

Jr. Leader Newslines

Lafayette Parish 4-H

Enroll in Jr. Leaders (if you haven't yet!)

The Junior Leadership Club takes the lead role in parish-wide service learning. The club helps in other parish 4-H activities, such as contest days, workshops, serves as camp counselors, etc. This is one of the greatest experiences of a high school 4-H'er. Any way you look at it, you can't afford NOT to be a 4-H Junior Leader.

Membership is open to all 8-12th graders in Lafayette Parish. Dues are \$5.00 for one year. Make all checks payable to Lafayette 4-H Foundation. If you missed the September meeting, try not to miss the next one scheduled for Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

Lafayette Jr. Leader Remind Code

Our club uses Remind to send out reminders and other important information. 4-H Members and parents are welcome to join, our class group. If you were in the Remind group last year, it is the same class.

To join the group: text @laf4-hjrl to 81010

Memory Moon

By Tucker Dufrene

If you are not aware, a young man and friend in our community recently passed. Jace Judice passed on the night of Halloween in a car accident. We cannot change what has happened, bring him back, or fix it, all we can do is remember. As we live life, our brain captures memories for us so that we can use those memories as lessons for ourselves, to teach other people, or maybe it's just a memory that you think of that brings you joy or gets you through a bad day. For our next Jr. Leader meeting, I would like everyone to bring a memory with them that's important to you. You are also more than welcome to bring a fellow 4-H member that you share memories with to the meeting as well. Come prepared to share your memories and we will share some memories with you so we can be a more united club, have a stronger community, and make a better world.



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Dates to Remember:

November 17th – Jr. Leader Meeting

November 23rd - Cookery Contest

November 25th – Thanksgiving

November 30th – Fall Fest Entries Due

December 1st – Jr. Leader Officer Meeting

December 15th – Jr. Leader Meeting

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Fall Fest: Virtual Edition!

The weather is getting cooler, the days are getting shorter, fall has arrived! And with the arrival of fall comes the arrival of our annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Fall Fest! This year, as with many events, Fall Fest will occur virtually.

Fall Fest entries are due Tuesday, November 30th at midnight! Send entries to Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu. Results will be announced in the following weeks! See rules attached in the email for complete contest details. Good luck to all competitors!



The Cookery Contest will be held separately as a drop off event on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with judging ending no later than 11:30 a.m. This will allow contestants to have their dishes evaluated on taste and not just appearance. Contestants will not remain on site during the judging in order to comply with current COVID protocols.

Jr. Leaders interested in volunteering to assist with drop-off and check-in for the Fall Fest Cookery Contest should contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu to add their name to the list.

Award Applications

The following award applications are being sent to select grade levels of 4-H members. They are as follows:

Golden Clover: 7th Grade and 8th Grade

Emerald Achievement: 11th Grade and 12th Grade

Honor Cord: 12th Grade

These award applications are due December 15th, 2021 to the Lafayette 4-H Office. Applications were

sent out electronically and emailed to all qualified members from the 4-H office.

Christmas Cookie Contest

By Annaclaire Zerangue

The annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Christmas Cookie Contest is coming right around the corner!

As always, the categories are:

- Prettiest Christmas Cookie
- Most Unusual Christmas Cookie
- Most 4-H Spirit Christmas Cookie

If you are interested in participating in this year's contest you will need to:

1. Home bake and decorate the cookies
2. Take a well-lit, overhead image of the cookies
3. Email the picture to ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu
4. Include your name, grade, school/club, and category that the cookie is in in the email

All entries are due: December 17th at midnight!

Each 4-Her is welcome to enter one cookie in each category, store bought cookies are not acceptable, and a cookie cannot be entered in more than one category.

We can't wait to see all of the festive, delicious submissions you all will send in!



Fall Food Drive

The Food for Families Food Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 7th. Lafayette Junior Leaders will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate at the food drive. Please bring contributions to the November meeting so that we can plan to drop off at the Cajundome Arena and Convention Center during the collection on December 7th.



Southwest Region Teen Event

Lafayette Parish 4-H is partnering with the Southwest Region to host a Teen Event at Acadiana Village (200 Greenleaf Dr. Lafayette, LA 70506) Saturday, December 4th from 10am to 5:30 pm. All 4-H members in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in a day of Leadership Lessons, Service to the Community, Reindeer Games, and tour Noel Acadian au Village. Cost to attend is \$25 and will include lunch and admission to Noel Acadian au Village. If you've never been to Acadian Village for Christmas time, it is a sight to see!

Attached is the registration form and spots will be filled on a first come-first served basis. Registration forms and check made out to Lafayette 4-H Foundation for \$25 per member will be due by November 22nd. Please mail your form along with a check for registration to:

Lafayette Parish 4-H
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Ag Career Day

Join us for the annual LSU AgCenter Southwest Region Agricultural Career Day at the H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station in Rayne, LA. The Agricultural Career Day offers youth from Southwest Louisiana in grades 8-12 a unique opportunity to learn more about agricultural careers, research, and production. Youth will experience firsthand the basics behind agricultural production. In addition, participants will learn about potential agricultural related careers from university, research, and extension leaders. Registration is limited to 10 students in 8th-12th grade from Lafayette Parish. Career Day programs will take place at 9:15 am – 3:00 pm with lunch provided. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the Rice Research Station. Members interested in participating should contact Mr. Paul at pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu in order to receive a registration form. Registration is due by November 17, 2021.



Clovers Coping

Throughout the course of the year, we will be adding a monthly session to our meetings to help increase understanding of mental health and provide some general skills to aid in coping with difficult circumstances.