



4-H Update For Parents



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Four-H members receive monthly updates at club meetings, but often those don't make it home to parents. The purpose of this newsletter is to let parents know about opportunities in 4-H in the coming months.

Spring is a busy time for the 4-H program. At March 4-H meetings your child received information, registration and permission forms, etc. for many of the activities listed later in the newsletter. So please check with them to be sure all of you know what is going on and what you have to do for your child to participate. Please be aware of registration deadlines and note that we do not accept cash at the 4-H office for registration fees.

There are a couple of things that came up since the March 4-H newsletter was printed – a hunter safety course being offered by the DA's office at the end of March and a regional SET day camp in Gonzales.

We also hope that being more informed will encourage you to become more involved in the West Feliciana 4-H program. Adult involvement in the 4-H program is essential, and we welcome your participation in any of our 4-H activities.

4-H WEBSITES

The West Feliciana 4-H website contains information about our local program including pictures, newsletters and more at http://la4h.org/west_feliciana.

Check out the 4-H Clubhouse website from the LSU AgCenter. You'll find lots of fun games, learning activities and interactive topics for 4-H members at: <http://www.4-hclubhouse.com/>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is a listing of some of the activities planned from now to the end of July which are available to our 4-H members:

March 22	Junior Leader Club meeting
March 23	6 Easy Bites project workshop**
March 25-27	Co-op Conference (8 th grade & up)
March 26-27	Hunter Safety Class, Town Hall**
March 29	WFMS 4-H field trip**
April 2	Spring cookery contest**
April 5	Bains 4-H meetings**
April 7	Tunica 4-H meeting**
April 23	Regional SET camp, Gonzales
April 25-27	Challenge Camp (7 th graders)
May 2	District cookery contest
May 4	Awards & Activity Day** (4-6 th)
May 13	Camp registration deadline
TBA	Family Fishing Day**
	Project Fun Day (4 th - 6 th graders)**
June 1	4-H Day at the Capitol
June 21-24	4-H University (8 th grade & up)
June 27-28	SE District Horse Show
July 4-10	State Horse Show
July 11-15	Summer camp for 4 th – 6 th graders
July 13	Deadline for state portfolio contests

Activities marked with ** are parish activities – all others are multi-parish or state-wide activities. If you want further information about any of the activities you see listed, please call the 4-H office at 635-3614 or e-mail us at wfeliciana@agcenter.lsu.edu.

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6 Easy Bites Workshop – Wednesday, March 23, from right after school to 5:15 pm. This workshop is limited to 16 4th to 6th grade participants. It will include hands-on food preparation activities as well as some nutrition and food safety. Register by March 21.

Hunter Education Class – March 26 & 27 at the St. Francisville Town Hall. Call Rhonda or Donna at the DA's office at 635-4612 to register.

Spring Cookery Contests - The poultry and egg cookery contests will be held on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 am at the West Feliciana Community Center. Anyone in 4-H may enter, and a contestant may enter dishes in more than one division. Information on the different contests and divisions is available from the 4-H office. To be sure there is enough interest, contestants must register with the 4-H office no later than March 25. Winners will be eligible for the regional contest in Hammond on May 2.

Regional SET (Science, Engineering and Technology) Camp – April 23, 9 am – 2 pm at Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales. This is a new event for our region of 16 parishes and planned by the teen members of the La 4-H SET Board. It is open to 4th – 6th grade 4-H members. Registration fee of \$15 includes camp supplies, name tags and a t-shirt. Transportation will be on your own. Kids should bring a bag lunch, and wear comfortable clothes (shorts/jeans, t-shirt and tennis shoes). Some of the experiments are messy, so that should be taken into consideration.

Register at the parish 4-H office between March 21 and April 8.



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4-H PORTFOLIOS/RECORD BOOKS

Parish record book awards – For 4th & 5th graders and presented at Awards & Activity Day. Awards include rosette ribbons for Outstanding Record Book in each grade plus ribbons and Clover Bucks for all books completed and turned in by April 15. Additional pages to add to project books were available at March 4-H meetings and are on the parish website.

State portfolio contests – Entries due to the state office by July 13 and 4-H portfolio form is required along with project book(s). 4th & 5th graders may be eligible for Junior Wildlife Tour or Superintendent's Award for livestock exhibitors. 6th – 12th graders are eligible for a variety of portfolio contests with awards such as trips and savings bonds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

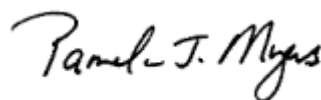
If you have any questions about any of these activities, feel free to call us at the office at 635-3614, e-mail wfeliciana@agcenter.lsu.edu, or drop by. We also welcome your suggestions for ways to make the 4-H program better.

4-H AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

The federal source of funds for the Cooperative Extension Service, including 4-H, is slated for significant cuts in the continuing resolution currently being considered in Congress. On top of the state cuts in recent years, the proposed federal cuts will be very damaging to Louisiana 4-H and other Extension Service programs in agriculture, nutrition, etc.

If you feel 4-H has value for your children and your family, please tell your congressmen and senators what it means to you. Details about the budget are available on the AgCenter website at www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/chancellors_office/focus_budget/value/.

Thank you for your support.



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