



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Close of the School Year

Congratulations on a wonderful 2023 – 2024 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!



## Honor's Night

The Honor's Night Program will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy (805 Teurlings Drive). The program will begin at 6:00 PM in the David Thibodaux Cafetorium. Invitations were sent out on April 15<sup>th</sup> to all members being honored and their parents to attend.

## Summer Camp

Selected 4-H members in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will spend July 22-25 at the 4-H Camp Grant Walker near Pollock, LA. Selected 4-H'ers should have already turned in their camp registration along with a deposit. Balance letters were sent out mid April.

We have filled our original quota and have requested additional beds. Once we hear if we receive additional beds mid-May, we will notify those members on the waiting list in the order they were received.

## May 2024

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### Points of interest:

- Close of the School Year
- Honor's Night
- Summer Camp
- 4-H University
- LOST Camp
- Teen Cuisine Camp
- A Little Farm Fun!
- Resilient Rangers Camp
- 4-H Horticulture Camp
- State Fair of Louisiana
- Thank You!



## 4-H University

4-H University will be held June 18-21 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.

Contests available this year include...

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

An Orientation meeting for all participants attending 4-H University will be held on at the 4-H Office **Monday, April 29, 2024 at 5:30 PM**. Please make all efforts to attend so that you can meet the other participants attending and review training opportunities as well as meet with your lead staff coach to arrange practice dates in preparation for your competition.

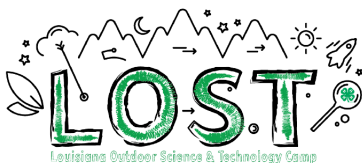
If any of you are interested in helping us train or would like to come as an Adult Leader, please contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu). Please remind your members to contact us if they are interested in attending and have not submitted their registration form.



## LOST Camp

Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology Camp will take place Monday, July 29-Thursday, August 1, 2024, at Camp Gant Walker in Pollock, LA.

We are in the process of reviewing applications received for LOST Camp and will begin notifying campers who have been awarded a spot in the coming weeks.



## Teen Cuisine Camp

Teen Cuisine Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders an opportunity to learn more about MyPlate, Food Safety and Physical Activity through hands-on activities in the kitchen. Participants will prepare healthy breakfast and snacks while honing their knife skills during the workshop.

**Date:** June 11-13, 2024

**Time:** 8:30 am-12:30 pm

**Location:** Lafayette 4-H Office (1010 Lafayette St., Suite 325 Lafayette, LA 70501)

**Fee:** Free to eligible members (no meal included; snacks will be prepared as part of the camp)

Participants are expected to attend all three (3) workshop days. Registration is required to participate, and the workshop is free to attend. Please complete the link to register by Friday, May 31, 2024.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/rhuJ60WUM>

You will receive a confirmation email from the LSU AgCenter Office with details about the workshop once you register.



## A Little Farm Fun!

This camp will be an educational day revolving around agriculture: discussing livestock projects, the horse project, and basic animal/pet care.

**Date:** July 18, 2024

**Time:** 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**Location:** Acadiana High School FFA Farm (315 Rue du Belier Lafayette, LA 70506)

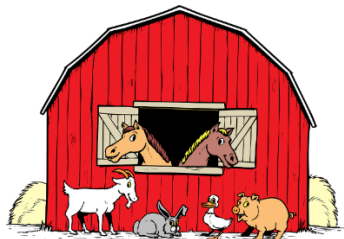
**Eligible Participants:** current 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members

**Fee:** \$15 per member (includes lunch and snacks)

Experienced 4-H members from the horse, beef, dairy, and goat programs will discuss things they have learned in 4-H

and what each project entails. Throughout the talks, there will be clues to collect that will help the members with a project at the end of the day! There will be live animals and the morning will be spent outside, so everyone will need to stay hydrated! After lunch, we will learn about the basic requirements for caring for pets and animals. Once that talk is completed, we will have snacks and reflect on what everyone learned throughout the day using their clues!

Please complete registration at the link to by Friday, May 31, 2024. <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/dbwxikduTA>



## Resilient Rangers Summer Camp

**Date:** Thursday, July 18, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Location:** Ira Nelson Horticultural Center- 2206 Johnston Street Lafayette, LA 70503

**Eligible Participants:** current 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members

**Fee:** \$12 per member (lunch & snacks included)

Join us for a day camp hosted by the LSU AgCenter LaHouse Research and Education Center. Campers will participate in engineering design challenges focused on building resilient homes through hands-on, interactive challenges! Also, in preparation for hurricane season, campers will learn how to create disaster emergency kits and plans. These activities are designed to equip youth with the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to effectively respond to and cope with disaster.

If interested, please scan the QR code to complete the online application. Applications are due Friday, May 31, 2024. Further camp and payment information will be sent out at a later date once the application closes. We look forward to a fun-filled day!



## 4-H Horticulture Camp

**Date:** Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Location:** Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette, LA

**Eligible Participants:** 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Fee:** \$20 (lunch included)

Calling all aspiring gardeners and plant lovers! This hands-on camp will focus on both the science and the art of growing plants –as that’s what Horticulture is all about! Located at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, you will have the opportunity to learn all about plants, landscape design, and much more. Lunch will be provided to all participants. To apply for 4-H Horticulture Camp, fill out the online application here: <https://forms.office.com/r/x6BTsYiGtK>



## State Fair of Louisiana 2024

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.

**Market Steers - June 10, 2024**

**Commercial Heifers - July 10, 2024**

**Commercial Dairy - July 10, 2024**

**Market Lambs - July 10, 2024**

**Commercial Ewes - July 10, 2024**

**Market Goats - July 10, 2024**

**Wether Dam Goat - July 10, 2024**

**Commercial Does - July 10, 2024**

**Market Swine - August 10, 2024**

**Commercial Gilts - August 10, 2024**

Visit [Livestock Validation Order Form \(statefairoflouisiana.com\)](https://statefairoflouisiana.com) for more information.

If you will be participating in the State Fair Livestock Show, please notify Mrs. Paula at [pbyrd@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:pbyrd@agcenter.lsu.edu) of the dates you are showing so that a school excuse can be sent to administrators in advance. Requests for school excuses are due to the 4-H Office by October 15, 2024.

# Dates to Remember

## 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!

## May 2024

- 2 4-H Honor's Night, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
- 3 Camp Counselor App Due, 4-H Office
- 16-18 LPSS Graduation
- 22 LPSS Last Day of School
- 28 Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Office
- 31 4-H U Training, EVAC Shelter- Alexandria

## June 2024

- 1 Tri-Parish Horse Show, AgArena-Opelousas
- 6 4-H U Training (Horticulture & Poultry Judging), IRA Nelson Horticulture Center
- 11 4-H U Training (Outdoor Skills, Livestock Judging, Tractor Operations, Zero Turn Mower), McNeese Farm
- 11-13 Teen Cuisine Camp, 4-H Office
- 18-21 4-H U, LSU- Baton Rouge

## July 2024

- 4 Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 4-6 District Horse Show, SugArena- New Iberia
- 10-13 State Horse Show. Lamar Dixon Expo Center
- 15-18 Jr. Leader Planning Retreat, 4-H Office
- 18 A Little Farm Fun! Camp, Acadiana High
- 18 Resilient Rangers Camp, IRA Nelson Horticulture Center
- 22-25 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- 29-8/ 1 LOST Camp, Camp Grant Walker

## August 2024

- 15 Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office
- 19 Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office
- 20-23 4-H Agents Association Convention, West Monroe

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