



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Monthly Lesson Focus

Vehicles come in all shapes and sizes. Transportation options depend a lot on where you live and your budget. Bicycles are a valuable form of transportation for many people and a source of exercise and enjoyment. Maintaining a bicycle and learning the rules of the road are a very important part of staying safe. Purchasing a vehicle is a big step. It's worth taking the time to understand all factors involved (price, insurance, maintenance, fuel, etc.) to make informed decisions. Responsible vehicle owners know the importance of regular maintenance to keep costs down and keep the vehicle running safe and smooth.

This month's lesson covers content standards for Middle School and High School science on energy and all grade level speaking and listening standards and vocabulary acquisition and use.



National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 2nd through October 7th. 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 when received. 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 23rd**.

How to complete a 4-H Record Book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd. The workshop will be held at the 4-H Office with more details to be provided in the December Hotline.

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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.

(Re-)Enrollment will be done electronically through 4-H Online. We successfully transitioned to this enrollment, program management, and event management platform last year. Whether a member is logging in to manage their record, a Volunteer Leader is completing their training or screening requirements, or a parent is viewing the 4-H program's online event calendar, 4-H Online will bring the Louisiana 4-H community together and keep everyone involved. 4-H Online is fully encrypted; Member and Volunteer information is safe, backed up continuously, and fully secured.

How do I join 4-H?

1. Information has been shared with school club leaders and on www.facebook.com/lafayette4h
2. All Members previously enrolled through 4-H Online last year will receive detailed instructions on re-enrollment.
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 the 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 complete enrollment in 4-H Online as soon as possible; if you are new, please call the Lafayette Parish 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 website. If you have any questions concerning our Lafayette Parish 4-H program, call us at (337) 291-7090.



Fall Fest

One of our biggest contest days is Fall Fest, to be held at J. Wallace James Elementary on **Saturday, November 4th**.

The contests will include Bicycle Rodeo, Poster Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Rabbit Show, Pet Show, and the Commodity Cookery. Rules for the contests will be given to all 4-H'ers in October. The Rabbit Show requires pre-registration, so be sure to **submit rabbit entries by October 6th**.

The day will be a ton of fun! Adult Volunteers are welcome to assist, so please call the 4-H Office to find out more.



Join 4-H Junior Leader

Be part of the action! Stand out in the crowd! Being part of the Junior Leader Club certainly has many advantages. The Junior Leader Club takes the lead role in Lafayette Parish service-learning. The club helps with contest days, workshops, serves as Camp Counselors, and more. This is one of the greatest experiences a 4-H'er can have.

Membership is open to all 4-H'ers in grades 8th-12th in Lafayette Parish. If you missed the September meeting, come to the next one scheduled for 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 18th at the 4-H Office.

Officer Training

Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, October 24th at Lafayette Middle School from 5:00-6:30 PM. The Junior Leaders have planned a mock meeting and individual workshops to help guide officers through their roles and responsibilities. Each club officer will receive from school Leaders a copy of the roles and responsibilities of the elected office along with any forms that may help carry out the job duties. We will begin judging club meetings starting next month, so make sure to review all materials shared, making your meetings run smoothly!



2024 LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Validation Procedure

LSU livestock validation for most species will soon arrive. 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 per animal. They are to be picked up at the 4-H Office. Payment is due once DNA hair samples are collected and the kit is returned. Checks must be made payable to "Livestock Show Office."

All animals must be tagged and DNA samples collected and turned into the 4-H Office prior to 4:00 PM on the validation deadline prior to the validation deadline set by the state:

November 6th: Beef & dairy commercial heifers, market lambs, commercial ewes, market goats, and commercial does

December 4th: 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 questions, you may contact us at 337-291-7090.



Fashion & Beyond on Tour

The 4-H Fashion Board would like to invite you to come experience the "new" Fashion & Beyond On Tour. You will get a closer look at all aspects of the fashion world, from newspaper runways, color wheels, upcycling, fibers, to basic sewing fundamentals. You will engage in multiple sessions of activities planned by the fabulous fashion board.

Items to bring:

- Sack lunch
- Adult Medium sized t-shirt to cut up

Join us at one of our venues as we travel the state bringing fashion to your fingertips!

- Limit 50 per location.



4-H State Fashion Board - proudly presents

FASHION & BEYOND ON TOUR



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Tour Ticket Price: *Limit 50 per location \$25 / person	Grades: 5th-12th
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January 9, 2024
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
4-H Mini Farm, LSU Campus
91 AgCenter Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

January 17, 2024
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
River of Life Church
127 Ellis Lane
Winnsboro, LA 71295



Questions:
Contact your local 4-H agents for more details

Register:
<https://v2.4honline.com/>



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.): \$12.00
- Orange Sweet Potatoes (40 lbs.): \$25.00
- **Peeled Pecans (1 lb. bag): TBD**
- **Peeled Pecans (3 lbs. box): TBD**
- Aromatic Rice (2 lbs. bag): \$7.00
- Aromatic Rice (5 lbs. bag): \$13.00
- Aromatic Rice (20 lbs. bag): \$35.00
- LSU AgCenter Gardening Calendar: \$14.00

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: Tuesday, November 7th

Pickup date: Tuesday, November 14th

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 the road closest to Second Harvest. Turn in gate and drive through.

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

Shooting Sports Camp

The Shooting Camp will be held December 8-10, 2023, in Pollock at Grant Walker Educational Facility. The camp is open to 4-H Youth ages 9-13 years old. Participants will choose one of the following: Archery, Shotgun, .22 Rifle or Air Rifle/Air Pistol/BB (Combined). **Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend but it is not mandatory.** The cost will be \$120 per youth/per adult which will cover registration, lodging, meals, and t-shirt. All youth will

be required to bring their own bow/firearm and arrows/ammo. Deadline to register is November 20. Mail check/money order (made out to "LSU AgCenter") or pay online by November 20 to:

David Boldt
4-H Youth Development
169 Knapp Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

More information will be sent after the registration deadline.

Dates to Remember

October 2023

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 2 First Day of Club Meetings
- 9 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 13 Deadline for Enrollment in 4-H Online
- 18 Junior Leader Meeting
- 24 Office Training, Lafayette Middle
- 26-11/12 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport



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November 2023

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Fall Fest, J. Wallace James Elementary
- 6 Exhibition Poultry Possession Date
- 6 Validation Kits Due and Possession Deadline for all Market: Goats, Lambs, Commercial Does, Ewes, and Heifers
- 6 Possession Deadline for Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Goats
- 7 Commodity Sale Order Deadline, 4-H Office
- 14 Commodity Sale Pickup, Second Harvest Food Bank
- 16-17 Challenge Camp ,Camp Grant Walker
- 21 Junior Leader Po-Boy Sale & Monthly Meeting
- 30 Poultry Clinic, Lafayette 4-H Office

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