



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Consumer Skills

The definition of a “consumer” is someone who buys and uses products and services. By this definition, we are all consumers! It’s important that we learn about consumer rights and responsibilities. It’s also important to develop good consumer skills so we can spend our money wisely and get the most value for our purchases. Consumers play a significant role in the economic system. Young people make up an important segment of the consumer population. The content of this lesson will mirror LEAP skills for learners in comprehension and collaboration skills, presentation of knowledge and ideas, knowledge of language, and research to build and present knowledge.



## Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest

The annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest will take place during club meetings this month! The categories remain the same as they have been in the past. They are as follows:

- Most 4-H Spirit
- Prettiest Christmas Cookie
- Most Unusual Christmas Cookie

Club leaders will need to share the details of when and where members should bring their cookies for judging. We will present certificates to winners during your December club meeting.



## December 2023

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### Points of interest:

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- Cookie Decorating
- Record Book Workshops
- Sewing Workshops
- 4-H Night with the Pelicans
- Clover Corner
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- Emerald Achievement Award & Honor Cord



## Record Book Workshops

Lafayette Parish 4-H Agents will host record book workshops held on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The first session is for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members that will be completing the 4-H Portfolio that includes the leadership and citizenship portions of the project along with their 4-H story and will be held on **January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Lafayette Public Library- South Regional Branch.**

The second session will be held for members in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades working on Discovering the World of 4-H and Exploring the World of 4-H projects from **2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Public Library- South Regional Branch.**

If you would like assistance with your project books, you should make an effort to attend the workshop sessions.

Participants should bring their project book with them- a camera isn't a bad idea either! Have them call (337)291-7090 or email Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) to **RSVP by Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Both workshops are free; we would like to get a headcount for supplies.

## Sewing Workshop

We are currently planning to host two sewing workshops for members interested in sharpening their skills working with textiles.

Sewing for Beginners will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2024 for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade members, at ALLBRANDS Sewing (3541 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy. Lafayette, LA 70503) from 11:00 AM -2:00 PM.

Sewing for Intermediate/Advanced will take place on Saturday, January 6, 2024 for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members, at the Lafayette 4-H Office (1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA 70501) from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Registration is required for the workshop and lunch will be provided for participants. See details on the registration form for more information.



## 4-H Night with the Pelicans

**This year's Pelicans game against the Phoenix Suns is going to be exciting!**

**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024, Tip off 7:00PM

**Game:** New Orleans Pelicans versus Phoenix Suns

**Location:** Smoothie King Center, 1501 Dave Dixon Dr, New Orleans, LA 70113

**Deadline:** to purchase tickets Friday, December 22, 2023

### Ticket Orders

- Payment and ticket order can be turned into 4-H Parish Agent or each order can be directly submitted to the New Orleans Pelicans
- The QR Code on the Flier can be used for group ticket purchases or individual ticket purchases.
- Parking can be purchased on the ticket link.
- **Seats are limited, first come first serve this is a big game. Order your group tickets as soon as possible to get the best seats.**
- **Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, December 22, 2023.**



### Buses & Parking

- Discounted parking offered.
  - \$20.00 parking per car can be purchased through the ticket link or QR Code. Tickets <https://pels.group/4H> or QR Code
  - \$40.00 Bus parking is very limited, and you must contact Denton Hunter to reserve your spot. 504-593-4748 or [Denton.Hunter@pelicans.com](mailto:Denton.Hunter@pelicans.com)
- Parking can only be purchased in advance via order form or ticket link.



## Clover Corner

*Hi 4-H Members!*

I'm back again as promised and am checking on your 4-H work. How is that book coming along? I made lots of suggestions in the November Hotline and if you finished all of the work, you're doing great!

December is a good month to work on some of the pages toward the front of the book. Last month, I suggested that you get a head start. If you haven't started, now is the time. This month, in both the *Discovering the World of 4-H Book* (pages 10-19) and in the *Exploring the World of 4-H Book* (pages 13-22), you will start on the importance of being a role model citizen in the "Citizenship" section on pages 10-19. In this section, you will learn about character education, communication, and demonstrations, as well as theater arts. Citizenship focuses on 4-H members becoming well-informed citizens who are engaged in their communities. This is done through civic education, public speaking, and community service. There are activities in this section that relate to the "Six Pillars of Character," identifying true friends, evaluating your character, tips on giving a speech and a demonstration, as well as artistic expression. Use the holidays to catch up on activities. In January, finish the Science, Engineering and Technology Section as we target our outdoor skills project areas of ATV, gun, and boating safety. I encourage you to be adventurous in learning how to care for livestock animals and pet projects. You can get started on these if you want to. Our program in December will tie directly into completing your book with tips on achieving your goal of a completed book. Remember to keep your record book neat and clean and decorate it if you wish. Pictures are always a good idea. Have a safe and happy holiday season and see YOU next month!

Yours Truly,

*Clover*

## Golden Clover Award

We are offering the 4-H Foundation Golden Clover Award (formerly Award of Excellence) for Junior 4-H Members. Awards will be presented at our 4-H Honors Program to outstanding Junior 4-H Members. To qualify, a 4-H'er must meet these requirements:

1. Under 14 years of age on January 1st, 2024.
2. Have at least two (2) years of 4-H club work including award year
3. Score at least 250 points on application and scorecard
4. In either the 7th or 8th grade
5. Can only win award once

Scorecards were mailed to 4-H Members in mid-November. They are to be returned to the 4-H office no later than Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Emerald Achievement Award & Honor Cord

4-H Emerald Achievement Awards (formerly Key Club Awards) in Louisiana are given to outstanding high school 4-H'ers. To qualify, 4-H'ers must be 15 years of age as of January 1st, 2024, must have three (3) years of club work, and have completed one year of Junior Leader work.

The "4-H Honor Cord" letter with the link to the online applications to be awarded to graduating seniors were mailed out. Seniors must have been in 4-H for three years of their high school career, participated in at least one state event and a Member in good standing. This award can only be won once in a 4-H'er's career.

Both applications were mailed to 4-H members in mid-November and are due in the 4-H office by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Junior Leader Club

It's not too late to join Lafayette 4-H's Junior Leader club, a club made up of 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members from across Lafayette Parish. Do you know a teen that would like to be involved in the community in a leadership role, but just not sure how to go about it?

The next Junior Leader meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. All 4-H'ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend. Have potential members contact Mrs. Nicole at [n Gerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:n Gerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) if they are interested in attending the Junior Leader meeting.

## Dates to Remember

### December 2023

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Validation Kits and Possession Deadline for all Market, Commercial, and Breeding Swine
- 7 Parish Broiler Pick-Up, TBA
- 15 Golden Clover Awards Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Emerald Achievement Awards Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Honor Cord Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 12 Premier Exhibitor Workshop, 4-H Office
- 21 Premier Exhibitor Exams
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting
- TBA Hoof Trimming Clinic

### January 2023

- 3 Record Book Workshop, **South Branch Public Library**
- 4 Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing, Blackham Coliseum
- 4 LSU Broiler Pick-Up, TBA
- 5 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6 Sewing Workshop for Beginners, AllBrands Sewing
- 13 Sewing Workshop Advanced, 4-H Office
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *4-H Office Closed*
- 17 Junior Leader Meeting
- 18-20 Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale
- 23-27 Acadiana District Livestock Show



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