

4-H Leader Update

December 2022

Public Speaking & Demonstrations

Not a fan of public speaking, no matter the audience? Chances are you have already faced a public speaking situation – a speech at school, a 4-H club demonstration, a job or project interview, or even just sharing your opinion in front of a group of your friends. Did the experience send you running scared, or did you face the experience head-on? The truth is you WILL continue experiencing public speaking situations throughout your life. Therefore, it is important to remember these things:

- Communication is an essential skill for success in any field.
- Communication includes speaking and listening.
- Practice makes perfect!

Members will get a “toolbox list” at club meetings that will help them become more comfortable when speaking in a group. They will also get to practice their speaking skills in small groups. The content of this lesson will be mirroring the Reading Comprehension and Written Expression tasks for LEAP testing.



Letter of Authorization

The Letter of Authorization is an important document that must be completed by each club every year. The letter certifies that the club will be open to all members regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or disability and that the club will support goals of leadership, character, and life skills development for all 4-H members.

If you have not already submitted a Letter of Authorization, please do so as soon as possible. There is a copy attached to your leader update email.

4-H Online Enrollment

Schools have been invoiced for all members with approved enrollments entered in 4-H Online by November 15th. Project books have been delivered for all students with enrollment completed by October 30th. Checks for payment of dues should be submitted to the Lafayette Parish 4-H Office by **November 30th**.

If you have students who have not completed online enrollment or if you have not paid your club fees, please do so. If you are missing any project books, please, let us know as soon as possible.

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Dates to Remember

December 2022

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| 1 | First Day of Club Meetings |
| 2 | Validation Kits and Possession Deadline for all Market, Commercial, and Breeding Swine |
| 5 | Parish Broiler Pick-Up, TBA |
| 15 | Golden Clover Awards Due, 4-H Office |
| 15 | Emerald Achievement Awards Due, 4-H Office |
| 15 | Honor Cord Applications Due, 4-H Office |
| 19 | Premier Exhibitor Exams |
| 21 | Record Book Workshop |
| 21 | Junior Leader Meeting |
| TBA | Hoof Trimming Clinic |



January 2023

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| 4 | First Day of Club Meetings |
| 4 | Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing |
| 5 | LSU Broiler Pick-Up, TBA |
| 11 | Junior Leader Meeting |
| 16 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 4-H Office Closed |
| 19-21 | Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale |
| 24-28 | Acadiana District Livestock Show |



Junior Leader Club

It's not too late to join Lafayette 4-H's Junior Leader club, a club made up of 8th-12th grade 4-H members from across Lafayette Parish. Do you know a teen that would like to be involved in the community in a leadership role, but just not sure how to go about it?

The next Junior Leader meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, December 21st at 5:00 p.m. All 4-H'ers in grades 8th to 12th are invited to attend. Have potential members contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu if they are interested in attending the Junior Leader meeting.

Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest

The annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest will take place during club meetings this month! The categories remain the same as they have been in the past. They are as follows:

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

Club leaders will need to share the details of when and where members should bring their cookies for judging. We will present certificates to winners during your December club meeting.



FoodNet Food for Families Drive

The Food for Families Food Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 6th. If your club is conducting a food drive for a service project, please consider donating on December 6th at the Cajundome.

Ideal Items for donation include:

- Boxed Crackers
- Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, chicken)
- Dried Beans, Lentils, or Peas
- Canned Beans (low sodium)
- Canned Chili
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Nuts
- Canned Soups/Stews
- Box Oatmeal
- Brown Rice
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit (100% fruit juice)
- Canned Vegetables (no or low salt)
- Granola Bars

Golden Clover Award

We are offering the 4-H Foundation Golden Clover Award (formerly Award of Excellence) for Junior 4-H members. Awards will be presented at our 4-H Honors Program to outstanding Junior 4-H members. To qualify, a 4-H'er must meet these basic requirements:

1. Must be under 14 years of age on January 1st, 2023.
2. Must have at least two (2) years of 4-H club

work including award year.

3. Must score at least 250 points on application and scorecard.
4. This award can be won by an individual only once.
5. Must be in either the 7th or 8th grade.

Scorecards were mailed directly to the 4-H members in mid-November. They are to be returned to the 4-H office no later than Thursday, December 15th. Please encourage your 4-H'ers to fill out this application.

Emerald Achievement Award & Honor Cord

4-H Emerald Achievement Awards (formerly Key Club Awards) in Louisiana are given to outstanding high school 4-H'ers. To qualify, 4-H'ers must be 15 years of age as of January 1st, 2023, must have three (3) years of club work, and have completed one year of junior leader work. Please remind your 4-H'ers who qualify to apply.

The "4-H Honor Cord" letter with the link to the online applications to be awarded to graduating seniors were also mailed out. Seniors must have been in 4-H for three years of their high school career, participated in at least one state event and a member in good standing.

Both applications were mailed directly to the 4-H members in mid-November and are due in the 4-H Office by Thursday, December 15th. Please remind your 4-H'ers that this award can only be won once in a 4-H'er's career.

Record Book Workshops

Please encourage your 4-H members to attend the upcoming record book workshops held on Wednesday, December 21st.

The first session is for 6th-12th grade members that will be completing the 4-H Portfolio that includes the leadership and citizenship portions of the project along with their 4-H story and will be held on December 21st from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Lafayette Parish Extension office.

The second session will be held for members in 4th and 5th grades working on Discovering the World of 4-H and Exploring the World of 4-H projects from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Parish Extension office located at 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 325. If you would like assistance with your project books, you should make an effort to attend the workshop sessions.

Participants should bring their project book with them- a camera isn't a bad idea either! Have them call (337)291-7090 or email Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu to **RSVP by Friday, December 16th**. Both workshops are free; we would like to get a headcount for supplies.

Website Updates

The Lafayette Parish 4-H webpage has been updated to include all information that is sent out

monthly to leaders and members. Please refer to the 4-H Contest Rules and Forms page to view officer training videos, report forms and training documents. Applications for awards and Fall Fest Rules are also posted on this page.
[4-H Youth Development \(lsuagcenter.com\)](http://4-H Youth Development (lsuagcenter.com))

4-H Night with the Pelicans

This year’s Pelicans game against the Brooklyn Nets is going to be exciting!!!!

Date: Friday, January 6, 2023, Tip off 7:30PM

Game: New Orleans Pelicans versus Brooklyn Nets

Location: Smoothie King Center, 1501 Dave Dixon Dr, New Orleans, LA 70113

Deadline: to purchase tickets December 9, 2022

Spark Video Contest

Game Ball – One person from 4-H will be recognized on the court at the start of the game while presenting the game ball with players from both teams. This is during the tip-off of the game.

- 4-H Members interested in presenting the game ball need to submit a video that describes the SPARK that started their 4-H experience. The video will be a minimum of 30 seconds and a maximum of 45 seconds.
- For the video, 4-H Members must wear a 4-H shirt and use a solid color background.
- All youth must be enrolled in 4-H Online to be eligible to enter the contest.
- To upload the video, participants will need to follow the directions at the following link: <https://wiki.umbc.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=31198917>
- Once the video is uploaded the link to the video must be emailed to Lauren Faust, lfaust@agcenter.lsu.edu by 4:30pm on December 9, 2022.

What’s Included with each ticket purchase

- City Edition Beanie Souvenir (Knit Hat) – Given out to all fans upon entering to the Smoothie King Center
- Pelicans & 4-H t-shirt – Given out at the Pregame Tailgate Party 4:30pm-5:30pm
- A portion of the ticket sale proceeds will benefit 4-H Foundation
- Parish that sells the most tickets each 4-H Member from that Parish will receive a New Orleans Pelicans Swag Item (given to parish Agent or designated adult at the game to give out to 4-H Members)

Ticket Orders

- Payment order directly submitted to the New Orleans Pelicans

- The QR Code below can be used for group ticket purchases or individual ticket purchases
- Parking needs to be ordered separately by contacting Denton Hunter at 504-593-4748 or Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com
- Seats are limited, first come first serve
- Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, December 9, 2022



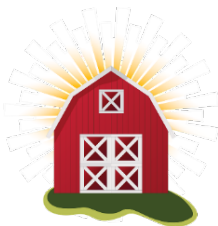
Buses & Parking

- Discounted parking offered
 - \$10 parking per car
 - \$25 parking per bus (limited)
- Parking can only be purchased **in advance** via order form or contact Denton Hunter at 504-593-4748 or Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com

It’s Livestock Time

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Livestock Show is fast approaching. Registration for the Parish and District Livestock shows has opened. Information has been sent to all registered livestock participants. Show registration will close on **Friday, December 2nd**. Upcoming activities include:

- Premier Exhibitor Workshop #2: December 13th, 2022
 - Email Mr. Paul at pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu to register
- Premier Exhibitor Written Exam: December 19th at the 4-H Office
- Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing: January 4th, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale: January 19th to January 21st
- Acadiana District Livestock Show: January 26th to January 28th
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show: February 11th to February 18th



Club of the Month Contest

Club meetings are going well! Thank you for implementing parliamentary procedures into your monthly meetings.

Judging for club of the month will continue this month. Here are a few tips and items that your agents will be on the lookout for:

- The secretary’s minutes should be written and read as minutes. They should reflect on what occurred at the previous meeting.
- Community service, treasurer, and reporter reports should be given. A report should include all necessary information that the club may need to know.
- The program leaders’ program should have an educational component to it.
- Members, not officers, should make motions and second them.

To see a list of club of the month winners, keep an eye on our Facebook page!



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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December 2022 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 2:00-2:45 Woodvale 3:15-4:15 Northside High	2 10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool 2:18- 3:03 Judice Middle
			8:00-8:30 Acadiana High 2:45-3:45 Acadiana Christian Homeschool	2:45-3:30 J W James Elem.
5 10:30-11:15 Broadmoor 1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul 3:00-3:45 Fatima	6 8:50-9:30 Comeaux High 2:45-3:45 Teurlings High	7 7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel 10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle 2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More	8 10:05-10:35 Lafayette Middle 2:45-3:15 Southside High 3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem	9 2:00-3-00 L. Leo Judice
8:30-9:30 Prairie Elementary 3:00-4:00 Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	9:31-9:56 Milton Middle 2:15-2:50 Live Oak Elem. 3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	10:09-10:37 Youngsville Middle 1:00-2:00 Ridge Elem. 4:00-4:45 Edgar Martin	8:15-9:15 Westside 10:15-11:00 Carencro Catholic 2:45-3:45 David Thibodaux STEM 2:45-3:30 *St. Genevieve Middle 4:00-4:45 Paul Breaux Middle	8:25-9:00 L. J. Alleman 2:45-3:45 Myrtle Place Elem.
12 LSU AgCenter Conference	13 2:45-3:45 Carencro High	14 12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy 2:20-3:00 Carencro Heights Elem	15 9:00-9:45 Charles Burke	16
2:45-3:45 Lafayette High	1:40-2:30 Green T. Lindon Elem. 3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia	10:10-10:45 Ossun Elem. 2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian 3:30-4:14 St. Pius Elem		
19	20	21 Lafayette Parish Jr. Leader Meeting- 6:00 PM @ 4-H Office	22	23
26 4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	27 4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	28 4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	29 4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday	30 4-H Office Closed for Winter Holiday

Old and New Business: December 2022

Cut and have several non-officer members read these slips during the meeting (you can also send these out virtually).

Pledge of Allegiance (Read this after the president asks for everyone to rise to say the Pledge of Allegiance.)
“I pledge allegiance to the flag...”

4-H Pledge (Read this after the Pledge of Allegiance.)
“I pledge my head to clearer thinking...”

(Read this after the secretary reads the minutes and the president asks for a motion to accept the minutes as read.)
“I move to accept the minutes as read.”

(Read this after a member makes the motion to accept the minutes)
“I second that Motion.”

OLD BUSINESS #1

The following members from our club participated in Fall Fest: _____. Great job everyone!
(your leader may choose to present contest ribbons at this time)

NEW BUSINESS #1

All 7th and 8th Graders should be receiving the application for the Golden Clover award. Please do your best to complete and return your application to the 4-H Office by December 15th, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS #2

All 11th and 12th Graders should be receiving letters and applications for the Emerald Achievement award and seniors should have received the application for the Honor Cord. Please do your best to complete and return to the 4-H Office by December 15th, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS #3

A sewing workshop will be held on January 7th for members enrolled in the sewing project or anyone interested in learning more about sewing. Registration is required and must be turned in by December 16th to the 4-H Office. Please see our club leader for more information.

(Read this after the president asks for a motion to adjourn—at the end of the meeting.)
“I move to adjourn the meeting.”

(Read after the motion is made to adjourn the meeting).
“I second the Motion.”

Note: Add any old or new business that is pertinent to your club.



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