

# 4-H Leader Update

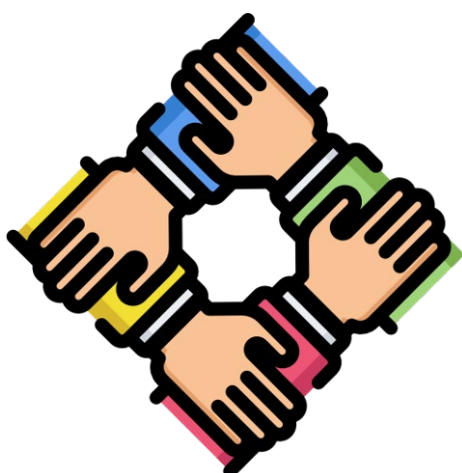
March 2023

## Cooperative Communication

Cooperation is important because it allows people and groups to work together to achieve a common goal or derive mutual benefits. Cooperation exists at many levels and takes place between individuals and organizations as well as between states and countries. Cooperation allows participants to exchange valuable information that helps both sides improve their knowledge bases and work in a time- and resource-efficient manner.

Members will practice cooperation with their team this month as they navigate an activity that will only be successful through full cooperation.

The content of this lesson will be mirroring the Reading Comprehension and Written Expression tasks for LEAP testing.



## Talent and Art Contest

Talent and Arts Contest entries are due to Mrs. Nicole on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at midnight! A huge thank you and congratulations to all those who submitted entries! It is no surprise to us that we have some talented 4-H members here in Lafayette Parish!

Results will be posted and distributed soon. Check our social media pages for results, they will also be sent out to leaders. If you earn a ribbon for the Talent and Art contest, it will be brought to your school for distribution soon.



## Dates to Remember

### March 2023

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 4 Fashion Show- Lafayette Office
- 4 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 6 Talent and Art Entries Due
- 10 Strawberry and Fern Sale Orders due, 4-H Office
- 11 Parish Shoot, Lafayette Skeet Academy
- 15 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Strawberry and Fern Sale Pick-Up, Second Harvest
- 25 Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
- 28 First Year Exhibitor Horse Meeting, Ira Nelson
- 28 Grade Horse Clinic, Ira Nelson

### April 2023

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 7 Good Friday, *Office Closed*
- 18 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Scorecards Due to 4-H Office
- 18 Outstanding Senior Applications Due, 4-H Office

## Achievement Day 2023

Achievement Day is one of Lafayette Parish 4-H contest days. It 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. We are very excited to announce that our 4-H Achievement Day is scheduled as our first in-person event! It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, at **David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy** located at 805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA. Our theme this year is "Teamwork" and we have designed many of the contests with that in mind.

Copies of the rules are posted on our website and an electronic file was sent to all members from the email address in the enrollment system in February. Please assist your 4-H'ers as much as possible in preparing for this fun day of competition and educational opportunity. Please, be sure that all 4-Her's are following the rules and regulations in whatever contest they decide to participate.

Clubs are encouraged to participate in the School/Club Exhibit and Club Group Presentation. This is your chance to show us what your club is doing in 4-H. We also would like you to highlight your club's Service-Learning Project for the year and officers' books are due at Achievement Day.

Good luck, everyone! We so look forward to seeing all of you in person at Achievement Day!

## Strawberry and Fern Sale

The Annual Strawberry and Fern Sale has is kicking off this month to benefit the Lafayette 4-H Foundation. It supports the Lafayette 4-H Program by funding awards, transportation, or part of camp registration fees. Strawberries will sell for \$25.00 per flat, ferns will be selling for \$25.00 per plant. Your club will receive 50% of the profit. So for every dollar profit, your club will receive 50 cents.

Orders are due to the 4-H Leaders by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Consider placing an order form in your teacher’s lounge utilizing the Club Order Summary Sheet. They will be due to the 4-H Office on **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

We will continue with the same style of pick-up as the fall commodity sale. The delivery is set for **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** for pick- up at from **2:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank, 215 E Pinhook Rd. If you prefer, you can pick up your clubs complete order and disburse them at school. Please make the check payable to the **Lafayette 4-H Foundation, Inc.**

**Payment:** All checks for orders should be made to Lafayette 4-H Foundation. Once all orders are collected and delivered, the Lafayette 4-H Foundation will issue checks to school for their portion of the profits generated.



## 4-H Camp Applications

Camp applications were distributed last month to 4-H Club Leaders, Members, and Families. We have been given an allotment of 140 beds at 4-H Camp this summer. The initial application is to gauge the interest of members as well as secure the recommendations from leaders and school administration for members who benefit most from an opportunity to participate in camp. Leaders are required to sign off on the 4-H Camp Application and rank the members in order of most active starting at 1 through the number you submit. A school disciplinarian/counselor/administrator will have to sign off on the application for it to be considered. We will continue to accept applications until we fill all spaces or about March 15<sup>th</sup>. Any applications received without all the appropriate signatures will not be considered.

We will process all applications and send notification to those campers accepted for each camp the first week of March.

## Scorecard Information

At March meetings, we plan to distribute 4-H Awards Scorecards to students that have been active throughout the year (in 4-H). Your most active members are encouraged to complete their scorecard to be considered for our annual awards. We will discuss the importance of completing the document to the members. The scorecard will be used to determine who will be recognized as our outstanding 4-H’ers this year! At least one member from each club will be recognized. Leaders should submit the application and mark it on the top of the front page “Outstanding Member”. The scorecards will be due to our office on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

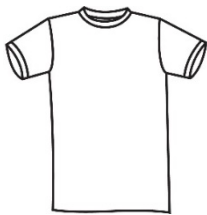
## Lafayette 4-H Parish Pride T-Shirts

We are on the hunt for a new design and slogan for the Lafayette Parish 4-H t-shirt. We are looking for ideas that describe 4-H in Lafayette Parish that represents the entire program. The contest is open to all 4-H Club members. The winning slogan will be one that is brief and “catchy”, capturing the spirit of 4-H.

Submissions must also include the following:

- 1- Full name and age of member,
- 2– School Club,
- 3- Complete mailing address and
- 4- Telephone number.

The deadline is **Friday, May 5, 2023**. After final selection the winner will be notified and asked to sign a release for the slogan of the T-shirt.



## Global Youth Service Day

Plan to participate in the largest service event in the world on April 28-30<sup>th</sup>. National Youth Service Day will mobilize millions of young Americans to identify and address the needs of their communities through service. Learn more about getting involved and applying for Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes GYSD 2023 Grants for your National Youth Service Project. For information, visit:

<https://ysa.org/campaigns/gysd/>



# Marsh Maneuvers

Marsh Maneuvers is a 4-H camp for high schoolers (**completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade by July 3, 2023**) that offers hands-on learning about Louisiana's coast! Some of the unique experiences include taking a tour of the marsh in an airboat, helping restore wetlands by planting marsh grass, going crabbing, and touring the Tabasco Factory and Jungle Gardens at Avery Island.

Marsh Maneuvers 2023 will be housed at the Broussard Bunkhouse in Intercoastal City, LA the following weeks:

**July 17-21, 2023**

**July 24-28, 2023**

There is a **\$150 registration fee** that is non-refundable and covers the cost of meals, supplies, and a t-shirt. The fee does not have to be paid until after the 4-H member has been invited to attend.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by judges. Applicants with the highest score will be invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers. Applicants who have been invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers or selected as alternates will be notified by email by **April 24, 2023**. Applicants who have not been selected to attend Marsh Maneuvers or listed as an alternate will not receive a notification.

Use the following link to access the Marsh Maneuvers application:

<https://tinyurl.com/MMinfo2023>

Fill out the entire application and submit it by **April 3, 2023**. Applications must be completely filled out in order to be considered.

## Application Tips:

If you are having trouble thinking about what to write, discuss ideas and what you want to say with another person first and use your notes from that conversation as an outline.

Have another person read over your application before you submit it to check for any typos or mistakes.

Double-check that you have filled out each part of the application correctly.

# 4-H University

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge June 20-23, 2023. 4-H members in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend 4-H U to represent Lafayette Parish in a variety of state 4-H contests.

An ice cream social will be held on March 15, 2023, from 6:00- 7:30 pm at the 4-H Office for all members interested in attending 4-H U this summer. Information packets are being sent electronically and mailed to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members so that they can review it prior to the meeting.

If any leaders are interested in helping us

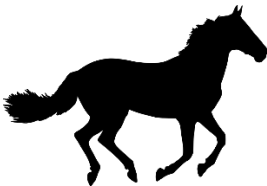
train or would like to attend 4-H U as an Adult Leader, please contact the 4-H Office.

# 4-H Horse News

There will be a meeting for all 1<sup>st</sup> year horse exhibitors and their parents to receive information on the program. This meeting is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Grade Horse Clinic on **Tuesday, March 28th** at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center located at 2206 Johnston Street.

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitors meeting, followed by the grade horse clinic at about 7:00 p.m. outside of the building. All trucks and trailers should enter the property from the Johnston St. entrance. Parents should park to the right side of the road to allow traffic to flow. Horses will remain in trailers until their individual time of certification. They will be certified in the order that they arrive.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Charles Hebert at (337)291-7090 or by email at [chebert@accenter.lsu.edu](mailto:chebert@accenter.lsu.edu).



*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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Sincerely,

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March 2023 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1  10:00-10:45 Acadian Middle  2:40-3:30 St. Thomas More	2  2:00-2:45 Woodvale  3:15-4:15 Northside High	3  10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool  2:18- 3:03 Judice Middle
		10:09-10:37 Youngsville Middle  1:00-2:00 Ridge Elem.  4:00-4:45 Edgar Martin	8:00-8:30 Acadiana High  2:45-3:45 Acadiana Christian Homeschool	2:45-3:30 J W James Elem.
6  10:30-11:15 Broadmoor  1:15-2:00 Sts. Peter & Paul  3:00-3:45 Fatima	7  8:50-9:30 Comeaux High  2:45-3:45 Teurlings High	8  7:30-8:00 Cathedral-Carmel  12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy  2:20-3:00 Carencro Heights Elem	9  10:05-10:35 Lafayette Middle  2:45-3:15 Southside High  3:45-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem	10  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	10:10-10:45 Ossun Elem.  2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian  3:30-4:14 St. Pius Elem	8:15-9:15 Westside  10:15-11:00 Carencro Catholic  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.
13  2:45-3:45 Carencro High	14  9:00-9:45 Charles Burke  2:45-3:45 David Thibodaux STEM	15	16	17
2:45-3:45 Lafayette High	1:40-2:30 Green T. Lindon Elem.  3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia			
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

Old and New Business- March 2023

Cut and have several non-officer members read these slips during the meeting.

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 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show was held in February. The 4-H’ers from our club who participated were:  
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OLD BUSINESS #2

The Lafayette Parish Fashion Show was on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:  
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OLD BUSINESS #3

The Fashion, Talent, and Arts deadline was on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:  
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NEW BUSINESS #1

Get your speeches, demonstrations, and posters ready, the biggest contest day of the year is ahead on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Achievement Day will be held at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. Check the Lafayette 4-H website for more information and contest rules.

NEW BUSINESS #2

4-H Scorecards are now available. Active members should fill one out for the chance to be recognized as an Outstanding 4-H’er during the Lafayette Parish 4-H Honor’s Program in May.

NEW BUSINESS #3 (4th—6th Grades)

Anyone that is still interested in attending a 4-H camping event, should complete and turn in an application to your leader as soon as possible. The invitation letters will be mailed out this month!

NEW BUSINESS #4 (Clubs with 8th to 12th Graders only)

4-H University is a week of state competition held on the LSU Campus in June. Last summer, Lafayette Parish brought 20 4-H’ers and they won many awards and trips. If you would like to join Lafayette’s winning team, talk to one of the 4-H Agents for more information and attend the meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Office.

(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.”



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