

Jr. Leader Newsline

Lafayette Parish 4-H



Qualifications to Run for Office

By: Grace Martin

When turning in your Project Record books be sure to turn in your Leadership Lessons along with it. This is required if you wish to run for a Junior Leader Office next year. At least seven of the activities must be completed each year. As per the Lafayette Parish Jr. Leader Constitution:

- The qualifications for officers will be that an officer must be at least a sophomore in high school (Exception: Program leaders may be freshmen in high school).
- The President-elect must be a junior in high school.
- To be eligible to be an officer, a junior leader must attend at least 4 meetings by April and must have a completed 4-H Leadership Project Record Book with a score of 75 or above.

The elected officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and two Program Leaders.



Portfolio Deadline

This is a friendly reminder that portfolios and record books are due on **February 23, 2024.**

February 2024

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Dates to Remember:

March 6th – Jr. Leader Officer Meeting

March 7th-9th- Jr. Leader Conference, Camp Grant Walker

March 8th- Strawberry, Fern, & Parish rice Sale
Order due

March 9th- Lafayette 4-H Fashion Show Judging, 4-H Office

March 16th- Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM Academy

March 20th– Jr. Leader Meeting & 4-H U Ice Cream Social

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Lafayette Jr. Leader Officer Team

President: Victoria Couvillion

President Elect: Grace Martin

Vice President: Laila Horton

Program Leader: Jon Patrick Couvillion

Lafayette 4-H Agents:

Brandi Feller

Nicole Gerard

CHARLES HEBERT

Strawberry, Fern, & Parish Rice Sale

Lafayette Parish is kicking off our Spring Fundraiser this month! Strawberries will be sold for \$25 a flat, Boston Ferns will be \$25 per plant, 2lb. bag of Parish rice is priced at \$6.50 and a 5lb. bag of Parish rice is \$11.00. Parish rice was developed at the LSU AgCenter research station in Crowley and is a high protein, low glycemic index rice that tastes the same as regular varieties. All profits made from sales by Jr. Leader members will go into the Jr. Leader account. As a member, you will be credited for the total amount of profits you contribute with a credit toward our end of the year trip.

Order forms are due to Mrs. Nicole by Friday, March 8th. Strawberries, Ferns, and Parish rice will be available for pick up at Second Harvest Food Bank (215 E. Pinhook Rd.) on Tuesday, March 19th from 2:00-5:00 PM.



4-H University

On June 18-21, 2024, 4-H members in 8th-12th grades from across the state will converge on the LSU Campus to “Channel Your Leadership” in over 40 contests.

This is a great opportunity to meet new people, build new skills, and compete at the state level. When you choose a competition to compete in, whether you’re competing with a team or as an individual, you learn new skills and expand your knowledge of your topic. Depending on your competition you have a chance to win cash prizes, fun trips, or you get to compete at a national level. At 4-H University you get a taste of college life when you stay in dorms at LSU for a couple of nights and eat at the student Union. This is our first in-person 4-H University in 2 years, and you don’t want to miss it.

Please review the information packet that was sent out to members and plan to attend our **Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, March 20th from 6-8 PM** to learn more about what 4-H University is all about.



4-H Contest Training

Statewide Contest Trainings will be held for 4-H University Participants at the locations, dates, and times listed below. If you are interested in attending these training, you must notify Mrs. Nicole or Ms. Brandi so that registration can be completed by the deadline listed.

- **ATV Safety**
- **Tractor Operations**
- **Zero Turn Mower**

May 1, 2024 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
Parker Coliseum, LSU
Registration closes April 21, 2024
\$12 registration fee to cover lunch

- **ATV Safety**
- **Child Development**
- **Consumer Foods Evaluation**
- **Esports**
- **Fishing Sports**
- **Insect ID**
- **Livestock Judging**
- **Meat ID**
- **Outdoor Skills**
- **Personal Trainer**
- **Poultry Judging**
- **Robotics**
- **Sports Broadcasting**
- **The Next Healthy Food Star**
- **Tiger Tank Entrepreneurship Challenge**

May 31, 2024 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
State Evacuation Shelter (Alexandria)
Registration closes May 23, 2024
No fee to attend but we will stop for lunch in LeCompte after training ends. Bring money for lunch!

Camp Counselor Training

Calling all future camp counselors! Two training courses are being offered in the region. This will be the 3-hour onsite training required for members to serve in camp counselor roles. Registration will be opened in 4-H Online for anyone interested in training to serve as a camp counselor. You must contact Mrs. Nicole so that she can open the registration for you. Camp Counselor Applications are due to the 4-H Office by **Friday, May 3rd**.

- May 21st, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., West Baton Rouge Parish Office, Registration deadline May 3rd.
- May 28th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. H Rouse Caffey Rice Station, Registration deadline May 10th.



Achievement Day

Achievement Day is a great way to participate in many different 4-H contests as well as showcase some of your club's hard work all year long. We will once again host Achievement Day at David Thibodaux STEM Academy on Saturday, March 16th. Jr. Leaders are asked to arrive at 8:00 AM to help set up contest rooms and check in entries for the many contests. Officers will also be hosting exhibits that focus on our life skills lessons, you can sign up to assist one of the officers in conducting their workshop.

4-H Talent and Art Show

Have a talent you want to share with others? Created art that you want to display? The 2023 Lafayette Parish 4-H Talent and Arts Show planning is underway! All 4-H Members are invited to participate.

We are planning for a virtual contest again this year. All contest entries will be submitted electronically using photographs and videos. Check the website for official contest rules and entry forms.

Registration and entries are due electronically by midnight on **Monday, March 4th**.

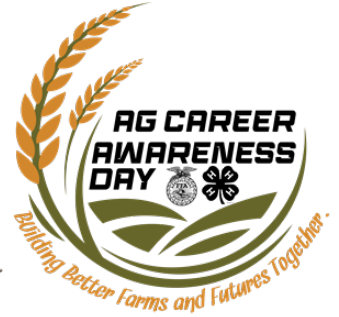


Livestock Show Thank You!

We would like to thank the Jr. Leaders who volunteered their time to help us set up the Parish Livestock Show last month.

- Seth Doucet
- Jaylee Ledoux
- Grace Martin
- Abigail Puckett
- Julia West

We appreciate your dedication in helping us to make the parish show as successful as it can be.



Ag Career Day

The LSU AgCenter is hosting a FREE hands-on workshop to introduce you to the vast agriculture-based career possibilities on April 30th at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel. Members in 8th-12th grades are eligible to attend. The deadline to register is **April 15th**. Contact **Ms. Brandi** to find out all the details and registration form.

Service-Learning

The Lafayette Jr. Leaders have partnered with the HUB- Lafayette Urban Ministries on their mission to serve those in our community facing poverty and homelessness. The HUB Lafayette-Urban Ministries has put together a list month-by-month of donations that are in need to stock the Sortwell Center. Please review the list below for the upcoming months and collect all items that you can in order to help us stock the Sortwell Center.

February- Stock the Smellwell

- “HE” liquid laundry detergent
- dryer sheets
- drawstring laundry bags

March

- Hygiene items

April

- Non-perishable food items

May

- Sunscreen
- Off bug spray
- Umbrellas
- Ponchos

June

- Hygiene items

July

- Non-perishable food items

August

- Cleaning supplies
- “HE” liquid laundry detergent
- dryer sheets
- drawstring laundry bags

Donations can be dropped off at the Sortwell (1515 W University Ave., Lafayette, LA) on Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM and Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 PM. Our you can bring your donations to the Lafayette 4-H Office, and we can arrange a pickup from the Hub!

We are also working with HUB to organize dates and time in which Jr. Leaders can assist with stocking the Sortwell Center. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mrs. Nicole for more information.

Jr. Leader Educational Trip

Mrs. Nicole and Ms. Brandi are making final arrangements for the summer Jr. Leader Educational Trip. We will need a head count of those interested in attending so that we can make sure the excursions planned can accommodate the number in our group. We will also need to begin making plans for transportation and hotel.

The trip is estimated to cost \$400 per person but may change based on the number attending. If you are interested in attending, please complete the form at the following link by **March 1st**.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Ppvwdc1J3a>



February Birthdays

We have five Jr. Leaders with birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to:

- Adam Long
- Jon Patrick Couvillion
- Seth Doucet
- Grace Breaux
- Emmy Habetz

We wish you an amazing birthday!