



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Public Speaking & Demonstrations

Not a fan of public speaking, no matter the audience? Chances are you have already faced a public speaking situation – a speech at school, a 4-H club demonstration, a job or project interview, or even just sharing your opinion in front of a group of your friends. Did the experience send you running scared, or did you face the experience head-on? The truth is you *will* continue experiencing public speaking situations throughout your life. Therefore, it is important to remember these things:

- Communication is an essential skill for success in any field.
- Communication includes speaking and listening.
- Practice makes perfect!

Members will get a “toolbox list” at club meetings that will help them become more comfortable when speaking in a group. They will also get to practice their speaking skills in small groups. The content of this lesson will be mirroring the Reading Comprehension and Written Expression tasks for LEAP testing.



## Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest

The annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest will take place during club meetings this month! The categories are as follows:

- Most 4-H Spirit
- Prettiest Christmas Cookie
- Most Unusual Christmas Cookie

Look for details from your Club Leaders about when and where you should bring your cookies for judging. We will present certificates to winners during your December club meeting.



## December 2022

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# 4-H Night with the Pelicans

This year's Pelicans game against the Brooklyn Nets is going to be exciting!

**Date:** Friday, January 6, 2023, Tip off 7:30PM

**Game:** New Orleans Pelicans vs Brooklyn Nets

**Location:** Smoothie King Center, 1501 Dave Dixon Dr, New Orleans, LA 70113

**Deadline:** Purchase tickets by December 9, 2022

## Ticket Orders

- Payment order directly submitted to the New Orleans Pelicans
- The QR Code below can be used for group ticket purchases or individual ticket purchases
- Parking needs to be ordered separately by contacting Denton Hunter at 504-593-4748 or [Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com](mailto:Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com)
- Seats are limited, first come first serve
- Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, December 9, 2022



## Buses & Parking

- Discounted parking offered
  - \$10 parking per car
  - \$25 parking per bus (limited)

Parking can only be purchased **in advance** via order form or contact Denton Hunter at 504-593-4748 or [Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com](mailto:Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com)



# Golden Clover Award

We are offering the 4-H Foundation Golden Clover Award (formerly Award of Excellence) for Junior 4-H Members. Awards will be presented at our 4-H Honors Program to outstanding Junior 4-H Members. To qualify, a 4-H'er must meet these requirements:

1. Under 14 years of age on January 1st, 2023.
2. Have at least two (2) years of 4-H club work including award year
3. Score at least 250 points on application and scorecard
4. In either the 7th or 8th grade
5. Can only win award once

Scorecards were mailed to 4-H Members in mid-November. They are to be returned to the 4-H office no later than Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



# Emerald Achievement Award & Honor Cord

4-H Emerald Achievement Awards (formerly Key Club Awards) in Louisiana are given to outstanding high school 4-H'ers. To qualify, 4-H'ers must be 15 years of age as of January 1st, 2023, must have three (3) years of club work, and have completed one year of Junior Leader work.

The "4-H Honor Cord" letter with the link to the online applications to be awarded to graduating seniors were mailed out. Seniors must have been in 4-H for three years of their high school career, participated in at least one state event and a Member in good standing. This award can only be won once in a 4-H'er's career.

Both applications were mailed to 4-H members in mid-November and are due in the 4-H office by Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# FoodNet Food for Families Drive



The Food for Families Food Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cajundome.

Ideal Items for donation include:

- Boxed Crackers
- Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, chicken)
- Dried Beans, Lentils, or Peas
- Canned Beans (low sodium)
- Canned Chili
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Nuts
- Canned Soups/Stews
- Box Oatmeal
- Brown Rice
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit (100% fruit juice)
- Canned Vegetables (no or low salt)
- Granola Bars

## Junior Leader Club

It's not too late to join Lafayette 4-H's Junior Leader Club, a club made up of 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members from across Lafayette Parish. Do you know a teen that would like to be involved in the community in a leadership role, but just not sure how to go about it?

The next Junior Leader meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM. All 4-H'ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend. Have potential members contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerald@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerald@agcenter.lsu.edu) if they are interested in attending the Junior Leader meeting.



## Clover Corner

*Hi 4-H Members!*

I'm back again as promised and am checking on your 4-H work. How is that book coming along? I made lots of suggestions in the November Hotline and if you finished all of the work, you're doing great!

December is a good month to work on some of the pages toward the front of the book. Last month, I suggested that you get a head start. If you haven't started, now is the time. This month, in both the Discovering the World of 4-H Book (pages 10-19) and in the Exploring the World of 4-H book (pages 13-22), you will start on the importance of being a role model citizen in the "Citizenship" section on pages 10-19. In this section, you will learn about character education, communication, and demonstrations, as well as theater arts. Citizenship focuses on 4-H members becoming well-informed citizens who are engaged in their communities. This is done through civic education, public speaking, and community service. There are activities in this section that relate to the "Six Pillars of Character," identifying true friends, evaluating your character, tips on giving a speech and a demonstration, as well as artistic expression. Use the holidays to catch up on activities. In January, finish the Science, Engineering and Technology Section as we target our outdoor skills project areas of ATV, gun, and boating safety. I encourage you to be adventurous in learning how to care for livestock animals and pet projects. You can get started on these if you want to. Our program in December will tie directly into completing your book with tips on achieving your goal of a completed book. Remember to keep your record book neat and clean and decorate it if you wish. Pictures are always a good idea. Have a safe and happy holiday season and see YOU next month!

Yours Truly,

*Clover*

## Website Updates

The Lafayette Parish 4-H webpage is updated to include all information that is sent out monthly to Leaders and Members. Please refer to the 4-H Contest Rules and Forms page to view officer training videos, report forms and training documents. Applications for awards are also posted on this page. [4-H Youth Development \(lsuagcenter.com\)](http://4-H Youth Development (lsuagcenter.com))

# Dates to Remember

## December 2022

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Validation Kits and Possession Deadline - Market, Commercial, and Breeding Swine
- 5 Parish Broiler Pick-Up, TBA
- 15 Golden Clover Awards Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Emerald Achievement Awards Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Honor Cord Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 19 Premier Exhibitor Exams
- 21 Record Book Workshop
- 21 Junior Leader Meeting

## January 2023

- 4 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing
- 5 LSU Broiler Pick-Up, TBA
- 11 Junior Leader Meeting
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 19-21 Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale
- 24-28 Acadiana District Livestock Show

## Record Book Workshops

Come to our Record Book workshops held on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lafayette Parish Extension office!

The first session 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM is for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Members completing the 4-H Portfolio. The second session 2:00 – 4:00 PM is for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Members working on their project books. Bring your project books and a device to take pictures!

Call 337-291-7090 or email Mrs. Nicole at [ngerald@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerald@agcenter.lsu.edu) to **RSVP by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.



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