

4-H Leader Update

May 2024

May Meetings

Here, once again, is the *Leader Update*. This is the last one for this year, but not the last communication!

As you know, **we won't be attending** 4-H Meetings in May unless we are invited to attend. We are available if you would like us to present 4-H Awards at end-of-the-school year programs. Just ask!

A schedule has been drawn up just in case you've forgotten the day and time of your meeting.

We encourage you all to recognize your club members who worked this year, by treating them to a celebration which might include healthy snacks and fitness activities. Have something that will make them feel special. This may be covered by your 4-H Club treasury.



4-H Summer Camp

Selected 4-H members in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will spend July 22-25 at the 4-H Camp Grant Walker near Pollock, LA. Interested 4-H'ers should have already turned in their camp registration along with a deposit. Balance letters were mailed out in mid April.

The first and second round of invitations were mailed out. Those members that returned their registration forms and deposit have a bed at camp reserved! We have filled our original quota and have requested additional beds. Once we hear if we receive additional beds mid-May, we will notify those members on the waiting list in the order they were received.

Additionally, if you have funds available through your club treasury, you might consider helping your campers with their camp fees by giving them a scholarship, paying a portion, or directly paying for their fees. If you have any questions or would like a list of the members from your club, please let us know.

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Dates to Remember

May 2024

- 2 4-H Honor's Night, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet
- 3 Camp Counselor App Due, 4-H Office
- 16-18 LPSS Graduation
- 22 LPSS Last Day of School
- 28 Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Office
- 31 4-H U Training, EVAC Shelter- Alexandria

June 2024

- 1 Tri-Parish Horse Show, AgArena- Opelousas
- 5 Sewing Camp, 4-H Office
- 6 4-H U Training (Horticulture & Poultry Judging), IRA Nelson Horticulture Center
- 11 4-H U Training (Outdoor Skills, Livestock Judging, Tractor Operations, Zero Turn Mower), McNeese Farm
- 18-21 4-H U, LSU- Baton Rouge

July 2024

- 4 Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 4-6 District Horse Show, SugArena- New Iberia
- 10-13 State Horse Show. Lamar Dixon Expo Center
- 15-18 Jr. Leader Planning Retreat, 4-H Office
- 22-25 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- 29-8/ 1 LOST Camp, Camp Grant Walker

August 2024

- 15 Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office
- 19 Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office
- 20-23 4-H Agents Association Convention, West Monroe



Reminders

- Please, turn in your Club Treasurer's Report/financial report, & Organizational Leader Report, if you have not done so already. Please deliver them to the 4-H Office by May 1st.

4-H Honors Program

The Honor's Night program will be held on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy (805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501). We will begin the program at 6:00 PM. Please remember that there is a clear bag policy in place at all Lafayette Parish School campuses. You can visit their website here for more details: [Clear Bag Policy FAQs | Family Resources \(lpssonline.com\)](#) Please make every effort to attend.

A letter has been sent to every 4-H'er being honored that evening and a list of winners to each school before the event. Please encourage your principals to attend.

4-H University

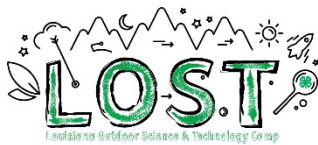
4-H University will be held June 18-21 at LSU; 4-H members from all around the state of Louisiana gather to compete in contests, participate in educational tracks, and show off their dance moves.

Contests available this year include...

- Career Preparation
- Public Speaking
- Photography
- Livestock Judging
- 4-H Has Talent
- Insect Identification
- Fashion Review
- ... and many more!

An Orientation meeting for all participants attending 4-H University will be held on at the 4-H Office **Monday, April 29, 2024 at 5:30 PM**. Please make all efforts to attend so that you can meet the other participants attending and review training opportunities as well as meet with your lead staff coach to arrange practice dates in preparation for your competition.

If any of you are interested in helping us train or would like to come as an Adult Volunteer, please contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu. Please remind your members to contact us if they are interested in attending and have not submitted their registration form.



LOST Camp

Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology Camp will take place Monday, July 29-Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Camp Gant Walker in Pollock, LA.

We are in the process of reviewing applications received for LOST Camp and will begin notifying campers who have been awarded a spot in the coming weeks. If any Adult Leaders would like to attend camp as a volunteer chaperone, please contact Mrs. Nicole so that you can be registered.

Teen Cuisine Camp

Teen Cuisine Camp for 6th-8th graders an opportunity to learn more about MyPlate, Food Safety and Physical Activity through hands-on activities in the kitchen. Participants will prepare healthy breakfast and snacks while honing their knife skills during the workshop.

Date: June 11-13, 2024

Time: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Location: Lafayette 4-H Office (1010 Lafayette St., Suite 325 Lafayette, LA 70501)

Fee: Free to eligible members (no meal included; snacks will be prepared as part of the camp)

Participants are expected to attend all three (3) workshop days. Registration is required to participate, and the workshop is free to attend. Please complete the link to register by Friday, May 31, 2024.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/rhuJJ60WUM>

You will receive a confirmation email from the LSU AgCenter Office with details about the workshop once you register.

A Little Farm Fun!

This camp will be an educational day revolving around agriculture: discussing livestock projects, the horse project, and basic animal/pet care.

Date: July 18, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Acadiana High School FFA Farm (315 Rue du Belier Lafayette, LA 70506)

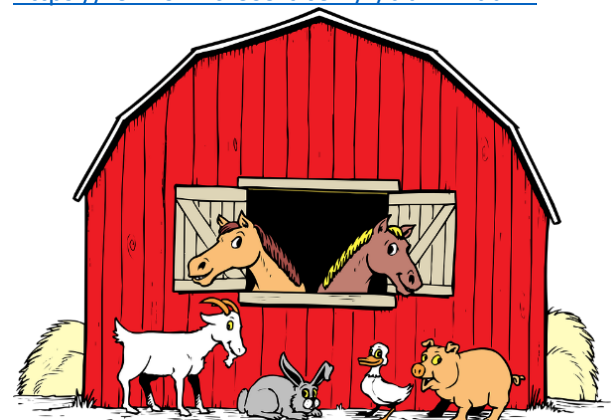
Eligible Participants: current 4th- 6th grade 4-H members

Fee: \$15 per member (includes lunch and snacks)

Experienced 4-H members from the horse, beef, dairy, and goat programs will discuss things they have learned in 4-H and what each project entails. Throughout the talks, there will be clues to collect that will help the members with a project at the end of the day! There will be live animals and the morning will be spent outside, so everyone will need to stay hydrated! After lunch, we will learn about the basic requirements for caring for pets and animals. Once that talk is completed, we will have snacks and reflect on what everyone learned throughout the day using their clues!

Please complete registration at the link to by Friday, May 31, 2024.

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



Resilient Rangers Summer Camp

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Location: Ira Nelson Horticultural Center- 2206 Johnston Street Lafayette, LA 70503

Eligible Participants: current 4th-6th grade 4-H members

Fee: \$12 per member (lunch & snacks included)

Join us for a day camp hosted by the LSU AgCenter LaHouse Research and Education Center. Campers will participate in engineering design challenges focused on building resilient homes through hands-on, interactive challenges! Also, in preparation for hurricane season, campers will learn how to create disaster emergency kits and plans. These activities are designed to equip youth with the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to effectively respond to and cope with disaster.

If interested, please scan the QR code to complete the online application. Applications are due Friday, May 31, 2024. Further camp and payment information will be sent out at a later date once the application closes. We look forward to a fun-filled day!



4-H Horticulture Camp

Date: Monday, July 15th

Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Location: Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette, LA

Eligible Participants: 4th-6th Graders

Fee: \$20 (lunch included)

Calling all aspiring gardeners and plant lovers! This hands-on camp will focus on both the science and the art of growing plants –as that’s what Horticulture is all about! Located at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, you will have the opportunity to learn all about plants, landscape design, and much more. Lunch will be provided to all participants. To apply for 4-H Horticulture Camp, fill out the online application here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/x6BTsYiGtK>



Thank You!

A special thank you to all our club leaders for working so hard this year to bring 4-H programs to their school for the children of Lafayette Parish. We truly could not do what we do without the continued support from all of you. We look forward to the coming school year and hope that you enjoy the summer break and come back refreshed for another successful year!



Preparing for 2024-2025

During the months of June and July, we will begin sending letters to principals in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year. We would appreciate any assistance from you regarding any request for your meeting time or day of the week. We hold club meetings the first two weeks of each month. In addition, for some of you that are a single leader, now is the time to ask for some assistance from another teacher. If more than one of you are assisting, then you can divide the club duties by each person. You can also recruit parents to assist with some of the activities. Teamwork is the key! If you have any questions or would like to meet with us, please call.

State Fair of Louisiana 2024 Livestock Possession Validation Dates

Members interested in participating in The State Fair of Louisiana this coming Fall should be aware of possession and validation dates for all show animals.

Market Steers - June 10, 2024
Commercial Heifers - July 10, 2024
Commercial Dairy - July 10, 2024
Market Lambs - July 10, 2024
Commercial Ewes - July 10, 2024
Market Goats - July 10, 2024
Wether Dam Goat - July 10, 2024
Commercial Does - July 10, 2024
Market Swine - August 10, 2024
Commercial Gilts - August 10, 2024

Visit Livestock Validation Order Form (statefairoflouisiana.com) for more information.

If you will be participating in the State Fair Livestock Show, please notify Mrs. Paula at pbyrd@agcenter.lsu.edu of the dates you are showing so that a school excuse can be sent to administrators in advance. Requests for school excuses are due to the 4-H Office by October 15, 2024.

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May 2024 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel 2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More	2 1:00-1:45 Woodvale 3:30-4:30 Westminster Christian Academy	3 10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool 2:15-3:15 Judice Middle
		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	12:30-1:00 Lafayette Renaissance Charter High
6 1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul 3:00-4:00 Fatima	7 8:15-9:15 Westside 2:15-2:50 Live Oak Elem. 3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	8 12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy 2:20-3:00 Carencro Bob Lily Elem	9 2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle 4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle	10 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	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 Elem	10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle 1:10-2:10 Myrtle Place Elem.
13 8:05-8:35 Carencro High 10:10-10:35 Youngsville Middle 1:00-2:00 Carencro Middle	14 7:45-8:30 J W James Elem. 1:00-2:00 Carencro Catholic 2:30-3:15 Sts. Leo-Seton			
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			



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