

4-H Leader Update

September 2023

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a safe and happy summer and are all geared up for a new school year. We are delighted with the fact that a 4-H Club will be in your school and that you have volunteered to serve as a 4-H Leader!

We are excited to be moving back in the direction of a more traditional school year which means we will once again be part of the monthly club meetings in all schools. We know that some things may change based on certain circumstances, and we would like to do whatever we can to accommodate you when those occasions arise.

We are looking forward to a very productive year and hope you are too! Please feel free to call us at any time if questions arise. Our number at the Lafayette 4-H office is (337) 291-7090.

Programming Status Update

Interest Meetings

We are counting on you, as the 4-H Leader, to make announcements and arrangements for the first meeting of the year. This should be made available to all interested and eligible students who can attend/have access to information for the first meeting. We have attached a sample version of a parent permission slip if you wish to use it or alter, please feel free to make it your own.

Enrollment Fees/Dues

The enrollment process should begin in the month of September or at your first meeting. This year, enrollment will once again occur in 4-H Online. Families that created accounts last year will simply need to re-enroll their child for the new year and update any information that has changed. New families will need to create an account and then enroll all members in the system.

The parish and state dues are **\$10 per member**. Your club may choose to charge more per member for club-specific activities and materials.

Deadlines

Our first call for completed enrollment in the online system is September 15th. Members are strongly encouraged to join by October 14th in order to meet project deadlines.

We do have an open enrollment policy allowing members to join at any time throughout the year, but it is beneficial to encourage members to sign up at the beginning of the year. If during the year students transfer schools, please work with them to get them enrolled, even if it is after the enrollment deadline.

Dates to Remember

September 2023

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| 1 | First Day of Club Meetings |
| 4 | Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed |
| 6 | Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office |
| 15 | FIRST CALL – 4-H Enrollment Due |
| 15 | 4-H Challenge Camp Applications Due, 4-H Office |
| 20 | Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office (Reg. Required) |
| 25 | 1 st Year Livestock Exhibitor Meeting, 4-H Office |

October 2023

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| 1-7 | National 4-H Week |
| 2 | First Day of Club Meetings |
| 4 | Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office |
| 14 | FINAL CALL – Enrollment Due in Online System |
| 18 | Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office |
| 24 | Officer Training Workshop, Lafayette Middle |
| 26-11/12 | Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport |



September Club Meeting Logistics

The September club meeting will consist of an introduction to 4-H for new and returning members. For our first meeting of the year, we will need access to a projector and computer to run our PowerPoint presentation. We would appreciate you having these set up for us with the presentation loaded to begin.

Yearly Educational Focus

This year we will be exploring life skills through a series of lessons focusing on getting a job, consumer skills, budgeting, writing skills, home maintenance and vehicle care. All lessons will be interactive and designed to reinforce soft skills which are essential to building a well-rounded individual!



Lafayette Parish 4-H T-Shirts

Thank you to all members who submitted designs for our new Lafayette Parish 4-H T-Shirt. It was a hard decision, but the winning design selected for the t-shirt was submitted by Austin and Addison Guillot of First Baptist Christian School 4-H.

Order forms will be sent out to club leaders to begin accepting individual orders from all members. We ask that each club collect money for the shirts and submit an order summary and a school check to the 4-H office to fulfill your club order.

National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 1st through October 7th. Each year, we encourage clubs to get involved with National 4-H Week through volunteerism, service-learning, and kindness to all! For more information, along with promotional materials, visit www.4-h.org. Possible Ideas:

- Create a 4-H themed “billboard” to display in your hallways or on school website
- Say the 4-H pledge during morning announcements
- Promote 4-H in your virtual classroom
- Conduct service in your community



Challenge Camp

2023 Southwest Region Challenge Camp will be held on November 16-17, 2023, at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, La. All members currently enrolled in 4-H and in 7th and 8th grades may apply to attend. Applications are due to the Lafayette 4-H Office by September 15th so that they can be reviewed, and notices sent out to those accepted in early October. Please contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu if you need an application or have questions.



Summer Camp Catch Phrase

Contest for 2024

What’s a good theme for 2024 4-H Summer Camp? Send us your most creative ideas for a slogan—in (7) words or less. Illustrations must accompany the phrase and will be part of the contest. The contest is open to all 4-H Club members. The winning slogan will be one that is brief and “catchy,” capturing the spirit of 4-H Camp Grant Walker. The art work and slogan will be used in its entirety, or used as the concept for final art work. Logo and slogan will be on all publicity for camp and camp T-shirt, and the winner will receive a monetary award. Think fast- the deadline is **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. Submissions must also include the following: Full name & age of person submitting the slogan, Parish/ 4-H Club, complete mailing address, telephone number.

Winners will be selected by a committee of Agents and Camp Staff. The winner will be notified after selection in order for an official artist release so the winning entry can be used on summer camp promotional materials and t-shirts. Individuals may submit multiple entries and send together. Please make sure to indicate which entries are for 4-H Summer Camp and LOST Camp.

Mail all entries to the following address:
Grant Walker 4-H Educational Center

3000 Hwy. 8
Pollock, LA 71467

Email entries to: Christine Bergeron at
cbergeron@agcenter.lsu.edu

CATCH PHRASE

2024

CAMP GRANT WALKER STYLE!

What’s a good theme for 2024 4-H Summer Camp?

CAMPING

IS MY JAM

Think fast – the deadline is:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

Contact your 4-H Agent for complete contest rules and information!

Submissions must also include the following:

- Full name & age of person submitting the slogan
- Parish/4-H Club
- Complete mailing address
- Telephone number

Mail all entries to the following address:

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3000 Hwy. 8, Pollock, LA 71467

Email entries to: cbergeron@agcenter.lsu.edu

The LSU AgCenter provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
“Camping is my Jam” is for demonstration only and not the 2024 theme.

Provide Service Opportunities for Youth

Strive to engage your club members in at least one meaningful service project this year. Service-learning is taking an ordinary service project and taking it to the next level. It is a teaching strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Meeting real community need is key to true service-learning. The service should be integrated into the curriculum where there is purposeful learning taking place. A critical part of service-learning includes reflection, which provides youth the opportunity to ‘think about’ their experience. Service-learning enables youth to utilize newly acquired skills and knowledge and typically enhances what is taught either in the classroom or in a community setting. Service-learning extends the world of the youth and fosters a sense of caring for others. Service-learning is best thought of as a cycle, where each step in the process leads to the next.

Service-learning broadens perspectives and enhances critical thinking skills. Studies show that service-learning improves interpersonal and human relation skills, which have become increasingly important in professional and personal spheres.

Take the time to include your club members or at least the club officers in identifying a local need and brainstorming ideas for their service-learning project.



How do you incorporate Service-Learning in Your 4-H Program?

You will find listed below five (5) steps that will help guide you through the process. They are:

1. Identify a need.
2. When a need is identified tie it to a learning experience. For example: bring in a guest speaker to talk about the need for the service project. Or use the topic to reinforce a class lesson.
3. Perform the service project.
4. Do an evaluation or reflect upon of the service project.
5. Celebrate!

NOTE: Youth need to understand why they are doing the service project and who is benefiting from it to see that they CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Incorporate a project tied into your focus monthly or every other month.

Louisiana Service-Learning Focus

This Louisiana 4-H community service focus for the year is hunger and poverty. Clubs are encouraged to include the state service focus in their school club activities. An example of this would be to have monthly club programs which educate 4-H members on hunger and poverty issues. 4-H’ers are also encouraged to perform community service activities which relate to the state focus.

More information on the state service-

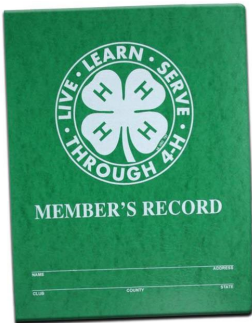
learning focus will be provided by the state office in the coming month including activities in which clubs can lead.

Examples of Service-Learning Projects

Environment— Phone book recycling: recruit a guest speaker from the recycling foundation; connect to math curriculum using estimation, weights, charts, etc.; celebrate success

Elderly — Collect a different item each month such as toothbrushes, deodorant, etc., tour the nursing home, conduct Christmas Carols, make cards for the residents, ask someone from nursing home to be a guest speaker. Incorporate English/language curriculum through writing project.

Illness—cancer, muscular dystrophy, etc. invite a guest speaker from a hospital or Muscular Dystrophy Association, visit their center or hospital, bring cards to children battling the disease, raise funds, participate in MDA Muscle Walk at Acadian Village. Connect to science curriculum through study of muscular/body system.



State Record Book Winners

This year, 25 record books were selected to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition. These will be judged the last week in August. We will have the results in the next week or so.

Congratulations to all who participated, we are very proud of your hard work and dedication!



Lafayette 4-H’ers on State Boards

Each year, at 4-H University, 4-H members from around the state of Louisiana compete to be a part of state leadership boards. Lafayette Parish 4-H is well-represented this year; our state board members are as follows: **Victoria Couvillion** (Food and Fitness Board) **Jon Patrick Couvillion** (Food and Fitness Board) **Finley McGill** (Shooting Sports).

Congratulations to these exemplary members!

Junior Leader Club: Calling All 8th-12th Graders

Junior Leader kick off the new year with a “Party in the Park on Saturday, September 23rd from 11:00am-2:00pm at Girard Park. All 4-H’ers in grades 8th to 12th are invited to attend. They will need to contact Nicole Gerard at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu to register.



Our parish fundraisers have provided an opportunity to raise funds to benefit the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation along with your school club.

Thank you to all our supporters, our program would not be possible without your dedication.

The Letter of Authorization ensures that the 4-H Clubs are committed to following the rules and regulations set forth by the Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program. The letter also certifies that the 4-H Club or Group is open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or disability, and that the 4-H Club or Group supports the goals of leadership, character, and life skills development for all 4-H members. The letter is included in your enrollment packet.

Our 4-H club meeting request forms were sent out to principals and leaders in early August. If you have not returned the form but are interested in having a club, please let us know as soon as possible.

Typically, we have a Club-of-the-Month contest that starts in November. This contest judges each individual club on their ability to run a meeting with correct parliamentary procedure. Club of the Month and Honorable Mentions will be posted on social media after the last club meeting for the month has been held.



Our current volunteers/coaches have been overwhelmed based on the rapid growth of the program. We are looking for dad's, mom's or adult volunteers that may be willing to serve in the role of a coach, an assistant, to assist a coach or even in a supervising role of youth during practice. These are all very important tasks and are important to the overall safety of the program. The training will consist of a twelve-hour course which will be taught to adults 21 and older and you must attend the full 12-hour course to be certified. A discipline may be canceled if not more than three people are registered for it. All registration fees must be paid in advance and are not refundable. To become an instructor, you cannot be convicted of any felonies or wildlife violations in the past 5 years. A job description is attached for your review and will need to sign once the training is complete.

Registration for Level 1 Instructor Shooting Sports Trainings will take place on our 4-H Online System. See directions to enroll below. Currently one training is active to sign up, but you must enroll as a volunteer first in the system. Your Parish Agent will approve you and then you can proceed in signing up for training. Currently, Lafayette only offers shotgun discipline. Membership will be limited to the schools that have a certified coach by November 1. Contact your local agent with any questions/issues.

Current Active Trainings

September 30, 2023 (Lafourche Parish)

– Air Rifle/BB/.22 Rifle, Archery and Shotgun Disciplines **(Active in 4-H Online)**

September 30, 2023 (Calcasieu Parish)

– Archery and Shotgun Disciplines so far. Working on other disciplines still. **(Active in 4-H Online)**

October 14, 2023 (Evangeline Parish)

– Shotgun Only – **(Not Active in 4-H Online)**

October 21-22 (Grant Parish)

- Air Rifle/BB/.22 Rifle/Archery/
Coordinator and Hunting Disciplines **(Not Active in 4-H Online)**

November 11, 2023 (Ouachita Parish)

– Air Rifle/BB/.22 Rifle, Archery, Coordinator and Shotgun Disciplines **(Not Active in 4-H Online)**

It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance to participate in any aforementioned activity, please contact the 4-H office at (337)291-7090.



Thank You!

We would like to thank you for serving in the role as the 4-H organizational leader for your club! We look forward to working with each of you to have a successful 4-H year! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to serving your community and developing the leaders of tomorrow in your 4-H program.



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Follow us on Instagram: [@lafayette4h](https://www.instagram.com/lafayette4h)

Sincerely,

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<div>*10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool</div> <div>*2:15-3:15 Judice Middle</div> <div>2:45-3:30 J W James Elem.</div>
<div>4</div> <div>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</div> <div>(Note: Clubs that meet on the first Monday will roll down a week. Clubs that meet on the second Monday will roll down to the third week as well due to the holiday).</div>	<div>5</div> <div>*8:15-9:15 Westside</div> <div>*2:15-2:50 Live Oak Elem.</div> <div>*3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy</div>	<div>6</div> <div>*7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel</div> <div>*2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More</div>	<div>7</div> <div>*2:00-2:45 Woodvale</div> <div>*3:15-4:15 Northside High</div>	<div>8</div> <div>*9:00-9:25 Milton Middle</div> <div>*2:00-3:00 L. Leo Judice</div>
	<div>*8:05-8:35 Comeaux High</div> <div>*10:55-11:40 Ridge Elem.</div> <div>*2:45-3:45 Teurlings High</div>	<div>*2:00-3:00 Prairie Elem.</div>	<div>*8:00-8:30 Acadiana High</div> <div>*1:30-2:30 Acadiana Christian Homeschool</div> <div>*3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia</div>	<div>2:00-3:00 Myrtle Place Elem.</div>
<div>11</div> <div>*10:15-11:15 Broadmoor</div> <div>*1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul</div> <div>*3:00-4:00 Fatima</div>	<div>12</div> <div>*9:00-9:45 Charles Burke</div> <div>*1:00-2:00 Carencro Catholic</div> <div>2:45-3:45 David Thibodaux STEM</div>	<div>13</div> <div>*10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle</div> <div>*12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy</div> <div>*2:20-3:00 Carencro Bob Lily Elem</div>	<div>14</div> <div>*2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle</div> <div>4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle</div>	<div>15</div> <div>First Call for Enrollment in 4-H Online</div> <div></div>
<div>*2:20-3:20 Acadiana Renaissance Charter- Upper Campus</div> <div>*3:45-4:45 Acadiana Renaissance Charter- Lower Campus</div>	<div>*10:10-10:35 Youngsville Middle</div> <div>*1:05-1:50 Green T. Lindon Elem.</div> <div>*4:00-4:45 LJ Alleman</div>	<div>*8:15-9:00 Martial Billeaud Elem</div> <div>*2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian</div> <div>**2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Elem</div> <div>*3:30-4:15 St. Pius Elem</div>	<div>*10:05-10:35 Lafayette Middle</div> <div>*2:45-3:15 Southside High</div> <div>*3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem</div>	
<div>18</div> <div>*1:00-2:00 Carencro Middle</div> <div>*2:45-3:45 Carencro High</div>		<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>
<div>*1:45-2:30 S. J. Montgomery</div> <div>*2:45-3:45 Lafayette High</div> <div>*4:15-5:00 Edgar Martin</div>				
<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>

- Acadiana Renaissance Charter-Lower Campus (4th-5th Grades)
- Acadiana Renaissance Charter-Upper Campus (6th-12th Grades)
- Broadmoor Elem.
- Cathedral-Carmel
- Carencro Bob Lily Elem
- Carencro Catholic
- Carencro High
- Carencro Middle
- Charles Burke
- *Christian Homeschool
- Comeaux High
- **David Thibodeaux STEM**
- Edgar Martin Middle
- Ernest Gallet Elem.
- First Baptist Christian
- G. T. Lindon Elem
- **JW James Elementary**
- Judice Middle
- LJ Alleman
- L. Leo Judice
- Lafayette Christian Academy
- Lafayette Middle

- Lafayette High
- Lafayette Renaissance Charter
- Live Oak Elementary
- Martial Billeaud Elem
- Milton Elem/Middle
- Myrtle Place Elem
- Northside High
- Our Lady of Fatima
- Prairie Elem
- Ridge Elem
- S. J. Montgomery
- Southside High
- St. Cecilia
- St. Genevieve Elem
- St. Genevieve Middle
- Sts. Peter & Paul
- St. Pius Elem.
- St. Thomas More
- Teurlings High
- Westside Elem
- Woodvale Elem
- Youngsville Middle

4-H Schools Not Confirmed
(12):

- Alice Boucher
- Ascension Episcopal School
- Sugar Mill Pond
- Baranco Elem
- Evangeline Elementary
- JW Faulk Elementary
- John Paul the Great
- Paul Breaux Middle
- Scott Middle
- **St. Leo-Seton**
- Lafayette Virtual Academy
- **Westminster Christian Academy**

NO CLUB (5):

- Broussard Middle
- CPL Middlebrook Elem
- Duson Elementary
- Katherine Drexel Elem
- Ossun Elementary

Sample Pre-Registration/Permission Forms For Duplication

(The 1st one may be given out prior to the first meeting, and the 2nd

one may be given out at the 4-H meeting).

4-H Club
Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has expressed an interest to joining Lafayette Parish 4-H. It is part of the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H.

4-H is fun! 4-H is learning! 4-H offers a whole new world of opportunities for youth to learn new things, go new places, and meet new friends. 4-H in Lafayette is open to 4th-12th graders who attend school or live in the parish.

In order to join, you child must complete a 4-H enrollment card online and submit payment for annual dues will be due at a later time. Your child's first 4-H Meeting is scheduled to be held on _____. For your child to able to attend this initial enrollment meeting, please sign below.

I look forward to your child joining 4-H this school year. There are many fun events planned throughout the year. 4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. I would love for your child to be part of our 4-H club.

Sincerely,
_____, 4-H Volunteer Leader

Student Name

Parent Signature

4-H Club
Registration Information

Dear Parent:

Your child has expressed an interest to join the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H. In order to join, you must turn in dues of \$_____, and a completed official 4-H enrollment card by_____. Dues and the enrollment card are to be turned in to the 4-H Leader at school. Your child's 4-H Leader is _____.

For more information about 4-H, contact the LSU AgCenter at (337)291 -7090 or see the Louisiana 4-H website at www.lsuagcenter.com or www.louisiana4h.org.

Sincerely,
_____, 4-H Volunteer Leader