



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Budgeting

Money is an important resource for everyone. It's what we use to get the things we need and want. Learning how to manage money is a very important life skill. Financial goals can help you get the things that are important to you. Understanding different types of accounts and how to set up a budget are skills young people should learn early on to be successful in reaching goals in their future.

This lesson reinforces the following standards for LEAP testing.

- Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities
- Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.



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Points of interest:

- Budgeting
- Fashion Show
- Project Books Due!
- 4-H Talent and Art Contest
- Achievement Day
- State Rabbit Show
- Summer Camp
- Citizenship Seminar
- Strawberry & Fern Sale



Fashion Show

This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the 2024 Fashion Show as part of Achievement Day on Saturday, March 16th at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. Prejudging of all garments be held ahead of Achievement Day on Saturday, March 9th at 1:00 p.m. Members who would like to participate must contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu or 337-291-7090 to receive more information about the rules. Registration is required by February 23, 2024, in order to participate. If any 4-H Leaders are interested in being a judge for this event, please contact Mrs. Nicole.



Project Books Due!

How are those project books coming along? At this time, they should be close to completion (or completed!). **All record/project books are due to the Lafayette 4-H Office on Friday, February 23rd.** Here are a few things to remember when working on record books:

- Put your name, grade, and school on the outside cover of your book (there may already be a sticker in place with this info; if not, please make sure to write it).
- **4th and 5th graders-** your entire book, including the projects in it, should be as complete as possible. Make sure to complete the end of the book and the questions that are asked there!
- **6th-12th graders-** make sure you turn in a portfolio with your record book. Your record book may be an entire book, or it may be an activity guide (smaller paper pamphlet).
- Awards at the parish level include ribbons and/or cash prizes. If your record book is chosen for the state competition, you can win award trips!

Please call the 4-H Office at (337) 291-7090 with any questions concerning record books. Good luck to all!



4-H Talent and Art Show

Have a talent you want to share with others? Created art that you want to display? The 2024 Lafayette Parish 4-H Talent and Arts Show planning is underway! All 4-H Members are invited to participate. You will need to contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu or 337-291-7090 to receive more information about the rules.

We are planning for a virtual contest again this year. All contest entries will be submitted electronically using photographs and videos. Registration and entries are due electronically by midnight on Monday, March 4th.



Achievement Day 2024

It is not too early to start making plans for the upcoming 4-H Achievement Day, Saturday, **March 16**, at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. It is our **BIGGEST** contest day of the entire year! For those members or parents not familiar with Achievement Day, it is the culminating event of the year. It is an opportunity for members to give demonstrations, showcase exhibits, take tests, and participate in workshops.

All 4-Her's should receive a copy of the rules this month and start preparing. Make plans now to participate in Achievement Day and earn points for Outstanding 4-H'er of the year!



State Rabbit Show

The LSU AgCenter will be hosting a State Rabbit Show on March 2nd at the State Evac Shelter in Alexandria, LA. All rabbits must be entered as animals in 4-H Online. All show entries must be entered in FairEntry at

<https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19367> ;

the link will open on January 1, 2024. Payment for entries will be processed online at the time of registration. Registration will close on Friday, February 23rd.

Entry information has been sent out to 4-H Members in the rabbit project. For more information, contact Ms. Brandi at 337-291-7090.

Summer Camp Update

Camp applications are still being accepted from 4th, 5th and 6th graders interested in attending summer camp. Once our initial quota has been filled, we will begin a waitlist. Registration invitations will be sent out this month for those that have approved applications.

Each child must have an administrator from the school sign on the back of the form verifying that the student has no major discipline issues. Before any applications are turned in from your club, a leader will need to rank their members based on involvement and participation in the 4-H program. A space is available on the back of the application for your signature and ranking. This is based on how active the members have been beginning from "1" through the total applications received. We will continue taking applications through March or until we reach our quota.

Campers needing financial assistance are encouraged to take advantage of the 4-H Camper Assistance Program. This assistance program is available to members on free or reduced lunch.

4-H Camp will be held **July 22nd – July 25th, 2024**. Parents, please look at your summer schedule to see if there is a possibility you can attend as an overnight chaperone! Overnight Chaperone training takes about an hour and is good for five (4) years.



AHOY fellow sailors!

The Louisiana 4-H Citizenship Board invites you to sail with us through the troubled waters of hunger and poverty. Sailors will work together to rebuild their boats as they journey across the sea and explore aspects of hunger and poverty and the impacts it can have on them and their fellow sailors. It's sure to be an adventure so join us for our Hunger and Poverty Seminar.

LSU Mini- Farm, Baton Rouge, LA (9:30 am-2:30pm) Lunch will be provided.

Registration will open February 16, 2024, on 4-H Online under the title – *Set Sail - presented by the State 4-H Citizenship Board*.

Registration Fee - \$15 per person - This fee must be submitted to complete registration.

Please utilize the online payment system or submit the registration fee to:

Michelle Dry
Attn: Citizenship Board Retreat
159 Knapp Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803



Strawberry and Fern Sale

The Lafayette Junior Leader Club and Lafayette 4-H Foundation are currently conducting their Louisiana strawberry flat and fern sale. Fresh Louisiana Strawberries are projected to be sold for \$25.00 per flat. Boston Ferns are being sold for \$25.00 per fern.

Orders will be due at the 4-H Office by Friday, March 8, 2024. Order Pick up will take place on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, from 2:00-5:00 PM at Second Harvest Food Bank (215 E. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA) Orders not picked up by 5:00 PM will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Profits (for the Strawberry and Fern sale) can

be split between the 4-H Club and Lafayette Parish 4-H if the club is indicated on the order form. Please call the 4-H Office with questions.



Dates to Remember

February 2024

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 10-17 State Livestock Show
- 13 Mardi Gras Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 14 Valentine's Day**
- 21 Junior Leader Meeting
- 23 State Rabbit Show Entries Due Online
- 23 Scholarship Deadline, 4-H Office
- 23 Project Books Due, 4-H Office

March 2024

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 2 Parish Shooting Sports Tournament
- 4 Talent and Art Entries Due
- 7-9 Junior Leader Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 9 Lafayette Parish Fashion Show Pre-judging
- 16 Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting

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