

# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Cultural Awareness

April 2025

Culture includes ethnicity, language, traditions, beliefs, customs, and other influences on our total being. We learn about our culture from our parents, grandparents, or other family members. Culture may be influenced by where we live or it may come from our heritage. Cultural awareness can help us understand why people have certain customs and beliefs. When we personally know people before we make judgments about them, we can keep conflict from happening.

The content of this lesson will be mirroring compare and contrast content and viewpoints, explain causes and effects and describe counterclaims from social studies content for LEAP Testing.



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## Achievement Day 2025

Achievement Day was held Saturday, March 29th at Martial Billeaud Elementary. We would like to thank and congratulate all our Achievement Day participants for attending!

Awards were presented during the closing assembly on Achievement Day. Results are posted on our website [4-H Youth Development \(lsuagcenter.com\)](http://4-H Youth Development (lsuagcenter.com)), Facebook page and were also sent out to Lafayette Parish 4-H Club Leaders. Congratulations again!



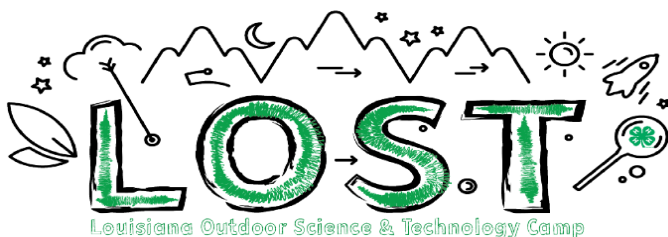
## Honors Night

The Honors Night Program will be held on Thursday, May 1st, 2025, at the David Thibodeaux STEM Magnet Academy (**805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette**). The program will begin at 6:00 PM in the SLCC Auditorium.



## LOST Camp

LOST (Louisiana Outdoor Science & Technology) Camp is back at Camp Grant Walker this year Thursday, July 31-Sunday, August 3, 2025. LOST Camp is an opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members. Applications are being mailed to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in Lafayette Parish 4-H. Completed applications are due back to the 4-H Office no later than Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible for selection.



## 4-H University

Attention all 8th-12th grade 4-H members! 4-H University is a time-honored tradition here in Louisiana 4-H. If your parents were 4-H members, they may know the event as short course!

4-H University happens annually in June; 4-H members from all around the state of Louisiana gather to compete in contests, participate in educational tracks, and show off their dance moves.

This year, 4-H U will be in person on the LSU campus with a few events still competing virtually. Information was sent out to all 8th-12th graders electronically and hard-copy in the mail. Please review contest details carefully before completing your registration.

Contests available this year include...

- Career Preparation
- Public Speaking
- Photography
- Livestock Judging
- 4-H Has Talent
- Insect Identification
- Fashion Revue
- Robotics
- ... and many more!

If you would like to represent Lafayette Parish while also learning new things and meeting new people, 4-H U might just be for you! Registration forms are due to the 4-H Office along with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit by Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let Mrs. Nicole know if there are any questions at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu).



## 4-H Scorecards Due!

The 4-H scorecard for awards was sent out to qualifying members in March. 4-H members must have turned in a record book to qualify for the Outstanding 4-H'er award.

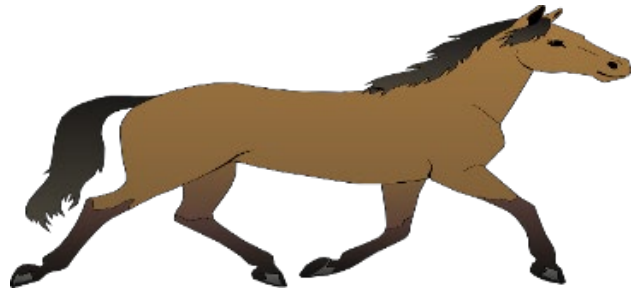
The link for the scorecard can be found at:  
[SCORECARD FOR 4-H AWARDS \(lsuagcenter.com\)](https://lsuagcenter.com)

The scorecard is due to your club leader by April 4, 2025.



## Horse Project

Attention horse exhibitors! As a reminder, the date of horse possession is Tuesday, April 1, 2025. If you are planning on exhibiting horses in the Lafayette 4-H program, registration will take place online in Fair Entry and is due by **Monday, April 7, 2025**. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Charles Hebert at (337)291-7090 or by email at [chebert@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:chebert@agcenter.lsu.edu).



## 4-H Summer Camp Update

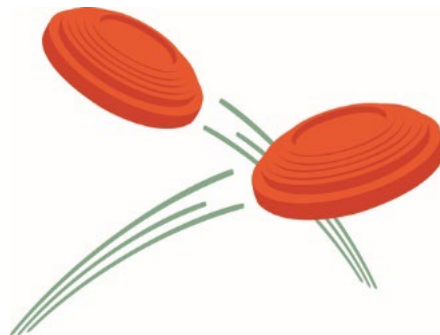
Acceptance letters for overnight camp have begun going out to campers in order to make sure all required paperwork and payments are submitted in a timely manner. Please remind campers that were selected to get their paperwork completed and turned in as quickly as possible to secure their bed.



## Shooting Sports

Hold on to your hats, folks! The parish shooting sports tournament has come to a close with 133 members participating and advancing from the parish, to the regional and then to the state tournament.

Congratulations to these members, good luck at state! We know you will represent Lafayette well.



# Dates to Remember

## April 2025

- 1 Horse Possession Date & entry in 4-H Online
- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 1 4-H U Registration & Deposit due to 4-H Office
- 4 Outstanding Senior Applications due, 4-H Office
- 4 Camp Counselor App Due, 4-H Office
- 7 4-H Scorecards due to 4-H Office
- 11 LOST Camp Applications due, 4-H Office
- 25 Camp Counselor Training, Lafayette 4-H Office



## May 2025

- 1 4-H Honor's Night, David Thibodaux STEM
- 9 4-H Day at the Capitol, Baton Rouge
- 11 Mother's Day
- 15-21 LPSS Graduation
- 21 4-H University Demonstration Contest Training, TEAMS
- 22 LPSS Last Day of School

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Sincerely,

## June 2025

- 5 4-H U Training for Horticulture & Poultry Judging, IRA Nelson Horticulture Center
- 7 Tri-Parish Horse Show, AgArena Opelousas.
- 10 4-H U Training for Zero Turn Mower, Outdoor Skills, Tractor Operations & Livestock Judging, McNeese Farm- Lake Charles
- 17-20 4-H University, LSU- Baton Rouge

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## July 2025

- 3-5 Acadiana District Horse Show, Sugarena-New Iberia

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