2012
LSU Spring Livestock Show:	February 11-18, 2012



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