



# 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 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### How do I join 4-H?

1. Fill out an enrollment card. This card may be a physical sheet of paper, or a digital enrollment card. The link for the digital enrollment card is <http://lsuagcenter.com/4henroll>.
2. Choose **one** project. If you choose an animal project, you may choose more than one book.
3. All 4<sup>th</sup> graders must select the 'Discovering the World of 4-H' project.
4. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders must select the 'Exploring the World of 4-H' project.
5. Pay your dues. Check with your school club leader for dues amount and due date.
6. If there is a 4-H club at your school, you must be a member of that club.
7. **If you plan to participate in livestock or shooting sports, please submit your enrollment card as soon as possible and if you are new, please call the Lafayette 4-H Office for program details.**

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be distributed each month from October to May. 4-H'ers should take it home, read it, and share it with your parents. It will keep you posted on all 4-H events. If you have any questions concerning the 4-H program, call the 4-H Office at (337)291-7090.

## Pumpkin Decorating Contest

We are thrilled to announce our first ever *virtual* pumpkin decorating contest! If you have attended 4-H Fall Fest in the past, you know our pumpkin decorating contest is one of our most popular events. This year, we will have a special virtual edition of the contest!

Pumpkin pictures will be due by midnight on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>! Send pictures of pumpkins to Ms. Cassie at [cphillips@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:cphillips@agcenter.lsu.edu). Results will be announced the following week! See attached rules for complete details.



## October 2020

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### Points of interest:

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# Junior Leader: Calling 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Lafayette's Junior Leader 4-H Club is made up of older 4-H'ers from across Lafayette Parish who are in grades 8th-12th. Do you have teens that would like to be involved in the community in a leadership role, but just not sure how to go about it?

The first Junior Leader meeting of the school year will be Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All 4-H'ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend. Contact Mrs. Victoria at [vdupuis@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:vdupuis@agcenter.lsu.edu) if you are interested in attending the Junior Leader meeting.

## National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.4-h.org).



## Lafayette 4-H'ers on State Boards

Each year, at 4-H University, 4-H members from around the state of Louisiana compete to be a part of state leadership boards. Lafayette Parish 4-H is well-represented this year; our state board members are as follows: Annaclaire Zerangue (National Conference Delegate & Food and Fitness Board), Claire Harrington (Food and Fitness Board), Shaohannah Martin (Wetland Ambassador Team), and Emma Long (Fashion Board).

Congratulations to these exemplary members!



## State Record Winners

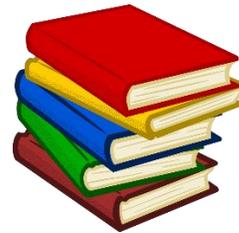
This year, 26 record books were selected to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition. Lafayette Parish 4-H members who entered and won State Record Book competitions include:

National 4-H Congress Winners: Isabella Couvillion (Healthy Living), Zoe Cazayoux (SET Livestock)

Louisiana Trip Winners: Victoria Couvillion, Laila Horton, Tucker Habetz (alternate), Jacob Sonnier (alternate), Alex Theall (alternate)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Category Winners: Grace Simon

Congratulations to all who participated, we are very proud of your hard work and dedication!



## 4-H University Winners

Lafayette 4-H members earned honors, award trips, and scholarships at 4-H University in June. And for the first time ever, 4-H University took place virtually! This event is the largest state 4-H competition of the year and is a highlight for 4-H members. Thanks to all the 4-H members and leadership who helped make this event a success!

### 2020 BLUE RIBBON AND STATE WINNERS:

**Automotive Care, Safety & Driving:** Emily Fontenot- State Winner

**Career Prep:** Nathan Thompson- 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Consumer Decision Making:** Laney Emmels- State Winner

**Environmental Conservation Illustrated Talk:** Isabella Couvillion- Blue Ribbon

**Fashion: It's Sew You:** Emma Long- 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Fashion: Ready to Wear:** Julia Thompson- Blue Ribbon

**Family and Consumer Science Demo:** Annaclaire Zerangue- State Winner

**Louisiana Chef Demo:** Eniya Bordelon- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Public Speaking:** Broty Stelly- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

# 2020 LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Validation Procedure

LSU Market and Commercial Animal Validation is just around the corner. 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. They are to be picked up at our office. Payment is due once DNA hair samples are collected and the kit is returned. Checks must be made payable to 'Livestock Show Office' at \$7.00 per kit per animal.

If you need assistance validating and tagging your animal, please call (337)291-7090.

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

**November 6<sup>th</sup>:** Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does

**December 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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 any questions concerning the validation procedure, you are welcome to contact us at (337)291-7090.

## Searching for Livestock Exhibitors

As our 4-H year begins, some members make plans to raise and show livestock projects. If you are one of these, there are several things you must do:

1. When completing the 4-H enrollment card, be sure to mark the appropriate livestock project (beef, sheep, horse, etc.). This will put you on the livestock/horse mailing list.
2. Parents of new exhibitors must also contact Mrs. Victoria at the 4-H office ((337)291-7090) to discuss the 4-H livestock program and must attend one of the meetings scheduled for new exhibitors.
3. First year exhibitor meeting for livestock is scheduled for Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine & poultry). First year horse exhibitors meeting will be held in March.
4. Contact Mrs. Victoria at [vdupuis@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:vdupuis@agcenter.lsu.edu) for further details.

## 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: \$12.00

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

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

**Order deadline:** Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Pickup date:** Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Pickup location/directions:** Second Harvest Food Bank: 215 E Pinhook Rd: Head east on Pinhook toward the Evangeline Thruway, take left on East Vermilion, then left on Forrest St, 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 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Be the Change!

Last summer, 4-H'ers throughout Louisiana voted special needs as the service-learning focus of the year. Join the Louisiana State 4-H Citizenship Board in supporting their campaign. The goal of the project is to educate 4-H members across the state about differing types of special needs.

Special needs can mean a lot of different things. People can have physical and/or mental disabilities. Throughout the year, we will be exploring topics that range from Downs Syndrome to physical disabilities like missing limbs.

Looking for a way to get more involved in this project with your 4-H club? We will include a list of suggestions of ways your club can participate throughout the school year. Projects can be for Families Helping Families of Acadiana, LARC, D.R.E.A.M.S. Foundation of Acadiana, etc.

# Dates to Remember

## October 2020

- 5 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 9-10 LA 4-H Volunteer Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 19 Enrollment Cards Submitted in Online System
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting
- 20 First Year Exhibitor Meeting
- 29-11/8 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
- 31 Pumpkin Decorating Submissions Due



## Become a 4-H Volunteer!

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

Adults 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. Volunteer at your child's school, or on the parish, regional, or state level. To learn more about opportunities, contact the local 4-H Office at (337)291-7090 to find out about becoming a 4-H volunteer. Register to become a volunteer here: <http://lsuagcenter.com/4henroll>.



## November 2020

- 1 Exhibition Poultry Possession Date
- 2 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Commodity Sale Order Deadline, 4-H Office
- 6 Validation Kits Due and Possession Deadline for all Market: Goats, Lambs, Commercial Does, Ewes, and Heifers
- 6 Possession Deadline for Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Goats
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 Commodity Sale Pickup, Second Harvest Food Bank
- 30 Fall Fest Submissions Due



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