

Lafayette 4-H Hotline

4-H is for EVERYONE!

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. After all, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the United States!

Who can join 4-H?

Any 4th-12th grader who attends school in Lafayette Parish and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible to join. Those who attend school outside of Lafayette Parish, but live in Lafayette Parish are also eligible through our Member-at-large program.

(Re-)Enrollment will be done electronically through 4-H Online. We successfully transitioned to this enrollment, program management, and event management platform last year. Whether a Member is logging in to manage their record, a Volunteer Leader is completing their training or screening requirements, or a parent is viewing the 4-H program's online event calendar, 4-H Online will bring the Louisiana 4-H community together and keep everyone involved. 4-H Online is fully encrypted; Member and Volunteer information is safe, backed up continuously, and fully secured.

How do I join 4-H?

1. More information will be shared, including on www.facebook.com/lafayette4h in the next few weeks, by September 1st.
2. All Members previously enrolled through 4-H Online last year will receive detailed instructions on re-enrollment.
3. Choose **one** project. If you choose an animal project, you may choose more than one book.
4. All 4th graders must select the "Discovering the World of 4-H" project.
5. All 5th graders must select the "Exploring the World of 4-H" project.
6. Pay your dues. Check with your school club Leader for dues amount and due date.
7. If there is a 4-H Club at your school, you must be a Member of that club.
8. **If you plan to participate in livestock or shooting sports, please complete enrollment in 4-H Online as soon as possible; if you are new, please call the Lafayette Parish 4-H Office for program details.**

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be distributed each month from September to May. These will be posted virtually in school clubs and on our website. If you have any questions concerning our Lafayette Parish 4-H program, call us at (337) 291-7090.



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Monthly Lesson Focus

Communication is listed as one of the skills necessary for success in the 21st Century Workplace. Additionally, it is an important life skill that will benefit children and teens as they grow into competent, caring adults.

Many people think of communication as just speaking; however it works best when it is a two-way street. Listening and asking questions are also important in the communication process.

At our club meetings this month, we will practice sending and receiving messages and learn the importance of cooperative communication.



National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 3rd through October 9th. 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.



Project Books Arriving Soon!

Each 4-H member who paid their dues should receive either a project book or an activity guide. 4-H members should start reading and working in their booklets when received. Record sheets located in each book should be completed over the next five (5) months. These record sheets will be incorporated into the overall 4-H Record Book that 4-H'ers are to **turn in on February 24th**.

How to complete a 4-H Record Book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st. The workshop will be held at the 4-H Office with more details to be provided in the November Hotline.

Fall Fest

One of our biggest contest days is Fall Fest, to be held at Live Oak Elementary on **Saturday, November 5th**.

The contests will include Bicycle Rodeo, Poster Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Rabbit Show, Pet Show, Foods Illustrated Talks, and the Commodity Cookery. Rules for the contests will be given to all 4-H'ers in October. The Rabbit Show requires pre-registration, so be sure to **submit rabbit entries by October 7th**.

The day will be a ton of fun! Adult Volunteers are welcome to assist, so please call the 4-H Office to know more.



Join 4-H Junior Leader

Be part of the action! Stand out in the crowd! Being part of the Junior Leader Club certainly has many advantages. The Junior Leader Club takes the lead role in Lafayette Parish service-learning. The club helps with contest days, workshops, serves as Camp Counselors, and more. This is one of the greatest experiences a 4-H'er can have.

Membership is open to all 4-H'ers in grades 8th-12th in Lafayette Parish. If you missed the September meeting, come to the next one scheduled for 5:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26th at the 4-H Office.

Officer Training

Officer Training will take place Tuesday, October 25th at Lafayette Middle School from 5:00-6:30 PM. The Junior Leaders have planned a mock meeting and individual workshops to help guide officers through their roles and responsibilities. Each club officer will receive from school Leaders a copy of the roles and responsibilities of the elected office along with any forms that may help carry out the job duties. We will begin judging club meetings starting next month, so make sure to review all materials shared, making your meetings will run smoothly!



2023 LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Validation Procedure

LSU livestock validation for most species will soon arrive. All market and commercial animals are required to be validated in order to be exhibited in the parish, district, and state LSU Livestock Shows. Animals will be tagged, DNA tested, and classified (preliminary for entries).

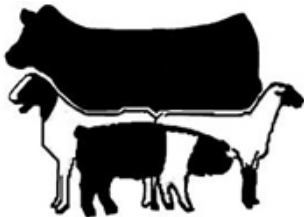
Validation kits are \$7.00 per animal. They are to be picked up at the 4-H Office. Payment is due once DNA hair samples are collected and the kit is returned. Checks must be made payable to "Livestock Show Office."

All animals must be tagged and DNA samples collected and turned into the 4-H Office prior to 4:30 PM on the validation deadline prior to the validation deadline set by the state:

November 7th: Beef & dairy commercial heifers, market lambs, commercial ewes, market goats, and commercial does

December 2nd: Market and commercial hogs

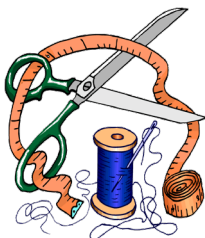
Any animal not validated by these deadlines will be ineligible to show at the LSU AgCenter Livestock Shows. If you have questions, you may contact us at 337-291-7090.



Spice It Up!...with 4-H Fashion

The 2023 State 4-H Fashion Camp will be held January 20th-22nd at Camp Grant Walker. If you want to learn more about fashion in a fun and friendly atmosphere, this camp is for you!

Applications will be available for 4-H'ers ages 10-12. Space is limited, so please request an application from the 4-H Office as soon as possible; registration will close November 30th. Contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu for more information.



Louisiana Commodity Sale

Just in time for the holidays, the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring a Louisiana Sweet Potato, Rice, and Pecan Sale! Prices are as follows:

- Orange or White Sweet Potatoes (10 lbs.): \$10.00
- Orange Sweet Potatoes (40 lbs.): \$25.00
- Peeled Pecans (1 lb. bag): \$12.00
- Peeled Pecans (3 lbs. box): \$30.00
- Aromatic Rice (2 lbs. bag): \$5.00
- Aromatic Rice (5 lbs. bag): \$10.00
- Aromatic Rice (20 lbs. bag): \$25.00
- LSU AgCenter Gardening Calendar: \$14.00

All checks should be made payable to the "Lafayette 4-H Foundation" and can be mailed, along with an order form, to the 4-H Office:

Lafayette 4-H Office
1010 Lafayette St. Suite #325
Lafayette, LA 70501

Order deadline: Wednesday, November 2nd

Pickup date: Wednesday, November 9th

Pickup location/directions: Second Harvest Food Bank: 215 E Pinhook Rd (Go east on Pinhook toward the Evangeline Thruway, take left on East Vermilion, then left on Forrest Street, and then left on Refinery Street. Line up on right hand side of road closest to Second Harvest. Turn in gate and drive through.)

Pickup time: 2:00-5:00 PM



Become a 4-H Volunteer!

Become a 4-H Volunteer and help create life-changing experiences for youth in our community! There are many ways for parents and volunteers to get more involved in the 4-H program.

Adult Volunteers play an important role in the 4-H program. They mentor 4-H youth, serve as a leader, coordinate local community service projects, help to plan and run events, and more. Volunteer at your child's school, or on the parish, regional, or state level.

All Volunteers will register through 4-H Online by creating a profile. To learn more about registration and opportunities, contact us at 337-291-7090.



Dates to Remember

October 2022

- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 3 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 15 Deadline for Enrollment in 4-H Online
- 25 Office Training, Lafayette Middle
- 26 Junior Leader Meeting
- 27-11/13 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport



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November 2022

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Commodity Sale Order Deadline, 4-H Office
- 5 Fall Fest, Live Oak Elementary
- 7 Exhibition Poultry Possession Deadline
- 7 Validation Kits Due and Possession Deadline for all Market: goats, lambs, commercial does, ewes, and heifers
- 7 Possession Deadline for Breeding: beef, dairy, sheep, and goats
- 9 Commodity Sale Pickup, Second Harvest Food Bank
- 15-16 Challenge Camp, Acadian Baptist Center
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 Poultry Clinic, 4-H Office

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