

4-H Leader Update

February 2024

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.



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.

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.

Dates to Remember

February 2024

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| 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

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| 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 |

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!



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!

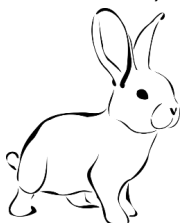
Leaders: you may wish to collect record books from your club and then deliver them to the office. You are welcome to set a due date prior to ours if you choose.



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.



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.



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.



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 to 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.



Old and New Business

As a reminder, it is not mandatory that you use the attached old and new business forms. These are used as a guideline as to what old and new business in your club could be. It is important that old and new business is announced- it can hold important information for your 4-H club members!

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February 2024 Meeting Schedule

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | | 1 *1:00-1:45 Woodvale *3:30-4:30 Westminster Christian Academy | 2 *10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool *2:15-3:15 Judice Middle |
| | | | *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 | *2:45-3:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter High |
| 5 *1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul *3:00-4:00 Fatima | 6 *8:15-9:15 Westside *2:15-2:50 Live Oak Elem. *3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy | 7 *7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel *2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More | 8 *4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle *2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle | 9 |
| *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. | *10:05-10:35 Lafayette Middle *2:45-3:15 Southside High *3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet | |
| 12 | 13 Mardi Gras- 4-H Office Closed | 14 | 15 | 16 *9:30-10:00 Milton Middle *2:00-3:00 L. Leo Judice *10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle *1:10-2:10 Myrtle Place Elem. |
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| 19 *8:05-8:35 Carencro High *10:10-10:35 Youngsville Middle *1:00-2:00 Carencro Middle | 20 *7:45-8:30 J W James Elem. *1:00-2:00 Carencro Catholic *2:30-3:15 Sts. Leo-Seton | 21 *2:20-3:00 Carencro Bob Lily Elem *12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy | 22 | 23 Record Books Due!  |
| *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 | *8:15-9:00 Martial Billeaud Elem *2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian **2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Elem *3:30-4:15 St. Pius Elem | | Fashion Show Registration & Garments Due!  |

Old and New Business- February 2024

Cut and have several non-officer members read these slips during the meeting.

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...”

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

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

(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.”

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

“I second that Motion.”

OLD BUSINESS #1

The Parish and District livestock shows were held in January. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:

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OLD BUSINESS #2

Everyone should be finishing up their record books. Remember, record books are due to the 4-H Office on Friday, February 23rd, but record books are due to our leader on _____.

NEW BUSINESS #1

Set Saturday, March 16th aside on your calendar because that is our 4-H Achievement Day—the biggest contest day of the year! Contests will be held at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. Check the Lafayette 4-H Website for the full list of contests and rules.

NEW BUSINESS #2

Lafayette Parish 4-H is kicking off the annual spring strawberry and fern sale this month. This is a great way for us to raise funds for our club as all profits made by orders from our members will be split with us! See this month’s Hotline for more information.

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

“I move to adjourn the meeting.”

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

“I second the Motion.”

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



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