

# Jr. Leader Newsline

Lafayette Parish 4-H

## Portfolio Deadline

By Annaclaire Zerangue

This a friendly reminder that portfolios and record books are due on **February 25, 2022.**

You may be thinking... "Why do I have to turn a portfolio in?"

Well, there are many reasons and benefits as to why you should turn one in!

- If you want to run for a Junior Leader officer position, then you must turn it in for qualification.
- You must turn in a record book in order to be considered for certain workshops such as JLC and Co-op camp.
- When and if you are a senior, turning in a portfolio is necessary for the application.
- If you want to be a 4-H Camp counselor, you must turn in a record book and portfolio.
- You can win amazing prizes for turning in your book!
  - For example, I went to Atlanta, GA in November for National 4-H Congress, which is a possible prize. There, I was able to meet 4-Hers from all over the country, learn new and innovative leadership skills, hear from world-renowned speakers, explore Atlanta and all it has to offer, and make lifelong friends and memories!

Turn in your record book and portfolio as soon as you can!

## Join Junior Leaders- It's Not too Late!

We are continuing with our incentive drawings to try to increase membership and participation in monthly meetings. We will hold three drawings for gift cards during the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, criteria are as follows:

- Drawing 1- \$10.00 gift card to Raising Cane's for a current junior leader who brings a friend to the meeting that is eligible to join the Junior Leaders club (must be a current 4-H member in Lafayette parish in grades 8-12).
- Drawing 2- \$10.00 gift card to Chick-fil-a for all potential members who attend their first Junior Leader meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Drawing 3- \$10 gift card to Jett Coffee to all 4-H members present at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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## Dates to Remember:

- February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Jr. Leader Meeting
- February 18<sup>th</sup>** – State Rabbit Entries Due
- February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Scholarship Due
- February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Portfolios Due to 4-H Office
- March 5<sup>th</sup>** - Lafayette 4-H Fashion Show
- March 7<sup>th</sup>** - Talent & Art Entries Due
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jr. Leader Officer Meeting
- March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Jr. Leader General Meeting
- March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Achievement Day Entries Due

## Lafayette Jr. Leader Officer Team

**President:** Annaclaire Zerangue  
**President Elect:** Shaohannah Martin  
**Vice President:** Claire Harrington  
**Secretary:** Isabella Couvillion  
**Treasurer:** Tucker Dufrene  
**Reporter:** Adam Long  
**Program Leaders:** Laila Horton  
Grace Martin

## Lafayette 4-H Agents:

*Paul Bongarzone*

*Nicole Gerard*

CHARLES HEBERT

## Officer Nominations Now Open

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). 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 turned in a completed 4-H Leadership Project Record Book with a score of 75 or above.

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

If you are interested in running for office, please contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu). We will take nominations for office during the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and elections for the 2022-2023 year will be conducted during the March 16<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.



## State Rabbit Show

The LSU AgCenter will be hosting a State Rabbit Show on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the State Evac Shelter in Alexandria, LA. Entries will be due to the Lafayette Parish Extension Office on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 4:00 p.m. This is subject to change if further restrictions are imposed.

Entries information is being sent out to 4-H members in the rabbit project.

More information and entry forms will be sent to students in the rabbit project. For more information, contact Mr. Paul at (337)291-7090.



## Cooperative Enterprise Leadership Conference

The 2022 Cooperative Enterprise Leadership Conference will take place at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA from Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>- Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to sharpen their marketing and financial management skills as they compete in teams to build and manage their own cooperative business during the conference. The event is sponsored by the Louisiana Council of Farmer Cooperatives. Registration fees (\$50) and forms must be submitted by Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) to receive the registration link.

### COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE TEEN CONFERENCE 2022



## Fashion Show

This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the 2022 Fashion Show on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Office, 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 325. Prejudging of all garments being entered will begin at 9 a.m. with the show beginning at 11 a.m. Members who would like to participate must contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) or 337-291-7090 to receive more information about the rules. Registration is required by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in order to participate. If any 4-H Leaders are interested in being a judge for this event, please contact Mrs. Nicole.



## 4-H Talent and Art Show

Have a talent you want to share with others? Created art that you want to display? The 2022 Lafayette Parish 4-H Talent and Arts Show planning is underway! All 4-H Members are invited to participate. You will need to contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) or 337-291-7090 to receive more information about the rules.

We are planning for a virtual contest again this year. All contest entries will be submitted electronically using photographs and videos. Registration and entries are due electronically by midnight on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Strawberry and Fern Sale

The Lafayette 4-H Foundation and the Lafayette Junior Leader club will be conducting their annual strawberry and fern sale soon. Prices and dates will be announced shortly.



## Achievement Day 2022

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.

Like many things this year, Achievement Day will likely take place virtually (similar to Pumpkin Decorating, Fall Fest, and Cookie Decorating). We are still hoping for the situation to improve and if possible, can shift to an in-person event. If we remain virtual, entries for Achievement Day must be submitted to Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) by midnight on **Saturday, March 26th**.

Rules for Achievement Day contests will be released soon, we look forward to your participation! Best of luck to everyone!



Good Luck to all our Livestock Exhibitors who qualified for the state show at ADLS. The LSU State Livestock Show will be held Saturday, February 12- February 19<sup>th</sup> at Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA. Good Luck to all Lafayette Parish Exhibitors!

