

Lafayette 4-H Hotline

4-H is for EVERYONE!

4-H is fun! 4-H is learning! 4-H offers a whole new world of opportunities for youth to learn new things, go new places, and meet new friends. After all, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the United States!

Who can join 4-H?

Any 4th-12th grader who attends school in Lafayette Parish and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible to join. Those who attend school outside of Lafayette Parish but live in Lafayette Parish are also eligible through our member-at-large program.

Lafayette will be part of a pilot of the new Louisiana 4-H Online System. The online enrollment and program management system for the coming school year. 4HOnline is an online member enrollment and program management software used by 4-H programs across the country. It is a fully integrated management system that brings together all levels of the 4-H experience. Whether it's a member logging in to manage his/her record, a volunteer leader completing their training or screening requirements, or a parent viewing the 4-H program's online event calendar, 4HOnline will bring the Louisiana 4-H community together and keep everyone involved. 4HOnline is fully encrypted; member and volunteer information are safe, backed up continuously, and fully secured.

How do I join 4-H?

1. More information will be shared with our organizational leader and on www.facebook.com/lafayette4h in the next few weeks or by September 15th.
2. All members that were previously enrolled in the program last school year, will receive an email with detailed instructions on how to create your family profile and enroll.
3. Choose **one** project. If you choose an animal project, you may choose more than one book.
4. All 4th graders must select the 'Discovering the World of 4-H' project.
5. All 5th graders must select the 'Exploring the World of 4-H' project.
6. Pay your dues. Check with your school club leader for dues amount and due date.
7. If there is a 4-H club at your school, you must be a member of that club.
8. **If you plan to participate in livestock or shooting sports, please submit your online enrollment as soon as possible and if you are new, please call the Lafayette 4-H Office for program details.**

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be distributed each month from September to May. These will be posted virtually in school clubs and on our Facebook page. If you have any questions concerning the 4-H program, call the 4-H Office at (337)291-7090.



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Pumpkin Decorating Contest

We are thrilled to announce our annual pumpkin decorating contest! If you have attended 4-H Fall Fest in the past, you know our pumpkin decorating contest is one of our most popular events. This year, we will once again have a special virtual edition of the contest!

Pumpkin pictures will be due by midnight on Sunday, October 31st! Send pictures of pumpkins to Mrs. Nicole at ngerald@agcenter.lsu.edu. Results will be announced the following week! See attached rules for complete details.



Join 4-H Junior Leader

Be part of the action! Stand apart from the crowd! Being part of Lafayette Junior Leader Team certainly has its advantages. The Junior Leadership Club takes the lead role in parish-wide service learning. The club helps in other parish 4-H activities, such as contest days, workshops, serves as camp counselors, etc. This is one of the greatest experiences of a high school 4-H'er. Any way you look at it, you can't afford NOT to be a 4-H Junior Leader.

Membership is open to all 8-12th graders in Lafayette Parish. Dues are \$5.00 for one year. If you missed the September meeting, try not to miss the next one scheduled for Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

State Record Winners

This year, 29 record books were selected to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition. Lafayette Parish 4-H members who entered and won State Record Book competitions include:

Orlando Leadership Institute Winners: Isabella Couvillion

National 4-H Congress Winners: Shaohannah Martin- SET Livestock, Annaclaire Zerangue- Healthy Living, Laila Horton- Citizenship (alternate), Zoe Cazayoux- SET Livestock (alternate), Tucker Habetz- SET Livestock (alternate)

Louisiana Trip Winners: Grace Simon, Molly Bordelon, John McHugh, Emmy Habetz, Jacob Sonnier (alternate), Grace Martin (alternate)

4th Grade Category Winners: Carlie Anne Simon

Congratulations to all who participated, we are very proud of your hard work and dedication!

National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 3rd through October 9th. Each year, we encourage clubs to get involved with National 4-H Week through volunteerism, service-learning, and kindness to all! For more information, along with promotional materials, visit www.4-h.org.



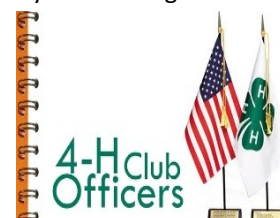
Project Books Arriving Soon!

Each 4-H member who paid their dues should receive either a project book or an activity guide. 4-H members should start reading and working in their booklets today. Record sheets located in each book should be completed over the next five (5) months. These record sheets will be incorporated into the overall 4-H Record Book that 4-H'ers are to turn in on February 28th.

How to complete a 4-H record book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21st. The workshop will be held at the Lafayette Extension Office with more details to be provided in the November Hotline.

Officer Training

Officer Training will take place virtually this year. The Junior Leaders have produced videos explaining the important role each officer plays in conducting a 4-H club meeting. Each club officer will receive a digital copy of the roles and responsibilities of your elected office along with any forms that may help you to carry out your job duties from your school leader. We will begin judging club meetings starting next month, so make sure to review all materials shared so that your meetings will run smoothly!



2021 LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Validation Procedure

LSU Market and Commercial Animal Validation is just around the corner. All market and commercial animals are required to be validated in order to be exhibited in the Parish, District, and State LSU Livestock Shows. Animals will be tagged, DNA tested, and classified (preliminary for entries).

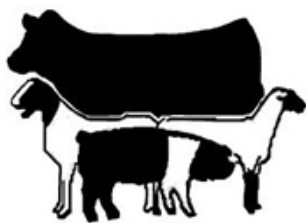
Validation kits are \$7.00. They are to be picked up at our office. Payment is due once DNA hair samples are collected and the kit is returned. Checks must be made payable to 'Livestock Show Office' at \$7.00 per kit per animal. If you need assistance validating and tagging your animal, please call (337)291-7090.

All animals must be tagged, and DNA samples collected and turned into the Lafayette 4-H Office prior to 4:30 p.m. on the validation deadline prior to the validation deadline set by the state:

November 8th: Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does

December 3rd: Market and Commercial Hogs

Any animal not validated by these deadlines will be ineligible to show at the LSU AgCenter Livestock Shows. If you have any questions concerning the validation procedure, you are welcome to contact us at (337)291-7090.



Member-At-Large Club

The member at-large club is for students who joined 4-H in Lafayette parish and do not have a 4-H club at their school or students who live in Lafayette parish and attend school outside of the parish. We have set the date for our first meeting of the Member-At-Large 4-H Club to meet on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021, from 5:00-6:00p.m.** The meeting will be held on a virtual format. Please add this to your calendar. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent out on the morning of the event to those that are in this club. If you have any questions and/or want to confirm your membership, please contact our office at 291-7090.

Louisiana Commodity Sale

Just in time for the holidays, the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring a Louisiana Sweet Potato, Rice, and Pecan Sale! Prices are as follows:

- Orange or White Sweet Potatoes (10 lbs.): \$10.00
- Orange Sweet Potatoes (40 lbs.): \$25.00
- Peeled Pecans (1 lb. bag): \$12.00
- Peeled Pecans (3 lbs. box): \$30.00
- Aromatic Rice (2 lbs. bag): \$5.00
- Aromatic Rice (5 lbs. bag): \$10.00
- Aromatic Rice (20 lbs. bag): \$25.00
- LSU AgCenter Gardening Calendar: \$12.00

All checks should be made payable to the 'Lafayette 4-H Foundation' and can be mailed, along with an order form, to the Lafayette 4-H Office:

Lafayette 4-H Office
1010 Lafayette St. Suite #325
Lafayette, LA 70501

Order deadline: Friday, November 1st

Pickup date: Thursday, November 11th

Pickup location/directions: Second Harvest Food Bank: 215 E Pinhook Rd: Head east on Pinhook toward the Evangeline Thruway, take left on East Vermilion, then left on Forrest St, and then left on Refinery Street. Line up on right hand side of road closest to Second Harvest. Turn in gate and drive through.

Pickup time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fall Fest

The weather is getting cooler, the days are getting shorter, fall has arrived! And with the arrival of fall comes the arrival of our annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Fall Fest! This year, as with many events, most Fall Fest will occur virtually. The Cookery Contest will be held separately as a drop off event on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. This will allow contestants to have their dishes evaluated on taste and not just appearance.

All other Fall Fest entries are due Monday, November 30th at midnight! Send entries to Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu. Results will be announced in the following weeks! See attached rules for complete contest details. Good luck to all competitors!

Become a 4-H Volunteer!

Become a 4-H Volunteer and help create life-changing experiences for youth in your community! There are many ways for parents and volunteers to get more involved in the 4-H program.

Adult volunteers play an important role in the 4-H program. They mentor 4-H youth, serve as a leader, coordinate local community service projects, help to plan and run events. Volunteer at your child's school, or on the parish, regional, or state level. To learn more about opportunities, contact the local 4-H Office at (337)291-7090 to find out about becoming a 4-H volunteer. Contact our

office for details or register at 4HOnline in your family profile.



Dates to Remember

October 2021

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 13 Member-At-Large Meeting, MS Teams
- 15 Final Call – Enrollment Due in Online System
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting
- 28-11/14 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
- 29 Pumpkin Decorating Submissions Due



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November 2021

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 1 Commodity Sale Order Deadline, 4-H Office
- 8 Exhibition Poultry Possession Date
- 8 Validation Kits Due and Possession Deadline for all Market: Goats, Lambs, Commercial Does, Ewes, and Heifers
- 8 Possession Deadline for Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Goats
- 10 Member-At-Large Meeting, MS Teams
- 11 Commodity Sale Pickup, Second Harvest Food Bank
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting
- 23 Fall Fest Cookery Contest Drop-Off, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School
- 30 Fall Fest Virtual Submissions Due

Sincerely,

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