



Acadia Parish 4-H



# The Clover Leaf

February 2022

## Acadia Parish Extension Office

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Office Hours: M-F 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM

### February

1-5 SW District Livestock Show  
3 Sewing Club Meeting 5:30 PM  
6 Rifle Practice 1:00 PM Apple Rd Iota  
7 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30 PM  
12 Archery Shootout/ Parish Competition  
12-19 State Livestock Show  
15 Commodity Ambassador Contest  
17 Sewing Club 5:30 PM  
18 Senior Scholarship Applications Due  
20 Shotgun Practice 12:30 PM GOL  
21 State Rabbit Show Entries Due  
25 Emerald Achievement & Golden Clover Due

### March

2 Lego Workshop  
2 Jr. Leader Fish Fry 5-7 PM  
3 Sewing Club Meeting 5:30 PM  
4 Photography Contest Entries Due  
4 Record Books Due  
5 State Rabbit Show  
6 Rifle Practice 1:00 PM Apple Rd Iota  
7 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30 PM  
7-13 Regional Shooting Sports Competition  
9-12 JLC  
13 Archery Practice 12:30 PM Rice Arena  
17 Sewing Club Meeting 5:30 PM  
18 Beef & Dairy Posters Due  
20 Shotgun Practice 12:30 PM GOL  
24-26 Co-Op Conference  
27 Archery Practice 12:30 PM Rice Arena  
28-April 2 Regional Shooting Sports Competition

## Reap Awards with your Record Book

This month our 4-H members will gain a better understanding on how to put together an award-winning record book! We will discuss the steps on how to complete the portfolio sections and how to include a 4-H activity guide and/or a project book. You can download a copy of the interactive/fillable version of the 4-H Portfolio and the 4-H Project Record Sheet on our website

<https://tinyurl.com/Acadia4HEvents>.

You can also download and print 4-H Activity Guides (leaflets) for this year via this link

<https://tinyurl.com/4HLeaflets>. All 4-Hers are encouraged fill out the portfolio typed. Record books are due on March 4, 2022.

## 4-H Night with the Pelicans

Don't miss out on a fun night of basketball and fan experiences! The 4-H Night with the Pelicans game is scheduled for March 4, 2022. There will be a private pre-game party for 4-H members and Pelican fans at the Smoothie King Center from 4:15 PM-5:45 PM and Tip-Off at 7:00 PM!! Ticket prices vary. The packages include access to the pre-game party, your chance to participate in an on-court fan experience and a 4-H Night with the Pelicans T-shirt. Tickets can be purchased here <https://pels.group/4HNight>.

Deadline to purchase tickets is February 11, 2022. Please note that

any person 12 years old or older must provide proof of Covid vaccination or a negative Covid test within 72 hours of the event.

For more information, please visit our website

<https://tinyurl.com/Acadia4HEvents>

## 2022 Cooperative Enterprise Leadership Conference

4-H youth in 8th through 12th grades are eligible to attend. This conference will be held on March 24-26<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA. They will have the opportunity to sharpen their marketing and financial management skills as they compete in teams to build and manage their own cooperative business. Share and learn techniques and resources from professionals working in cooperative forms of businesses.

Form and run a co-operative business. Be on the board of directors or help manage the business. Be a valued employee of the business operation. Market and create a successful membership drive. Learn interviewing and marketing skills. Feel the thrill of victory when your business makes a profit. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us. **The Registration Fee is \$50.00 (non-refundable) made out to LCFC and is due to the state 4-H office by Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.** For more information and to register, visit this link

<https://tinyurl.com/Acadia4HEvents>

## Emerald Achievement Award

If you are a Jr. Leadership member you may be eligible to apply for the 4-H Emerald Achievement Award. It is one of the highest honors you can receive as a 4-H member and its honorary membership is for a lifetime. Basic requirements are you must be 15 years old by January 1, 2022, you must have 3 years of 4-H club work, including this year, you must have completed one year of Jr. Leadership work, excluding award year, you must score at least 360 points on the score card and online application. This year the application is online only. To complete the application, visit this link <https://tinyurl.com/EmeraldAch>. Online applications must be completed and submitted by **February 25, 2022**.

## Golden Clover Award

The Golden Clover award is for 4-H members that are 14 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2022 and have at least 2 years of 4-H club work. This award can only be won by the 4-H member one time. There is an online application that must be filled out in order to be considered. To complete the application, visit this link <https://tinyurl.com/GoldenClover>. This is a parish award, and it is an honor to receive. Online applications must be completed and submitted by **February 25, 2022**.

## Jr. Leader Fish Fry

The Acadia Parish Junior Leadership Club is sponsoring a Chef Landry Fish Fry on March 2, 2022 from 5-7 PM. Price will be \$12 a plate and include ½ lb. Catfish fillets, French fries, coleslaw, fried pistolette, and dessert. Pick up is **March 2, 2022, from 5-7 PM at the 4-H office in Crowley**. You can purchase a ticket from any Junior Leadership member, or you can come to the 4-H office to purchase a ticket. We

ask that you purchase tickets before February 22<sup>nd</sup> to ensure that we have enough food. Office hours are 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM Monday-Friday.

## Mini Lego Camp

We are hosting a mini-Lego camp on March 2, 2022, from 10 am to 1 pm at the 4-H office. This camp is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Participants will explore and create LEGO items with an emphasis on engineering and construction. They will think critically as they use their imagination while building solutions to challenges. Most of all, we will have FUN while building Legos! The cost to attend this camp is \$5. Lunch will be included. Spots are limited, so don't wait to register. You can register to attend here <https://acadia-4-h-foundation.square.site/>.

## Shooting Sports

4-H Southern Regional match is March 7-13<sup>th</sup> in Ascension for Smallbore Rifle and March 28-April 3<sup>rd</sup> in West Baton Rouge for Archery and Shotgun. Just a few reminders about Southern Regionals: In order to qualify, each participant must have their hunter safety card (temporary or permanent) as of December 31, 2021, and have a minimum of 8 hours of official practice time. Each participant is required to furnish their own ammunition. Parish equipment must be signed out from the office during business hours. Please continue to check your email, text messages and/ or the Facebook page for important information.

## 2022 Dairy Poster Contest

This activity will encourage youth to learn more about milk and milk products and their importance to healthy bodies, demonstrate communication skills by drawing a billboard encouraging or promoting the consumption of milk and/or

milk products and share their knowledge with others. Any bonafide 4-H club member is invited to participate. Posters are due to the 4-H office by **March 18, 2022**.

1. Billboard design must be made on 22"x 28" regular poster board size only.
2. **DO NOT ATTACH** anything to the poster that is more than ½" thick.
3. *Do not use the commercial brand names of products on the poster. Do not use jingles, slogans, signs or pictures that are trademark or copyright protected on the poster.*
4. **BE SURE** to print NAME, ADDRESS, GRADE & SCHOOL on the back of the poster in the upper right-hand corner.
5. A 4-H club member is allowed to win first place in each division **ONLY ONCE**.
6. First place parish winning posters become the property of the Extension Service and will be displayed at statewide events.

**DIVISIONS:** Division I -4th, 5th and 6th grades, Division II -7th and 8th grades, Division III -9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

## Photography Contest

This year, we will host our annual Photography Contest. This is open to all 4-H members. Youth may enter one photo per category. These pictures should be mounted on 8 ½ x 11 piece of black construction paper. The 4-H'er must be the one taking the photo; therefore, they are NOT allowed to be in the photo. The photo cannot be submitted in the contest if it was already submitted in a previous year. The categories are: People Animals, Outdoor Skills, Promoting 4-H, Action Shots, Night Shots, Black and White and Agriculture. Be sure to put your name, grade, school and category on the back. All entries are due **March 4, 2022**, the same day as record books.

## Sale Checks

Thank you, letters are due to the 4-H office, by **March 4, 2022**. If you exhibited a market animal this year and were in the parish livestock sale, we will begin distributing checks on April 1<sup>st</sup> pending payment from the buyer. You must come by the 4-H office to pick up your check, they will NOT be mailed. In order to pick up your check, you must have turned in thank you notes, and the buyers must have paid. Checks will only be issued between **April 1<sup>st</sup> until June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## Portfolio Tips

In order to compete in either the Record Book or Portfolio contests participants must fill out the portfolio. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to fill out the portfolio. 4-H'ers can turn in just a Portfolio for judging and do not have to turn in a project book/leaflet with it but we encourage 4-H'ers to attempt both. You can download a copy of the Portfolio on the website [www.lsuagcenter.com/acadia4h](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/acadia4h) We encourage all youth to begin working on your record books and portfolios in order to have them completed by the parish record book due date of **March 4, 2021**.

## Record Book Tips to Winning

**Section 2: Leadership Page** (1 page per year- up to 3 years): Be specific. Example: Helped at cookery contest-registered 50 contestants, categorized dishes, tallied results, gave ribbons at cookery contest. Know the difference between Citizenship/Service and Leadership. Service is helping others, anything you do for others. Leadership has action verbs that show you took the lead. Use words such as hosted, presented, taught, chaired, organized, planned, coordinated, demonstrated, guided, judged,

conducted, counseled, introduced, advised, coached, lead, publicized, presided over, supervised, operated, recorded, designed, etc. Don't use helped, assisted, volunteered, aided, etc.

**Section 3: Community Service** (1 page per year, up to 3 years): What you did for others. Be specific. Collected can goods for needy- Collected two boxes of food items and delivered to women's shelter. Worked at fair booth for Jr. Leaders-Worked eight hours over a two-day period for Jr. Leader fair booth fund-raiser.

**Sections 4 & 5: Awards** (1 page per year up to 3 years): Recognition could be ribbons, certificates, trips, or being invited to a special event.

**Section 6: Story:** Just type this section in a Word document and double spaced in 12 point Times New Roman font, no more than six pages. Don't try to use portfolio form. Be sure to write about your 4-H experiences especially those related to your project focus.

**Section 7: 4-H Photos & Supporting Materials:** Ten pages total of pictures & other materials. Photos should show project work, leadership, and citizenship. Captions should be explicit and give project information or added insights. These should be action shots. You can also include supporting materials like news articles or pictures of your awards. Never include your actual awards.

**Section 8: Project Focus:** Most difficult and usually the most misunderstood. *Do not leave blank*. Use a summary chart of last three years or a listing of 4-H activities or achievements.

## Ready for 4-H U!

4-H University (4-H U) is statewide 4-H event held on LSU campus. It is scheduled for June 21-23, 2022. To be eligible to attend 4-H University youth must be in 8th to 12th grade

for the this school year as of August 1, 2021. All participants that choose to partake in the in-person overnight event will be required to pay a total \$85.00 registration and housing fee (meals are not included). The forms and a \$45.00 deposit will be due **March 1, 2022**, information packets will be EMAILED out to all eligible 4-H members by February 1, 2022. If you do not receive an emailed information packet, please contact the 4-H Office. So do not delay, consider striving with us at 2022 4-H University because we are ready for YOU to attend 4-H U!

Preparing for 4-H University contest is a lot of work, but state winners in each contest are awarded great prizes such as educational trips to different parts of the United States. So, start thinking about if you want to compete in a contest and if so, what contest you might want to compete in! This year four contests will be offered virtual, and all other contests will take place in-person on LSU campus. Please note if you choose to partake in a virtually offered contest or if you choose to not compete you may attend 4-H University and participate in Clover College tracks. Clover College is a noncompetitive track offered a 4-H U. Contact the 4-H office to learn about the opportunities in Clover College.

New this year at 4-H University is a Fine Arts showcase opportunity! This event invites 4-H members to showcase their talents in art. Contestants are not required to attend 4-H University as judging will be conducted prior. Participants may also enter a 4-H University contest or Clover College track. Only one entry per contestant. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office.

## 2022 Beef Poster Contest

This activity will encourage participants to learn more about the beef industry while encouraging beef industry, product, and nutrition promotion. Participants will develop a visual form of marketing communication to convey thoughts and ideas. Participants are expected to create original work. The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members between 4th and 12th grades. *A 4-H or FFA member is allowed to win each division only once at the state level.* Posters submitted to the state competition become the property of the LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Beef Industry Council. The state winning posters may be used to promote beef at various events. Posters are due to the 4-H office by **March 18, 2022.**

### RULES FOR 2021 4-H BEEF POSTER CONTEST

**1.** 2022 LBIC Beef Poster Contest Theme: **All About Beef** **2.** Posters must be on "22 x 28" poster board only. **3.** Place your NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, GRADE & SCHOOL on back,

upper right corner of poster. **4.** Digital entries must be designed using one of the following programs: Microsoft Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Canva. Digital designs should be formatted for "22 x 28" poster size prints. All digital entries must be saved in high-resolution 300 DPI in ALL of the following: original design file, .png file format, and .pdf file format. Digital designs should be saved to a blank jump drive, placed in a 3 ½x 6 blank envelope labeled with NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, GRADE& SCHOOL on the front. **5.** Posters and digital designs should generate positive images and promotion of beef (not live cattle production) using the indicated theme. Posters should promote beef without projecting any negative messages towards other agricultural commodities (chicken, pork, etc.). **6.** DO NOT use copyrighted materials. You may develop ideas from magazines, parents, friends, nutrition bulletins, Beef Ambassador Fact Sheets and meat publications but the end concept should be original and not copied material. NO TEMPLATES may be used in the digital division.

All design work must be original and from scratch, just as a poster would be designed. Pictures, clipart and materials (i.e., cartoon characters, advertisements, logos, etc.) that are copyrighted may not be used on the poster. The poster will be disqualified if copyrighted materials are used. Computer generated clipart may be used on the poster if it is not copyrighted material.

### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS (parish contests):

Division I - 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grades, Division II - 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> grades, Division III POSTER 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades, Digital Division - 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades

(Those participating in the digital division must choose to do either a poster or digital. Cannot do both.) Awards: first place-state winning poster in each division will receive \$200 sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry Council, second place winning posters in each division will receive \$100 sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry, third place winning posters in each division will receive \$50 sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry.

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