

Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Cooperative Communication

Cooperation is important because it allows people and groups to work together to achieve a common goal or derive mutual benefits. Cooperation exists at many levels and takes place between individuals and organizations as well as between states and countries. Cooperation allows participants to exchange valuable information that helps both sides improve their knowledge bases and work in a time- and resource-efficient manner.

Members will practice cooperation with their team this month as they navigate an activity that will only be successful through full cooperation.

The content of this lesson will be mirroring the Reading Comprehension and Written Expression tasks for LEAP testing.



Talent and Art Contest

Talent and Arts Contest entries are due to Mrs. Nicole on Monday, March 6th at midnight! A huge thank you and congratulations to all those who have already 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 as soon as judging is complete. 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.



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Strawberry & Fern Sale

The Annual Strawberry and Fern Sale has is kicking off this 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. 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 8th. 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 10th**.

We will continue with the same style of pick-up as the fall commodity sale. The delivery is set for **Tuesday, March 21st** 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 clubs complete order and disburse them at school. Please make the check payable to the **Lafayette 4-H Foundation, Inc.**

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 school for their portion of the profits generated.



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). We will discuss the importance on completing the document to 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. The scorecards will be due to our office on April 15th.

Achievement Day 2023

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 hard work from the entire year.

We are very excited to announce that Achievement Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 25, 2023** at **David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy** located at 805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA. Our theme this year is "Teamwork" and we have designed many of the contests with that consideration.

Rules for Achievement Day can be found on our website or by asking your Leader! Good luck, everyone! We so look forward to seeing your entries!



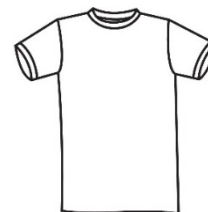
Lafayette 4-H Parish Pride T-Shirts

We are on the hunt for a new design and slogan for the Lafayette Parish 4-H t-shirt. We are looking for ideas that describe 4-H in Lafayette Parish that represents the entire program. 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.

Submissions must also include the following:

- 1- Full name and age of member,
- 2- School Club,
- 3- Complete mailing address and
- 4- Telephone number.

The deadline is **Friday, May 5, 2023**. After final selection the winner will be notified and asked to sign a release for the slogan of the T-shirt.



Camp Applications

Camp applications were distributed last month 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 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. Applications were due to club leaders by Friday, February 17th.

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



Horse News

There will be a meeting for all 1st 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 28th** at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center located at 2206 Johnston Street.

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the 1st 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 in order 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@acgenter.lsu.edu.



Marsh Maneuvers

Marsh Maneuvers is a 4-H camp for high schoolers (**completed 9th-12th grade by July 3, 2023**) 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 2023 will be housed at the Broussard Bunkhouse in Intercoastal City, LA the following weeks:

July 17-21, 2023

July 24-28, 2023

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 24, 2023**. Applicants who have not been selected to attend Marsh Maneuvers or listed as an alternate will not receive a notification.

Use the following link to access the Marsh Maneuvers application:

<https://tinyurl.com/MMinfo2023>

Fill out the entire application and submit it by **April 3, 2023**. Applications must be completely filled out in order to be considered.

Application Tips:

If you are having trouble thinking about what to write, discuss ideas and what you want to say with another person first and use your notes from that conversation as an outline.

Have another person read over your application before you submit it to check for any typos or mistakes.

Double-check that you have filled out each part of the application correctly.

Dates to Remember

March 2023

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Fashion Show, 4-H Office
- 4 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 6 Talent and Art Contest Entries Due
- 10 Strawberry & Fern Sale Orders Due, 4-H Office
- 11 Parish Shoot, Lafayette Skeet Academy
- 15 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Strawberry & Fern Sale Pick-Up, Second Harvest
- 25 Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
- 28 First Year Exhibitor Horse Meeting, Ira Nelson
- 28 Grade Horse Clinic, Ira Nelson



St. Patrick's Day

Here in 4-H, we are big fans of the 4-leaf clover. We share that in common with a March holiday, St. Patrick's Day! Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick's Day:

- ✿ The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston in 1737
- ✿ Legend says that each leaf of the clover represents something: hope, faith, love, and luck!
- ✿ There are approximately 10,000 3-leaf clovers for every 4-leaf clover
- ✿ While St. Patrick's Day is typically associated with the color green- the color used to be blue! It was officially changed to green in 1798!
- ✿ Since 1962, the Chicago River is dyed green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day- the dye is eco-friendly to ensure that no wildlife is harmed!

April 2023

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 7 Good Friday, *Office Closed*
- 18 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 18 Outstanding Senior Applications Due, 4-H Office



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