

# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Close of the School Year

Congratulations on a wonderful 2022 – 2023 school year! While it is coming to a close, there is plenty to look forward to in 4-H. Read below and find out more!

Best wishes to our graduating 4-H'ers and thank you for all that you have done for our program. May the future hold all the best for you!



## Summer Camp

Selected 4-H members in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will spend July 24-27 at the 4-H Camp Grant Walker near Polluck, LA. Selected 4-H'ers should have already turned in their camp registration along with a deposit. Balance letters will be sent out this month.

We still have available beds and will accept applications through the end of April for anyone still interested in attending summer camp. Parents who would like to attend camp as a chaperone are encouraged to contact the 4-H Office at 291-7090.



## May 2023

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### Points of interest:

- Close of the School Year
- Summer Camp
- Honor's Night
- WOW- SW Region
- Wetlands Day
- LOST Camp
- 4-H University
- State Fair of Louisiana
- Thank You!



## Honor's Night

The Honor's Night Program will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the South Louisiana Community College (320 Devalcourt St. Lafayette, LA 70506). The program will begin at 6:00 PM in the SLCC Auditorium. Invitations will be sent out on May 1<sup>st</sup> for all members being honored and their parents to attend.



## WOW- SW Region Wetlands Day



**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023

**Location:** Palmetto Island State Park, 19501 Pleasant Rd, Abbeville, LA 70510

**Eligible Participants:** 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders

**Fee:** \$25 per camper (lunch and t-shirt included)

Members can complete the application online at the following link:

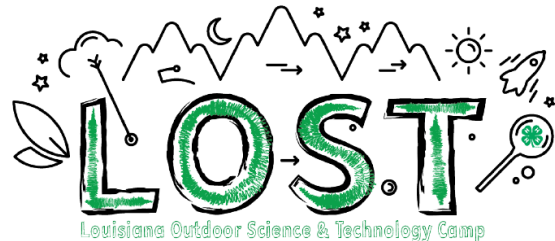
<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/wA26fXxTD6>

Applications must be submitted to the 4-H Office by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Each parish has only been allocated 3 camper spots.

## LOST Camp

Louisiana Outdoor Science & Technology Camp (LOST) will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> -August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Grant Walker. Applications that were received in the office by the deadline are being reviewed and notifications will go out to campers by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will maintain a waitlist for those applications that extended beyond our quota and information will be sent out once we know that additional beds are available.



## 4-H University

Attention 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members! 4-H University is a time-honored tradition here in Louisiana 4-H. If your parents were 4-H members, they may know the event as short course!

4-H University happens annually in June; 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.

This year, 4-H U will be in person on the LSU campus with a few events still competing virtually. Information was sent out to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders electronically and hard-copy in the mail. Please review contest details carefully before completing your registration.

Contests available this year include...

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

If you would like to represent Lafayette Parish while also learning new things and meeting new people, 4-H U

might just be for you! Registration forms are due to the 4-H Office along with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit by Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please let Mrs. Nicole know if there are any questions at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu).



We know you will represent Lafayette well.

## 2023 Livestock Possession Validation Dates

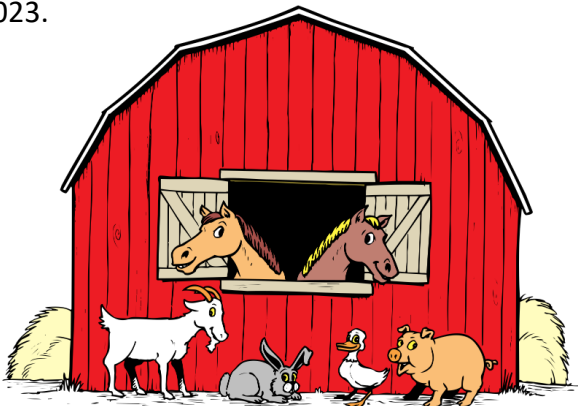
Members interested in participating in The State Fair of Louisiana this coming Fall should be aware of possession and validation dates for all show animals.

**Market Steers - June 10, 2023**  
**Commercial Heifers - July 10, 2023**  
**Commercial Dairy - July 10, 2023**  
**Market Lambs - July 10, 2023**  
**Commercial Ewes - July 10, 2023**  
**Market Goats - July 10, 2023**  
**Wether Dam Goat - July 10, 2023**  
**Commercial Does - July 10, 2023**  
**Market Swine - August 10, 2023**  
**Commercial Gilts - August 10, 2023**

Order your kits online now!

Visit [StateFairofLouisiana.com](http://StateFairofLouisiana.com) for more information.

If you will be participating in the State Fair Livestock Show, please notify Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@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, 2023.



## Advisory Survey

As we begin planning for the next school year, please take a moment to share your thoughts on the programming we provided this school year. You can click on the link

([https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0uOnPdXxopzZwxw](https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0uOnPdXxopzZwxw)) to complete a short survey.



## Thank You!

We are grateful for all of the contributions of our 4-H'ers, families, Leaders, Volunteers, and the entire community supporting our Lafayette Parish 4-H program this year! We truly could not do what we do without the continued support from all of you. We look forward to all that will come, including our members' smiling faces each month!

# Dates to Remember

## May 2023

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 3 4-H University Orientation, 4-H Office
- 10 4-H Honor's Night, SLCC
- 19-21 LPSS Graduation
- 25 LPSS Last Day of School

## June 2023

- 3 Tri-Parish Horse Show, Ag Arena- Opelousas
- 9 Camp Counselor Training, Rice Research Station
- 12 Southwest Region Wetlands Day, Palmetto State Park
- 20-23 4-H University, LSU
- 29- 7/1 Acadiana District Horse Show, Sugarena- New Iberia

## July 2023

- 4 Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 11-14 State Horse Show, Lamar Dixon Expo Center
- 24-27 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- 31- 8/3 LOST Camp. Camp Grant Walker

## August 2023

- 10 LPSS First Day for Students
- TBD Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office

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Sincerely,

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