

# 4-H Leader Update

March 2024

## Writing Skills

People have communicated by writing letters throughout history. Sending an email has been a popular alternative in today's world. Either way, having good writing skills is critical to success and essential in the workplace. Writing thank you notes when someone has given you a gift or done something nice for you is also very important. Getting in the habit of writing thank you notes can also help improve your writing skills in other areas of your life like school and work.

Members will practice written communication, discuss appropriate reasons for writing thank you notes and draft appropriate electronic communications.

The content of this lesson will be mirroring the Conventions of Standard English standards and Production and Distribution of Writing tasks for LEAP testing.



## Talent and Art Contest

Talent and Arts Contest entries must be uploaded online by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at midnight! A huge thank you and congratulations to all those who submitted entries! It is no surprise to us that we have some talented 4-H members here in Lafayette Parish!

Results will be posted and distributed soon. Check our social media pages for results. They will also be sent out to leaders. If you earn a ribbon for the Talent and Art contest, it will be brought to your school for distribution soon.



## Dates to Remember

### March 2024

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Parish Shoot, Lafayette Skeet Academy
- 2 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 4 Talent and Art Entries Due
- 7-9 Junior Leader Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 8 Strawberry and Fern Sale Orders due, 4-H Office
- 9 Fashion Show Judging- Lafayette Office
- 16 Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Strawberry and Fern Sale Pick-Up, Second Harvest
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting
- 19 First Year Exhibitor Horse Meeting, Ira Nelson
- 19 Grade Horse Clinic, Ira Nelson
- 29 Good Friday, *Office Closed*

### April 2024

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 2 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Outstanding Senior Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 5 4-H Scorecards Due to 4-H Office
- 15 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office

## Achievement Day 2024

Achievement Day is one of Lafayette Parish 4-H contest days. It is a great way to participate in many different 4-H contests as well as showcase some of your club's hard work all year long. It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16, 2024, at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy** located at 805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA. Our theme this year is "Life Skills" and we have designed many of the contests with that in mind.

Copies of the rules are posted on our website and an electronic file was sent to all members from the email address in the enrollment system in February. Please assist your 4-H'ers as much as possible in preparing for this fun day of competition and educational opportunity. Please, be sure that all 4-Her's are following the rules and regulations in whatever contest they decide to participate in.

Clubs are encouraged to participate in the School/Club Exhibit and Club Group Presentation. This is your chance to show us what your club is doing in 4-H. We also would like you to highlight your club's Service-Learning Project for the year and officers' books are due at Achievement Day.

Good luck, everyone! We so look forward to seeing all of you in person at Achievement Day!

## Spring Commodity Sale

The Annual Strawberry and Fern Sale kicked off last month to benefit the Lafayette 4-H Foundation. It supports the Lafayette 4-H Program by funding awards, transportation, or part of camp registration fees. Strawberries will sell for \$25.00 per flat, ferns will be selling for \$25.00 per plant, Parish Rices is selling for \$6.50 (2 lb bags) and \$11.00 (5 lb bags). Your club will receive 50% of the profit. So for every dollar profit, your club will receive 50 cents.

Orders are due to the 4-H Leaders by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Consider placing an order form in your teacher's lounge utilizing the Club Order Summary Sheet. They will be due to the 4-H Office on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**.

We will continue with the same style of pick-up as the fall commodity sale. The delivery is set for **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** for pick-up at from **2:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank, 215 E Pinhook Rd. If you prefer, you can pick up your club's complete order and disburse them at school.

**Payment:** All checks for orders should be made to Lafayette 4-H Foundation. Once all orders are collected and delivered, the Lafayette 4-H Foundation will issue checks to schools for their portion of the profits generated.



## 4-H Camp Applications

Camp applications were distributed in January to 4-H Club Leaders, Members, and Families. We have been given an allotment of 140 beds at 4-H Camp this summer. The initial application is to gauge the interest of members as well as secure the recommendations from leaders and school administration for members who benefit most from an opportunity to participate in camp. Leaders are required to sign off on the 4-H Camp Application and rank the members in order of most active starting at 1 through the number you submit. A school disciplinarian/counselor/administrator will have to sign off on the application for it to be considered. We will continue to accept applications until we fill all spaces or about March 15<sup>th</sup>. Any applications received without all the appropriate signatures will not be considered.

We will process all applications and send notification to those campers accepted for each camp the first week of March.



## Marsh Maneuvers

Marsh Maneuvers is a 4-H camp for high schoolers (**completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade by July 1, 2024**) that offers hands-on learning about Louisiana's coast! Some of the unique experiences include taking a tour of the marsh in an airboat, helping restore wetlands by planting marsh grass, going crabbing, and touring the Tabasco Factory and Jungle Gardens at Avery Island.

Marsh Maneuvers 2024 will be housed at the Broussard Bunkhouse in Intercoastal City, LA on the following weeks:

**July 1-5, 2024**

**July 8-12, 2024**

**July 15-19, 2024**

**July 22-26, 2024**

There is a **\$150 registration fee** that is non-refundable and covers the cost of meals, supplies, and a t-shirt. The fee does not have to be paid until after the 4-H member has been invited to attend.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by judges. Applicants with the highest score will be invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers. Applicants who have been invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers or selected as alternates will be notified by email by **April 25, 2024**. Applicants who have not been selected to attend Marsh Maneuvers or listed as an alternate will not receive a notification.

Applicants will be nominated by 4-H Agents to apply by **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) or Mrs. Brandi at [bfeller@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:bfeller@agcenter.lsu.edu) for more information.



## 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>



## 4-H University

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge June 18-21, 2024. 4-H members in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend 4-H U to represent Lafayette Parish in a variety of state 4-H contests.

An ice cream social will be held on March 20, 2024, from 6:00- 7:30 pm at the 4-H Office for all members interested in attending 4-H U this summer. Information packets are being sent electronically and mailed to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members so that they can review it prior to the meeting.

If any leaders are interested in helping us train or would like to attend 4-H U as an Adult Leader, please contact the 4-H Office.



## Global Youth Service Day

Plan to participate in the largest service event in the world on April 26-28<sup>th</sup>. National Youth Service Day will mobilize millions of young Americans to identify and address the needs of their communities through service. Learn more about getting involved and applying for Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes GYSD 2024 Grants for your National Youth Service Project. For information, visit:

<https://ysa.org/campaigns/gysd/>

## March Service-Learning Project

The Lafayette Jr. Leaders have partnered with HUB- Lafayette Urban Ministries on their mission to serve those in our community facing poverty and homelessness. The HUB has put together a list month-by-month of donations that are in need to stock the Sortwell Center located at 1515 W. University Ave. Please review the list below for the upcoming months and collect all items that you can to help us stock the Sortwell Center.

**March-** hygiene items

**April-** non-perishable food items

**May-** sunscreen, off bug spray, umbrellas, ponchos

Donations can be dropped off at Sortwell (1515 W University Ave., Lafayette, LA) on Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM.

## Scorecard Information

At March meetings, we plan to distribute 4-H Awards Scorecards to students that have been active throughout the year (in 4-H). Your most active members are encouraged to complete their scorecard to be considered for our annual awards.

We will discuss the importance of completing the document to the members. The scorecard will be used to determine who will be recognized as our outstanding 4-H'ers this year! At least one member from each club will be recognized. Leaders should submit the application and mark it on the top of the front page "Outstanding Member". The scorecards will be due to our office on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Horse News

There will be a meeting for all 1<sup>st</sup> year horse exhibitors and their parents to receive information on the program. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Grade Horse Clinic on **Tuesday, March 19th** at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center located at 2206 Johnston Street.

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitors meeting, followed by the grade horse clinic at about 7:00 p.m. outside of the building. All trucks and trailers should enter the property from the Johnston St. entrance. Parents should park to the right side of the road to allow traffic to flow. Horses will remain in trailers until their individual time of certification. They will be certified in the order that they arrive.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Charles Hebert at (337)291-7090 or by email at [chebert@accenter.lsu.edu](mailto:chebert@accenter.lsu.edu).

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## March 2024 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 *10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool  *2:15-3:15 Judice Middle
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 *8:00-8:30 Acadiana High  *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.	*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
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 *12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy  *2:20-3:00 Carencro Bob Lily Elem	14 *2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle  *4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle	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	*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	
18	19	20 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30-6:00 4-H University Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:30 	21	22

## Old and New Business- March 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 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show was held in February. The 4-H'ers from our club who participated were:

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### OLD BUSINESS #2

The Lafayette Parish Fashion Show Prejudging was on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:

\_\_\_\_\_. You can see the fashion show on stage at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy during Achievement Day on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS #3

The Fashion, Talent, and Arts deadline was on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:

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### NEW BUSINESS #1

Get your speeches, demonstrations, and posters ready, the biggest contest day of the year is ahead on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Achievement Day will be held at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. Check the Lafayette 4-H website for more information and contest rules.

### NEW BUSINESS #2

4-H Scorecards are now available. Active members should fill one out for the chance to be recognized as an Outstanding 4-H'er during the Lafayette Parish 4-H Honor's Program in May.

### NEW BUSINESS #3 (4th—6th Grades)

Anyone that is still interested in attending a 4-H camping event, should complete and turn in an application to your leader as soon as possible. The invitation letters will be mailed out this month!

### NEW BUSINESS #4 (Clubs with 8th to 12th Graders only)

4-H University is a week of state competition held on the LSU Campus in June. Last summer, Lafayette Parish brought 40 4-H'ers and they won many awards and trips. If you would like to join Lafayette's winning team, talk to one of the 4-H Agents for more information and attend the meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the 4-H Office.

(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.”**



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