

# 4-H Leader Update

September 2022

## Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a safe and happy summer and are all geared up for a new school year. We are delighted with the fact that a 4-H Club will be in your school and that you have volunteered to serve as a 4-H Leader!

We are excited to be moving back in the direction of a more traditional school year which means we will once again be part of the monthly club meetings in all schools. We know that some things may change based on certain circumstances, and we would like to do whatever we can to accommodate you when those occasions arise.

We are looking forward to a very productive year and hope you are too! Please feel free to call us at any time if questions arise. Our number at the Lafayette 4-H office is (337) 291-7090.

## Programming Status Update

### Interest Meetings

We are counting on you, as the 4-H Leader, to make announcements and arrangements for the first meeting of the year. This should be made available to all interested and eligible students can attend/have access to information for the first meeting. We have attached a sample version of a parent permission slip if you wish to use it or alter, please feel free to make it your own.

### Enrollment Fees/Dues

The enrollment process should begin in the month of September or at your first meeting. This year, enrollment will once again occur in 4-H Online. Families that created accounts last year will simply need to re-enroll their child for the new year and update any information that has changed. New families will need to create an account and then enroll all members in the system.

The parish and state dues are **\$10 per member**. Your club may choose to charge more per member for club-specific activities and materials.

### Deadlines

Our first call for competed enrollment in the online system is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Members are strongly encouraged to join by October 14<sup>th</sup> in order to meet project deadlines.

We do have an open enrollment policy allowing members to join at any time throughout the year, but it is beneficial to encourage members to sign up at the beginning of the year. If during the year students transfer schools, please work with them to get them enrolled, even if it is after the enrollment deadline.

## Dates to Remember

### September 2022

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed
- 7 Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- 15 FIRST CALL – 4-H Enrollment Due
- 15 4-H Challenge Camp Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 21 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office (Reg. Required)
- 26 1<sup>st</sup> Year Livestock Exhibitor Meeting, 4-H Office

### October 2022

- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 5 Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
- 14 FINAL CALL – Enrollment Due in Online System
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 25 Officer Training Workshop, Lafayette Middle
- 27-11/13 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport



## September Club Meeting Logistics

The September club meeting will consist of an introduction to 4-H for new and returning members. Club meetings may look a bit different this year again, as we continue to offer various options of delivery. School principals and leaders will determine what is the safest method to implement the program for your school.

All club meetings will be held in-person – If administration will allow us to meet on campus we will conduct your meeting, following any guidelines that are in place set by the state.

For our first meeting of the year, we will need access to a projector and computer to run our PowerPoint presentation. We would appreciate you having these set up for us with the presentation loaded to begin.

## Yearly Educational Focus

This year he will be exploring teamwork and the skills necessary to work together. Through a series of lessons, students will be introduced to topics which explore communication, public speaking, cooperation and working together. All lessons will be interactive and designed to reinforce soft skills which are essential to building a successful team!



## Bash on the Bayou

Football season is right around the corner, and we are ready to cheer on our Tigers as they play Mississippi State on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to announce that we will be collaborating with the College of Agriculture and FFA for a great tailgate event. There will be a \$5 admission fee to the Bash on the Bayou Tailgate that will go towards a scholarship fund that will benefit 4-H and FFA members. A link and agenda for the Tailgate events will be sent out within the next week after the schedule has been finalized. Group tickets to the game are \$38 each and may be purchased at [LSU v. MS STATE tickets](#)



## National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 8<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). Possible Ideas:

- Create a 4-H themed “billboard” to display in your hallways or on school website
- Say the 4-H pledge during morning announcements
- Promote 4-H in your virtual classroom
- Conduct service in your community



## Challenge Camp

2022 Southwest Region Challenge Camp will be held on November 15-16, 2022, at the Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice, La. All members currently enrolled in 4-H and in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades may apply to attend. Applications are due to the Lafayette 4-H Office by September 15<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed, and notices sent out to those accepted in early October. Please contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) if you need an application or have questions.



## Provide Service Opportunities for Youth

Strive to engage your club members in at least one meaningful service project this year. Service-learning is taking an ordinary service project and taking it to the next level. It is a teaching strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Meeting real community need is key to true service-learning. The service should be integrated into the curriculum where there is purposeful learning taking place. A critical part of service-learning includes reflection, which provides youth the opportunity to ‘think about’ their experience. Service-learning enables youth to utilize newly acquired skills and knowledge and typically enhances what is taught either in the classroom or in a community setting. Service-learning extends the world of the youth and fosters a sense of caring for others. Service-learning is best thought of as a cycle, where each step in the process leads to the next.

Service-learning broadens perspectives and enhances critical thinking skills. Studies show that service-learning improves interpersonal and human relation skills, which have become increasingly important in professional and personal spheres.

Take the time to include your club members or at least the club officers in identifying a local need and brainstorming for ideas for their service-learning project.



# How do you incorporate Service-Learning in Your 4-H Program?

You will find listed below five (5) steps that will help guide you through the process. They are:

- 1. Identify a need.
- 2. When a need is identified tie it to a learning experience. For example: bring in a guest speaker to talk about the need for the service project. Or use the topic to reinforce a class lesson.
- 3. Perform the service project.
- 4. Do an evaluation or reflect upon of the service project.
- 5. Celebrate!

NOTE: Youth need to understand why they are doing the service project and who is benefiting from it to see that they CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Incorporate a project tied into your focus monthly or every other month.

## Examples of Service-Learning Projects

Environment— Phone book recycling: recruit a guest speaker from the recycling foundation; connect to math curriculum using estimation, weights, charts, etc.; celebrate success

Elderly — Collect a different item each month such as toothbrushes, deodorant, etc., tour the nursing home, conduct Christmas Carols, make cards for the residents, ask someone from nursing home to be a guest speaker. Incorporate English/language curriculum through writing project.

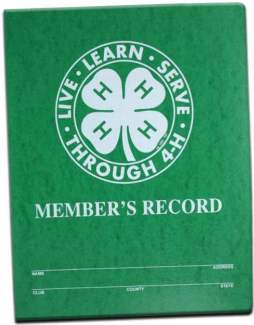
Illness—cancer, muscular dystrophy, etc. invite a guest speaker from a hospital or Muscular Dystrophy Association, visit their center or hospital, bring cards to children battling the disease, raise funds, participate in MDA Muscle Walk at Acadian Village. Connect to science curriculum through study of muscular/body system.

## Louisiana Service-Learning Focus

This Louisiana 4-H community service focus for the year is mental health. Clubs are encouraged to include the state service focus in their school club activities. An example of this would be to have monthly club programs which educate 4-H members on various mental health issues. 4-H’ers are also encouraged to perform community service activities which relate to the state focus.

Mental Health is defined as a person’s condition with regards to their psychological and emotional wellbeing. Simply put, it’s the wellness of the mind. Mental Health affects everything from the way we act and react to how we feel and think. It

determines how we cope with stress and different struggles daily life throws our way. There are several different reasons why our mental health can be affected negatively, making our minds sick, including biological factors, life experiences, and family history. Mental health can decline at any age, and it's important that you not only take care of your physical body, but also your psychological and emotional body. When your mental health declines in different directions, it is called mental illness.



## State Record Book Winners

This year, 19 record books were selected to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition. These will be judged the last week in August. We will have results in the next week or so.

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

## Junior Leader Club: Calling All 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 Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All 4-H’ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend. They will need to contact Nicole Gerard at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) to register.

## Old and New Business

In the next issue of the Leader Update, you will find a page of items which may be used as old and new business during your meetings. It is set up to allow you to clip them out and give to your members, not the officers, to read during the business part of the meeting.

Typically, we have a Club-of-the-Month contest that starts in November. This contest judges each individual club on their ability to run a meeting with correct parliamentary procedure. While we do plan to have a version of this contest this year, it will most likely be slightly altered from the past.





## 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: **Isabella Couvillion** (Food and Fitness Board) **Laila Horton** (Citizenship Board) **Finley McGill** (Shooting Sports) **Victoria Couvillion** (Exec. Board- SW Region Rep) and **Shaohannah Martin** (Livestock Ambassador).

Congratulations to these exemplary members!

## Parish Fundraising Efforts

Our parish fundraisers have provided an opportunity to raise funds to benefit the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation along with your school club.

We were able to successfully complete our fall commodity sale last year as well as our spring strawberry and fern sale fundraisers. We plan to conduct our fall commodity sale as scheduled for the 2022 year and the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation Board is currently planning an additional fundraiser for the fall. Information will be forthcoming soon.

Thank you to all of our supporters, our program would not be possible without your dedication.

## Letter of Authorization

The Letter of Authorization ensures that the 4-H Clubs are committed to following the rules and regulations set forth by the Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program. The letter also certifies that the 4-H Club or Group is open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or disability, and that the 4-H Club or Group supports the goals of leadership, character, and life skills development for all 4-H members. The letter is included in your enrollment packet.

## Club Meeting Request Form & Schedule

Our 4-H club meeting request forms were sent out to principals and leaders in early August. If you have not returned the form but are interested in a club, please let us know as soon as possible.

The club meeting schedule is attached as and can be located on page 5 of this packet. Please check the calendar for your club meeting date and time. We

understand that conflicts occur, so please let us know as soon as possible if you need to reschedule.

## Shooting Sports Training

Level 1 Training will be held September 24, 2022 in Ascension Parish for Shotgun. Registration is available in 4-H Online. You must complete enrollment as an adult volunteer and be approved by the parish office before you will be able to register for any events.

## Thank You!

We would like to thank you for serving in the role as the 4-H organizational leaders for your club! We look forward to working with each of you to have a successful 4-H year! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication serving your community and developing the leaders of tomorrow in your 4-H program. We will be working through the new enrollment process. We hope that everything rolls out smoothly, but we ask for your cooperation and patience through the process. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to contact us at 291-7090.

*It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance to participate in any aforementioned activity, please contact the 4-H office at (337)291-7090.*



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September 2022 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 <div>2:00-2:45 Woodvale</div> <div>3:15-4:15 Northside High</div>	2 <div>10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool</div> <div>2:18- 3:03 Judice Middle</div>
			<div>8:00-8:30 Acadiana High</div> <div>2:45-3:45 Acadiana Christian Homeschool</div>	<div>10:10-11:10 Ossun Elem.</div> <div>2:45-3:30 J W James Elem.</div>
5 <b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b> (Note: Clubs that meet on the first Monday will roll down a week. Clubs that meet on the second Monday will roll down to the third week as well due to the holiday).	6 <div>8:50-9:30 Comeaux High</div> <div>2:45-3:45 Teurlings High</div>	7 <div>7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel</div> <div>10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle</div> <div>2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More</div>	8 <div>9:35-10:35 Lafayette Middle</div> <div>2:45-3:15 Southside High</div> <div>3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem</div>	9 <div>2:00-3-00 L. Leo Judice</div>
	<div>9:30-10:30 Milton Middle</div> <div>2:05-2:50 Live Oak Elem.</div> <div>3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy</div>	<div>10:09-10:37 Youngsville Middle</div> <div>1:00-2:00 Ridge Elem.</div> <div>4:00-4:45 Edgar Martin</div>	<div>8:15-9:15 Westside</div> <div>10:15-11:00 Carencro Catholic</div> <div>2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Middle</div> <div>4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle</div>	<div>8:30-8:50 L. J. Alleman</div> <div>2:45-3:45 Myrtle Place Elem.</div>
12 <div>1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</div> <div>3:00-3:45 Fatima</div> <div>*3:25-4:25 JW Faulk</div>	13 <div>9:00-9:45 Charles Burke</div> <div>2:45-3:45 David Thibodaux STEM</div>	14 <div>12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy</div> <div>2:20-3:00 Carencro Heights Elem</div>	15 First Call for Enrollment in 4-H Online 	16
<div>8:30-9:30 Prairie Elementary</div> <div>3:00-4:00 Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy</div>	<div>1:40-2:30 Green T. Lindon Elem.</div> <div>3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia</div>	<div>2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian</div> <div>3:30-4:14 St. Pius Elem</div>		
19 <div>2:45-3:45 Carencro High</div>	20	21 Lafayette Junior Leader Club Meeting 5:00-7:00, Lafayette 4-H Office  8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Graders are Invited to Join	22	23
<div>2:45-3:45 Lafayette High</div>				
26	27	28	29	30

**In- Person Schools (45):**  
- Acadian Middle  
- Acadiana High

- Acadiana Christian Homeschool
  - Acadiana Community Homeschool
  - Acadiana Renaissance Charter
  - Carencro Catholic
  - Cathedral-Carmel
  - Carencro Heights Elem
  - Carencro High
  - Charles Burke
  - \*Christian Homeschool
  - Comeaux High
  - David Thibodeaux STEM
  - Ernest Gallet Elem.
  - Edgar Martin Middle
  - First Baptist Christian
  - G. T. Lindon Elem
  - Judice Middle
  - \*JW Faulk Elementary
  - JW James Elementary
  - LJ Alleman
  - L. Leo Judice
  - Lafayette Christian Academy
  - Lafayette High
  - Lafayette Middle
  - Lafayette Renaissance Charter

- Live Oak Elementary
  - Milton Elem/Middle
  - Myrtle Place Elem
  - Northside High
  - Ossun Elementary
  - Our Lady of Fatima
  - Paul Breaux Middle
  - Prairie Elem
  - Ridge Elem
  - Southside High
  - St. Cecilia
  - St. Genevieve Elem
  - St. Genevieve Middle
  - St. Thomas More
  - Sts. Peter & Paul
  - St. Pius Elem.
  - Teurlings High
  - Westside Elem
  - Youngsville Middle

- Ascension Episcopal School
  - Sugar Mill Pond
  - Baranco Elem
  - Billeaud Elem
  - Broadmoor Elem.
  - Broussard Middle
  - Carencro Middle
  - Duson Elementary
  - Evangeline Elementary
  - John Paul the Great
  - Philadelphia Christian
  - S. J. Montgomery
  - Scott Middle
  - St. Leo-Seton
  - Lafayette Virtual Academy
  - Westminster Christian Academy
  - Woodvale
- 4-H Schools Not Confirmed (16):**

  - Alice Boucher
- NO CLUB:**

  - Katherine Drexel Elementary
  - CPL Middlebrook Elem

**Sample Pre-Registration/Permission Forms  
For Duplication  
(The 1<sup>st</sup> one may be given out prior to the first meeting, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
one may be given out at the 4-H meeting).**

**4-H Club  
Permission Form**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has expressed an interest to joining Lafayette Parish 4-H. It is part of the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H.

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. 4-H in Lafayette is open to 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who attend school or live in the parish.

In order to join, you child must complete a 4-H enrollment card online and submit payment for annual dues will be due at a later time. Your child's first 4-H Meeting is scheduled to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ . For your child to able to attend this initial enrollment meeting, please sign below.

I look forward to your child joining 4-H this school year. There are many fun events planned throughout the year. 4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. I would love for your child to be part of our 4-H club.

Sincerely,  
\_\_\_\_\_, 4-H Volunteer Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**4-H Club  
Registration Information**

Dear Parent:

Your child has expressed an interest to join the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H. In order to join, you must turn in dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and a completed official 4-H enrollment card by\_\_\_\_\_. Dues and the enrollment card are to be turned in to the 4-H Leader at school. Your child's 4-H Leader is \_\_\_\_\_.

For more information about 4-H, contact the LSU AgCenter at (337)291 -7090 or see the Louisiana 4-H website at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) or [www.louisiana4h.org](http://www.louisiana4h.org).

Sincerely,  
\_\_\_\_\_, 4-H Volunteer Leader



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