



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Close of the School Year

Congratulations on a fruitful 2021 – 2022 school year! While it is coming to a close, there is plenty to look forward to in 4-H. Read below and find out more!

Best wishes to our graduating 4-H'ers and thank you for all that you have done for our program. May the future hold all the best for you!

## May 2022

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### Points of interest:

- Close of the School Year
- Summer Camp
- Honors Night
- LOST Camp
- 4-H University
- State Fair of Louisiana
- Thank You!

## Summer Camp

Selected 4-H Members in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will spend July 25-28 at the 4-H Camp Grant Walker near Pollock, LA. Selected 4-H'ers should have already turned in their camp registration (both electronically through 4-H Online and hard-copy), along with a deposit. Balance letters will be sent out in May.

We have requested additional beds and will maintain a waitlist for overnight camp spots due to the smaller than usual quota that the parish was given this year. Once we know if we receive additional beds in the weeks to come, we will notify those 4-H'ers on the waiting list in the order they were received.

Individual day camp dates will be assigned, and more information will be sent to campers who requested these opportunities as a preference instead of overnight camp. Parents may volunteer!



## Honors Night

The Honors Night program will be held on May 4th, 2022 at the Scott Event Center (110 Lions Club Rd, Scott, LA 70583). We are anticipating that the high school and middle school program will begin at 4:45 pm and the elementary school program will follow at 6:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

A letter has been sent to every 4-H'er being honored that evening.



## LOST Camp

LOST (Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology) Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Acadian Village in Lafayette, LA. Registration forms have been sent electronically to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Members currently enrolled in Lafayette Parish 4-H and are available on our [Lafayette Parish LSU AgCenter website](https://louisianaparc4h.org/AgCenter). Please contact Mr. Paul at [pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu) for more information.



## 4-H University

4-H University will be held June 21-24 at LSU; 4-H Members from all around the state of Louisiana gather to compete in contests, participate in educational tracks, and show off their dance moves!

Last year, 4-H U had to be moved to an online platform to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. This year, 4-H U will be back in person on the LSU campus with a few events still competing virtually. Information was sent out to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders electronically and hard-copy in the mail. Please review contest details carefully before completing your registration.

Contests available this year include...

- Career Preparation
- Public Speaking
- Photography
- Livestock Judging
- 4-H Has Talent
- Insect Identification
- Fashion Review
- ... and many more!

If you would like to represent Lafayette Parish while also learning new things and meeting new people, 4-H U might just be for you! If you are interested and have questions about 4-H U and/or registration, please let Mrs. Nicole know at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu).



# Dates to Remember

## May 2022

- 4 4-H Honors Night, Scott Event Center
- 5 4-H University Orientation, 4-H Office
- 13 Camp Counselor Application Due
- 19-21 LPSS Graduation
- 25 LPSS Last Day of School

## June 2022

- 4 Lafayette Horse Show, SugArena
- 21-24 4-H University, LSU
- 28 Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Office
- 30-7/2 District Horse Show, SugArena

## State Fair of Louisiana

Members interested in participating in The State Fair of Louisiana this coming Fall should be aware of possession and validation dates for all show animals:

\*June 10, 2022 – Market Steers; \*July 10, 2022 – Commercial Heifers, Commercial Dairy, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, “NEW” Wether Dam Goats, Commercial Does; \*August 10, 2022 – Market Swine, Commercial Gilts; \*August 1, 2022 – All registered

Kits may be ordered beginning May 9, 2022. Visit [StateFairOfLouisiana.com](http://StateFairOfLouisiana.com) for more information.

If you will be participating, please notify Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) by October 15, 2022 of the dates you are showing for a school excuse to be sent to administrators in advance.

## Thank You!

We are grateful for all of the contributions of our 4-H'ers, families, Leaders, Volunteers, and the entire community supporting our Lafayette Parish 4-H program this year! We truly could not do what we do without the continued support from all of you. We look forward to all that will come, including our members' smiling faces each month!

## July 2022

- 4 Independence Day Holiday, *Office Closed*
- 4-8 State Horse Show, Lamar Dixon Expo Center
- 18-22 4-H Day Camps, Scott Event Center
- 25-28 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker

## August 2022

- 22-25 4-H Agents Association Convention, Lake Charles
- TBD Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office



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