

4-H Leader Update

January 2024

Record Book Requirements

We will continue the procedures that were implemented in the last few years for members' record books. These guidelines 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 themselves doing various activities throughout the year. Adding pictures will boost their 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 and leaders 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).

Fashion Show

This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the **2024 Fashion Show** as part of Achievement Day on **Saturday, March 16th** at the David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. **Prejudging** of all garments being entered will be on **Saturday, March 9th** 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 23rd, 2024**, to participate. If any 4-H Leaders are interested in being a judge for this event, please contact Mrs. Nicole.

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Dates to Remember

January 2024

- 4 Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing, Blackham Coliseum
- 5 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 LSU Broiler Pick-Up, 4-H Office
- 6 Sewing Workshop Grades 7-12, Lafayette 4-H Office
- 13 Sewing Workshop Grades 4-6, AllBrands
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *4-H Office Closed*
- 17 Junior Leader Meeting
- 19-20 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

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 4th**.



It's Livestock Time

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

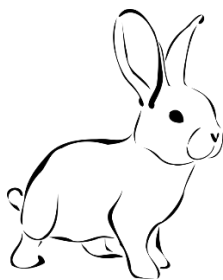
- Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing: January 4th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Blackham Coliseum- behind Barns E&F
- Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale: January 19th to January 20th
- Acadiana District Livestock Show: January 24th to January 28th
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show: February 10th to February 17th



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.

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



Volunteer Onboarding Process

The LSU AgCenter updated policy for volunteers involved in our programs last year. Due to the LSU policy changes for supervised programs dealing with youth, all adults that serve in a direct-service role (have direct contact with youth) must comply with the new onboarding policy. We have set a timeline of **February 1, 2024**, for our volunteers to complete the onboarding process.

If you have not created your profile in 4-H Online, please follow these steps:

1. This will consist of the volunteers completing a volunteer enrollment

through 4-H Online

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

2. You will be prompted to complete background screening and risk management training depending on the volunteer roles you select. Your volunteer enrollment will not be approved until the screening and training have been completed.

Leaders will need to complete volunteer enrollment in 4-H Online every year. Screening and Training is required to be completed every 4 years.

If you have previously completed training and background screening and neither have expired, that information will be loaded into your profile in 4-H Online.

Sterling is a leading volunteer and employee background screening provider. The information provided to the screening service, Sterling Volunteers, is confidential. The company cannot share personally identifiable information with anyone. Additionally, the Sterling Volunteers platform is audited regularly throughout the year.



Summer Camp Update

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

The applications will be released in January 5th to all members enrolled and will be due to the 4-H Office by January 24th.

Parents and Leaders, 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 four (4) years.



January Community Service Project

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service—The corporation for National and Community Service Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service tool kit, resources (project evaluation forms, project checklists, sample schedules, etc.), project tips and advice on dealing with the media. January 15th, 2024, <http://www.mlkday.gov/>

Club of the Month

If we are unable to attend your meeting this month due to scheduling conflicts, please scan the QR Code below to complete the Club of the Month report form. This form will take approximately 2 minutes for you to be able to share what happened during the meeting that we missed. If you are unable to scan the code, you can click on the following link to access the form:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Fx8WFMSHsi>



Check the Lafayette LSU AgCenter website and Lafayette 4-H Facebook pages starting in January to see the Club of the Month winners!

Lafayette 4-H Parish Pride T-Shirts

We still have Lafayette Parish 4-H t-shirts available in limited sizes at the office. All shirts remaining are adult sizes and can be purchased for \$10.00. Let us know if you or any of your members would like to buy one. We will re-order in the spring for the new school year.



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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BOOK COVER REQUEST FORM

LEADER'S NAME _____

CLUB _____

PHONE _____

_____ # of record covers needed at 3.00 each = _____

Books will be delivered at the February meeting.

Checks only please, made payable to: Lafayette 4-H Foundation.

Exploring/Discovering 4-H books DO **NOT** need covers.

January 2024 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 4-H Office Closed for Holiday	2	3 Portfolio & Record Book Workshops Lafayette Public Library- South Regional Branch	4	5 *10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool *2:15-3:15 Judice Middle
8 *1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul *3:00-4:00 Fatima	9 *8:15-9:15 Westside *2:15-2:50 Live Oak Elem. *3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	10 *7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel *2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More	11 *1:00-1:45 Woodvale *3:30-4:30 Westminster Christian Academy	12 *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. *2:45-3:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter High
15 No School- MLK Jr. Day	16 *7:45-8:30 J W James Elem. *1:00-2:00 Carencro Catholic *2:30-3:15 Sts. Leo-Seton	17 *2:20-3:00 Carencro Bob Lily Elem *12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy	18 *4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle *2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle Lafayette Parish Livestock Show	19 Lafayette Parish Livestock Show
	*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	*10:05-10:35 Lafayette Middle *2:45-3:15 Southside High *3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet	
22 *8:05-8:35 Carencro High *10:10-10:35 Youngsville Middle *1:00-2:00 Carencro Middle	23	24 Acadiana District Livestock Show	25 Acadiana District Livestock Show	26 Acadiana District Livestock Show
*1:45-2:30 S. J. Montgomery *2:45-3:45 Lafayette High *4:15-5:00 Edgar Martin				

Old and New Business: January 2024

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

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 following members participated in the parish record and project book workshops on January 3rd.
_____. If you were not able to attend, there's still time to get your book finished and ready for judging!

NEW BUSINESS #1

Keep working hard on record books! They are due to the 4-H Office by 4:00 PM on February 23rd. You should turn them in to our club leader by _____.

NEW BUSINESS #2

Do you 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 will once again take place virtually. All 4-H Members are invited to participate. See this month's Hotline for more information.

NEW BUSINESS #3 (only if club members are participating in livestock shows)

The following club members are participating in the Lafayette Parish and Acadiana District livestock shows: _____ . Let's cheer them on!
4-H'ers are invited to attend the livestock shows at Blackham Coliseum on January 19-20 (parish) and on January 24-27 (district).

(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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