

# 4-H Leader Update

December 2023

## 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.



## Letter of Authorization

The Letter of Authorization is an important document that must be completed by each club every year. The letter certifies that the club will be open to all members regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or disability and that the club will support goals of leadership, character, and life skills development for all 4-H members.

If you have not already submitted a Letter of Authorization, please do so as soon as possible. There is a copy attached to your leader update email.



## 4-H Online Enrollment

Schools have been invoiced for all members with approved enrollments entered in 4-H Online by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Project books have been delivered for all students with enrollment completed by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Checks for payment of dues should be submitted to the Lafayette Parish 4-H Office by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have students who have not completed online enrollment or if you have not paid your club fees, please do so. If you are missing any project books, please, let us know as soon as possible.

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## 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



## 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 [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) if they are interested in attending the Junior Leader meeting.

## 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.



## 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.



## Service-Learning Focus

The Lafayette Junior Leaders have chose the Hub Lafayette Urban Ministries as their partner organization as we work toward the state service-learning mission of addressing poverty and hunger. The Hub operates at 1515 W. University Avenue in downtown Lafayette.

The Lovewell Center is a membership-based resource center that gives members the opportunity to earn the physical resources they need by attending classes and programs designed to help them move out of poverty and homelessness and into a restored life. Earned credits can be used in the Lovewell stores. We will begin sharing monthly items that are in most need of stock in the store in an effort to assist in filling the need through collections in our 4-H clubs throughout the parish.

This month's collection items are:

- New and gently used blankets
- New and gently used sleeping bags

## 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 basic requirements:

1. Must be under 14 years of age on January 1st, 2024.
2. Must have at least two (2) years of 4-H club work including award year.
3. Must score at least 250 points on application and scorecard.
4. This award can be won by an individual only once.
5. Must be in either the 7th or 8th grade.

Scorecards were mailed directly to the 4-H members in mid-November. They are to be returned to the 4-H office no later than Friday, December 15th. Please encourage your 4-H'ers to fill out this application.

## 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. Please remind your 4-H'ers who qualify to apply.

The "4-H Honor Cord" letter with the link to the online applications to be awarded to graduating seniors were also 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.

Both applications were mailed directly to the 4-H members in mid-November and are due in the 4-H Office by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remind your 4-H'ers that this award can only be won once in a 4-H'er's career.

## Record Book Workshops

Please encourage your 4-H members to attend the upcoming 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.

## 4-H Night with the Pelicans

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

- *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.*

The Pelicans have brought back many of the fan experiences that 4-H Members have enjoyed participating in at the game!!!

**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

Pelicans Tickets <https://pels.group/4H> along with a



QR Code

- Pregame Tailgate Party - Arrive to the Smoothie King at 4:00pm-5:15PM There will be on-court and pre-game experiences for 4-H Members to participate in. Information will be sent out as soon as I have confirmation from the Pelicans about what they can offer fans.

### What's Included with each ticket purchase:

- Pelican promotion item on the night of the game is a plush pelican hat. (The Famous Carnival Celebration Bird Hat 2.0) Based on availability.
- Pelicans Hoodie – Given out at the Pregame Tailgate Party 4:00pm-5:15pm and at the Group Sales Center outside of section 114 6:00PM until half time. Sizes based on availability.
- A portion of the ticket sale proceeds will benefit 4-H Foundation

- Parish that sells the most tickets each 4-H Member from that Parish will receive a New Orleans Pelicans Swag Item (given to parish Agent or designated adult at the game to give out to 4-H Members)

### Fan Experience Opportunities

- Pregame Tailgate Party - Arrive to the Smoothie King at 4:00pm-5:15PM to participate in the pregame tailgate party located on the Smoothie King Center Concourse. Entrance is North 100 located on the concourse that connects the Ceasar's Superdome and the Smoothie King Center.
- Court of Dreams – If your parish is interested in participating in the Court of Dreams please contact Lauren Faust for more information.
- Baseline Pelicans – Select members of 4-H will get an exclusive on-floor view of the Pelicans' pregame shoot-around. (20 person max) Please email 5 names from your parish to Lauren Faust to be entered in a drawing by 4:30pm January 10, 2024.
- Pregame Fan Tunnel – Select members of 4-H will form a tunnel as the Pelicans team enters the court. You can high five the pros! (30 person max) Please email 5 names from your parish to Lauren Faust to be entered in a drawing by 4:30pm January 10, 2024.
- Anthem Buddies – Twelve kids from 4-H will stand tall in front of the Pelicans basketball team during the National Anthem Performance. Must be 12 years or younger. (12 person max) Please email 5 names from your parish to Lauren Faust to be entered in a drawing by 4:30pm January 10, 2024.

### Spark Video Contest – Deadline to submit video is January 10, 2024!

Game Ball – One person from 4-H will be recognized on the court at the start of the game while presenting the game ball with players from both teams. This is during the tip-off of the game.

- 4-H Members interested in presenting the game ball need to submit a video that describes the SPARK that started their 4-H experience. The video will be a minimum of 30 seconds and a maximum of 45 seconds.
- For the video, members must wear a 4-H shirt and use a solid color background.
- You must be enrolled as a 4-H member in 4-H Online.
- To upload your video, please use the following link: [2024 Pels Game Spark Video](#)
- Please email Your Name, email and phone number to Lauren Faust at [Lfaust@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:Lfaust@agcenter.lsu.edu) once you have uploaded your video so she can contact you if you are selected to present the game ball.

### Group Leader/Agent Benefits

- 30 tickets sold – New Orleans Pelicans swag item (one per group)

- 50 tickets sold – New Orleans Pelicans swag item and 2 balcony tickets (one per group) to a future game
- 100 tickets sold – New Orleans Pelicans swag item and 4 balcony tickets (one per group) to a future game

#### 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.**

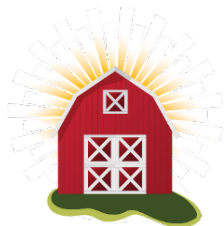
#### Buses & Parking

- 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.

## It's Livestock Time

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Livestock Show is fast approaching. Registration for the Parish and District Livestock shows has opened. Information has been sent to all registered livestock participants. Show registration will close on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Upcoming activities include:

- Premier Exhibitor Workshop #2: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Email Ms. Brandi at [bfeller@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:bfeller@agcenter.lsu.edu) to register
- Premier Exhibitor Written Exam: December 21<sup>st</sup> at the 4-H Office
- Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 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>



## Website Updates

The Lafayette Parish 4-H webpage has been updated to include all information that is sent out monthly to leaders and members. Please refer to the 4-H Contest Rules and Forms page to view officer training report forms and training documents. Fall Fest Contest Results have also been posted. [4-H Youth Development \(lsuagcenter.com\)](http://4-H Youth Development (lsuagcenter.com))

## Club of the Month Contest

Club meetings are going well! Thank you for implementing parliamentary procedures into your monthly meetings.

Judging for club of the month will continue this month. Here are a few tips and items that your agents will be on the lookout for:

- The secretary's minutes should be written and read as minutes. They should reflect on what occurred at the previous meeting.
- Community service, treasurer, and reporter reports should be given. A report should include all necessary information that the club may need to know.
- The program leaders' program should have an educational component to it.
- Members, not officers, should make motions and second them.

To see a list of club of the month winners, keep an eye on our Facebook page!



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# December 2023 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 *10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool  *2:15-3:15 Judice Middle  *2:45-3:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter High
4  *1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul  *3:00-4:00 Fatima	5  *8:15-9:15 Westside  *2:15-2:50 Live Oak Elem.  *3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	6  *7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel  *2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More	7  *1:00-1:45 Woodvale  *3:30-4:30 Westminster Christian Academy	8  *9:30-10:00 Milton Middle  *2:00-3:00 L. Leo Judice
*10:15-11:15 Broadmoor  *2:20-3:20 Acadiana Renaissance Charter- Upper Campus  *3:45-4:45 Acadiana Renaissance Charter- Lower Campus	*8:05-8:35 Comeaux High  *2:45-3:45 Teurlings High	*10:55-11:40 Ridge Elem.  *2:00-3:00 Prairie Elem.	*8:00-8:30 Acadiana High  *9:00-9:45 Charles Burke  *1:30-2:30 Acadiana Christian Homeschool  *3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia	*10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle  *1:10-2:10 Myrtle Place Elem.
11  *8:05-8:35 Carencro High  *10:10-10:35 Youngsville Middle  *1:00-2:00 Carencro Middle	12  *7:45-8:30 J W James Elem.  *1:00-2:00 Carencro Catholic  *2:30-3:15 Sts. Leo-Seton	13  <del>*2:20-3:00 Carencro Bob Lily Elem</del> *12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy  <b>LSU AgCenter Conference</b>	19  *4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle  *2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle-Independent	15
*1:45-2:30 S. J. Montgomery  *2:45-3:45 Lafayette High  *4:15-5:00 Edgar Martin	*1:05-1:50 Green T. Lindon Elem.  *2:45-3:45 David Thibodaux STEM  *4:00-4:45 LJ Alleman	*2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian-Independent  **2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Elem-Independent	*2:45-3:15 Southside High-Independent  *3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem- Independent	*8:15-9:00 Martial Billeaud Elem (rescheduled)  *10:05-10:35 Lafayette Middle (rescheduled)
18		20  Lafayette Parish Jr. Leader Meeting- 5:30 PM @ 4-H Office	21	22  4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday
*3:30-4:15 St. Pius Elem (rescheduled)				
26  4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	27  4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	28  4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	29  4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	30  4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday

## Old and New Business: December 2023

Cut and have several non-officer members read these slips during the meeting (you can also send these out virtually).

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Pledge of Allegiance (Read this after the president asks for everyone to rise to say the Pledge of Allegiance.)

**“I pledge allegiance to the flag...”**

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4-H Pledge (Read this after the Pledge of Allegiance.)

**“I pledge my head to clearer thinking...”**

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(Read this after the secretary reads the minutes and the president asks for a motion to accept the minutes as read.)

**“I move to accept the minutes as read.”**

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(Read this after a member makes the motion to accept the minutes)

**“I second that Motion.”**

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### OLD BUSINESS #1

The following members from our club participated in Fall Fest: \_\_\_\_\_. Great job everyone!  
(your leader may choose to present contest ribbons at this time)

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### NEW BUSINESS #1

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders should be receiving the application for the Golden Clover award. Please do your best to complete and return your application to the 4-H Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### NEW BUSINESS #2

All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders should be receiving letters and applications for the Emerald Achievement award and seniors should have received the application for the Honor Cord. Please do your best to complete and return to the 4-H Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### NEW BUSINESS #3

Sewing workshops will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 13<sup>th</sup> for members enrolled in the sewing project or anyone interested in learning more about sewing. Registration is required and must be turned in by December 20<sup>th</sup> to the 4-H Office. Please see our club leader for more information.

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(Read this after the president asks for a motion to adjourn—at the end of the meeting.)

**“I move to adjourn the meeting.”**

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(Read after the motion is made to adjourn the meeting).

**“I second the Motion.”**

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**Note: Add any old or new business that is pertinent to your club.**





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