

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2011

Louisiana



Kellett Hathorn Louisiana State 4-H Club Agent

Home: Lecompte, Louisiana

Nominated by: Louisiana 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Began 33-year career as St. Tammy Parish 4-H agent in 1955. Promoted to State 4-H Club Agent with responsibility for adult and junior leadership, camp, educational trips, and the Short Course at LSU. Created the LA Junior Leader Club, developed the LA 4-H Awards Handbook, established citizenship trips to Washington DC and other out of state awards trips. Under his leadership, camp programs and facilities were improved and expanded.

Honors: 4-H Agents Association DSA and 25 year awards. Floyd Edmiston Award, LSU Alumni Federation. Award of Appreciation, Louisiana Dept. of Education for a 4-H Arts Program. Louisiana 4-H Foundation Donor Award.

Biography:

Kellett Hathorn started as St. Tammy Parish 4-H agent in 1955. He organized a 4-H project for low income youth and a livestock project loan program with local banks for parish 4-H youth, including low income. In 1960 he was promoted to State 4-H Club Agent with responsibility for adult and junior leadership, camp, educational trips, and the Short Course at LSU. He created the LA Junior Leader Club, wrote the first Junior Leadership Project bulletin and co-authored the first adult leader bulletin, developed the LA 4-H Awards Handbook and conceived the Best Community Club Contest. He established three yearly summer citizenship trips to Washington DC and out of state awards trips.

Hathorn believed 4-H camp provided great life experiences and was a recruiting program. The camp had some buildings built in the Depression and targeted for demolition. Through his relentless effort, they were saved and now enhance the Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center. Under his leadership, camp programs and facilities were improved and expanded. At his retirement, LA 4-H Agents Assoc. dedicated the Hathorn Fitness Trail at Grant Walker. After retiring, he continued as a 4-H volunteer in parish and state, was active in his church and the Farm Bureau and Cattlemen's Assoc. and coached softball until his death in 2008.

Quote: Anything worth doing is worth doing well!



Kellett and Joan Hathorn at Dedication of Hathorn Fitness Trail at Camp Grant Walker on his retirement.



Kellett speaking at East Feliciana Achievement Day.



Louisiana 4-H Short Course Awards Nights.