



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

What's On Your Plate?

Have you ever thought about all the ways we can eat fruit? Apples can be made into sauce or pie filling, dried into semi-soft rings, or made into crisp chips. This month we will turn on our food scientist brains and discover more about cooking fruit!



Talent and Art Contest

Talent and Art Contest entries are due to Mrs. Nicole on Monday, March 7th at midnight! A huge thank you and congratulations to all those who submitted entries! It is no surprise to us that we have some talented 4-H members here in Lafayette Parish!

Results will be posted and distributed soon. Check our social media pages for results, they will also be sent out to Leaders. If you earn a ribbon for the Talent and Art Contest, it will be brought to your school for distribution soon.



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Scorecard Information

At March meetings, we plan to distribute 4-H Awards Scorecards to students that have been active throughout the year (in 4-H). We will discuss the importance on completing the document to members. The scorecard will be used to determine who will be recognized as our outstanding 4-H'ers this year! At least one member from each club will be recognized. The scorecards will be due to our office on April 15th.

Strawberry & Fern Sale

The Annual Strawberry & Fern Sale is kicking off this month to benefit the Lafayette 4-H Foundation. It supports Lafayette 4-H by funding awards, transportation, or part of camp registration fees. Strawberries will sell for \$25.00 per flat, ferns will be selling for \$25.00 per plant. Clubs will receive 50% of the profit. So for every dollar profit, your club will receive 50 cents.

Orders are due to the 4-H Leaders by Monday, March 21st and they will be due to the 4-H Office on **Wednesday, March 23rd**.

We will continue with the same style of pick-up as the Fall Commodity Sale. The delivery is set for **Tuesday, April 5th** for pick-up from **2:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank, 215 E Pinhook Rd. If you prefer, you can pick up your club's complete order and disburse them at school.

Payment: All checks for orders should be made to Lafayette 4-H Foundation. Once all orders are collected and delivered, the Lafayette 4-H Foundation will issue checks to schools for their portion of the profits generated.



Achievement Day 2022

Achievement Day is one of Lafayette Parish 4-H contest days. It is a great way to participate in many different 4-H contests, as well as showcase some of your hard work from the entire year.

We are very excited to announce that Achievement Day will be our first in-person event! It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 26, 2022** at **David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy** located at 805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA. Our theme this year is "Food Science" and we have designed many of the contests with that consideration, including a Food Science Expo.

Rules for Achievement Day can be found on our website or by asking your Leader! Good luck, everyone! We so look forward to seeing your entries!



Global Youth Service Day

Plan to participate in the largest service event in the world on April 29th – May 1, 2022. National Youth Service Day will mobilize millions of young Americans to identify and address the needs of their communities through service. Learn more about getting involved and applying for Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes GYSD 2022 Grants for your National Youth Service Project. For information, visit: <https://ysa.org>



Camp Applications

Camp applications are being distributed this month to 4-H Club Leaders, Members, and families. We have been given an allotment of 30 beds at 4-H Camp this summer and are planning to provide a camping experience to as many members as possible through a week of day camps, as well. The initial application is to gauge interest of members as well as secure the recommendations from Leaders and school administration for members who benefit most from an opportunity to participate in Camp. Applications will be due to the 4-H Office by Monday, March 14th.

Members are asked to rank their camping options from 1-4 so that we will be able to match them as closely with the opportunity they wish to participate in. We will process all applications and send notification to those campers accepted for each camp the first week of April.



There will be a meeting for all 1st year horse Exhibitors and their parents to receive information on the program. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Grade Horse Clinic on **Tuesday, March 29th** at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center located at 2206 Johnston Street.

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the 1st year Exhibitors' meeting, followed by the Grade Horse Clinic at about 7:00 p.m. outside of the building. All trucks and trailers should enter the property from the Johnston St. entrance. Parents should park to the right side of the road in order to allow traffic to flow. Horses will remain in trailers until their individual time of certification. They will be certified in the order that they arrive.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Charles Hebert at (337)291-7090 or by email at chebert@acgenter.lsu.edu.



Marsh Maneuvers is a 4-H Camp for high schoolers (completed 9th-12th grade by July 4, 2022) that offers hands-on learning about Louisiana's coast! Some of the unique experiences include taking a tour of the marsh in an airboat, helping restore wetlands by planting marsh grass, going crabbing, and touring the Tabasco Factory and Jungle Gardens at Avery Island.

Marsh Maneuvers 2022 will be housed at the Broussard Bunkhouse in Intercoastal City, LA the following weeks:

July 5-9, 2022

July 11-15, 2022

There is a \$150 registration fee that is non-refundable and covers the cost of meals, supplies, and a t-shirt. The fee does not have to be paid until after the 4-H Member has been invited to attend.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by judges. Applicants with the highest scores will be invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers. Applicants who have been invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers or selected as alternates will be notified by email by April 18, 2022. Applicants who have not been selected to attend Marsh Maneuvers or listed as an alternate will not receive a notification.

Use the following link to access the Marsh Maneuvers application:

<http://lsuagcenter.com/MMApplication>

Fill out the entire application and submit by March 16, 2022. Applications must be completely filled out in order to be considered.

Application Tips:

If you are having trouble thinking about what to write, discuss ideas and what you want to say with another person first and use your notes from that conversation as an outline.

Have another person read over your application before you submit it to check for any typos or mistakes.

Double-check that you have filled out each part of the application correctly.

Dates to Remember

March 2022

- 5 Fashion Show, 4-H Office
- 5 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 7 Talent and Art Contest Entries Due
- 7 First Day of Club Meetings
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Parish Shoot, Lafayette Skeet Academy
- 23 Strawberry & Fern Sale Orders Due, 4-H Office
- 26 Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
- 29 First Year Exhibitor Horse Meeting, Ira Nelson
- 29 Grade Horse Clinic, Ira Nelson



St. Patrick's Day

Here in 4-H, we are big fans of the 4-leaf clover. We share that in common with a March holiday, St. Patrick's Day! Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick's Day:

- ✿ The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston in 1737
- ✿ Legend says that each leaf of the clover represents something: hope, faith, love, and luck!
- ✿ There are approximately 10,000 3-leaf clovers for every 4-leaf clover
- ✿ While St. Patrick's Day is typically associated with the color green- the color used to be blue! It was officially changed to green in 1798!
- ✿ Since 1962, the Chicago River is dyed green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day- the dye is eco-friendly to ensure that no wildlife is harmed!

April 2022

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 Strawberry & Fern Sale Pick-up, Second Harvest
- 15 Good Friday, *Office Closed*
- 17 Easter Holiday
- 18 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 18 Outstanding Senior Applications Due, 4-H Office



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