

# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Record Book Requirements

We hope that you were able to attend our Record Book Workshops on January 3<sup>rd</sup>! As was discussed, the guidelines for record books are as follows:

### 4th/5th Graders

- Must submit the project books (no “Portfolio/Member’s Record Book” is required).
- **4th & 5th Grade Discovering/Exploring 4-H Books:** Complete the entire project book including the story. Include pictures of yourself doing various activities throughout the year. Adding pictures will boost your score!

### 6th –12th Graders

- MUST submit a **4-H Portfolio** including (up to) 3 years of work and attach their project book.
- Activity guides are a replacement for project books. Each activity guide that is turned in must be included in Section 2 4-H Project Overview in the Portfolio. All completed **activity guides and project books must also be submitted to the parish for judging.**
- Use the new updated Format for Portfolios posted on the website. It is a digital form which you will need to print out to turn in.



## Record Book Covers

All record book information for 4-H’ers will be posted on the Lafayette 4-H website. This information includes the 6th-12th “4-H Portfolio,” guidelines for completing record books and record book cover sheets. The record book cover sheets are to be attached to a completed record book before they are turned in to the office. All 6th– 12th grade books must be in a three-hole punch folder. 4-H folders are available for \$3.00 per folder (this is optional).

## January 2024

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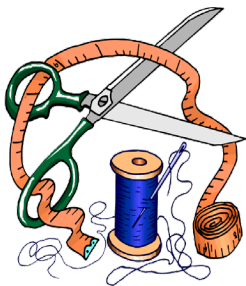
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## Fashion Show

This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the **2024 Fashion Show** as part of Achievement Day on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. **Prejudging** of all garments being entered will be on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Lafayette 4-H Office beginning at **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. Members who would like to participate must carefully read through the rules sent out as there are registration deadlines prior to the fashion show date. **Registration** is required by **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**, to participate.



## Talents and Arts 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 review rules carefully so that your submission will be complete and turned in on time for judging.

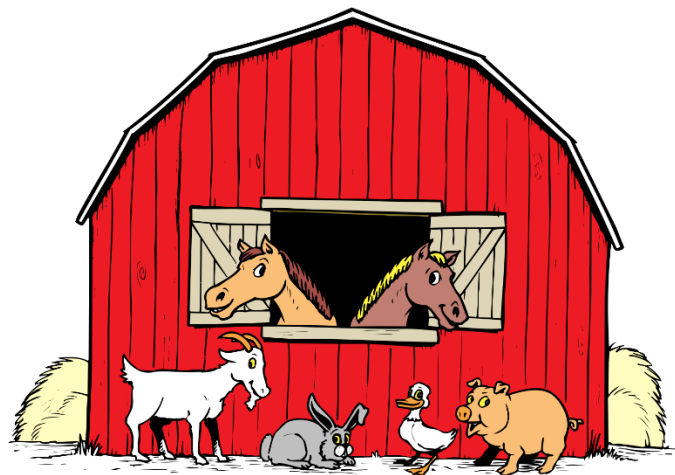
We are planning for a virtual contest again this year. All contest entries will be submitted electronically using photographs and videos. Registration and **entries are due electronically** by midnight on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**.



## It's Livestock Time

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Livestock Show is fast approaching. The deadline for Exhibitors to turn in livestock show entries online was December 8th, 2023. We hope you got yours in on time! If not, call the 4-H Office immediately. Upcoming activities include:

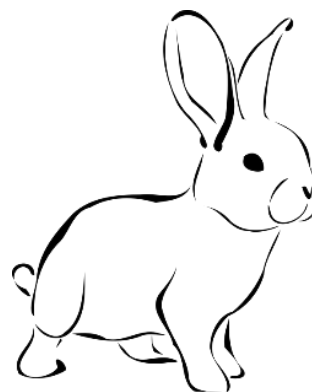
- Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Blackham Coliseum- behind Barns E&F
- Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale: January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 20<sup>th</sup>
- Acadiana District Livestock Show: January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup>
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show: February 10<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>



## State Rabbit Show

The LSU AgCenter will be hosting a State Rabbit Show on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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





## Clover Corner

*Hi 4-H Members!*

I am back again, as promised, and checking on your 4-H work. I hope that you were able to complete some of the activities in your book over your holiday break from school. I made lots of suggestions in the December Hotline and if you have finished all the work, you are doing a great job!

Last month, in the Discovering the World of 4-H book and the Exploring the World of 4-H book, you worked on pages that referenced being a good Citizen to others. This month, we will focus on Science, Engineering, and Technology or SET as we call it in 4-H. That means that in the Discovering the World of 4-H book, you will work on pages 20-36 where there are activities that will teach you all about ATV and Hunter Safety, fishing gear, types of products that come from animals, pet care, and photography. In the Exploring the World of 4-H book, you should be working on pages 23-34 which covers activities on parachutes, balloon jets, insects, environment, growing your own tree, and forestry.

If you came to the Record Book Workshops on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lafayette Public Library- South Regional Branch, you were able to complete many of these activities! That is a great way to be sure that you are finished with your record book soon.

Keep in mind all the great opportunities for you in 4-H as you work through the activities in your record book. Remember to keep your record book neat and clean and decorate it if you wish. Pictures are always a good idea. See you next month!

Yours Truly,

*Clover*

## Summer Camp Update

4-H Camp will be held **July 22<sup>nd</sup>– July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. 4-H Camp is for youth in grades 4th – 6th this school year. If you are interested in going, you will need to get a copy of the camp letter and application to complete and return it to your Club Leader.

The applications will be released on January 5<sup>th</sup> and will be due to the 4-H Office by January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Parents and Leaders, please look at your summer schedule to see if there is a possibility you can attend as an overnight chaperone! Please contact our office if interested.



## New Year's Traditions

- The first New Year's celebration dates back over 4,000 years!
- Did you make a New Year's Resolution? 45% of Americans do (25% of them break their resolution by mid-January)
- In a non-pandemic year, over one million people gather in Times Square in New York City to watch the ball drop!
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# Dates to Remember



## January 2024

- 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 Advanced, 4-H Office
- 13 Sewing Workshop for Beginners, AllBrands Sewing
- 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



## February 2024

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 10-17 State Livestock Show
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 Junior Leader Meeting
- 23 State Rabbit Show Entries Due
- 23 Record Books due to the 4-H Office
- 23 Fashion Show entries due to the 4-H Office
- 23 Scholarship Deadline, 4-H Office



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