

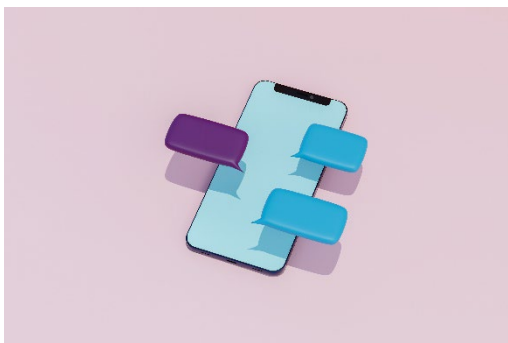
# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Phone Etiquette

Cell phones are a normal part of our everyday life. More children have cell phones, and at an earlier age, than ever before. According to statistics, 32% of all 9-year-olds in the United States have a cell phone. That number increases to 91% for 14-year-olds and 97% for 17-year-olds. Teaching proper cell phone etiquette to young people has become more important throughout the years.

This lesson reinforces the following standards for LEAP testing.

- Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.
- Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade level topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.



## Fashion Show

This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the 2025 Fashion Show as part of Achievement Day on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Martial Billeaud Elementary. Prejudging of all garments be held ahead of Achievement Day on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required by February 28, 2025, in order to participate. If any 4-H Leaders are interested in being a judge for this event, please contact Mrs. Nicole.



## February 2025

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### Points of interest:

- Phone Etiquette
- Fashion Show
- Project Books Due!
- 4-H Talent and Art Contest
- Achievement Day
- State Rabbit Show
- Summer Camp
- Citizenship Seminar
- Strawberry & Fern Sale



## Project Books Due!

How are those project books coming along? At this time, they should be close to completion (or completed!). **All record/project books are due to the Lafayette 4-H Office on Friday, February 28th.** Here are a few things to remember when working on record books:

- Put your name, grade, and school on the outside cover of your book (there may already be a sticker in place with this info; if not, please make sure to write it).
- **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders**- your entire book, including the projects in it, should be as complete as possible. Make sure to complete the end of the book and the questions that are asked there!
- **6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**- make sure you turn in a portfolio with your record book. Your record book may be an entire book, or it may be an activity guide (smaller paper pamphlet).
- Awards at the parish level include ribbons and/or cash prizes. If your record book is chosen for the state competition, you can win award trips!

Please call the 4-H Office at (337) 291-7090 with any questions concerning record books. Good luck to all!

Leaders: you may wish to collect record books from your club and then deliver them to the office. You are welcome to set a due date prior to ours if you choose.

## 4-H Talent and Art Show

Have a talent you want to share with others? Created art that you want to display? The 2025 Lafayette Parish 4-H Talent and Arts Show planning is underway! All 4-H Members are invited to participate.

We are planning for a virtual contest again this year. All contest entries will be submitted electronically using photographs and videos. Registration and entries are due electronically by midnight on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Achievement Day 2025

It is not too early to start making plans for the upcoming 4-H Achievement Day, Saturday, **March 29, 2025** at Martial Billeaud Elementary. It is our BIGGEST contest day of the entire year! For those members or parents not familiar with Achievement Day, it is the culminating event of the year. It is an opportunity for members to give demonstrations, showcase exhibits, take tests, and participate in workshops.

All 4-Her's should receive a copy of the rules this month and start preparing. Make plans now to participate in Achievement Day and earn points for Outstanding 4-H'er of the year!

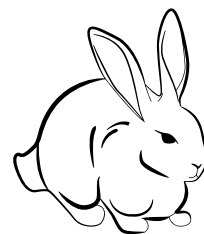


## State Rabbit Show

The LSU AgCenter will be hosting a State Rabbit Show on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the State Evac Shelter in Alexandria, LA. All rabbits must be entered as animals in 4-H Online. All show entries must be entered in FairEntry at <http://lsurabbit.fairentry.com/>

The link will open on January 27, 2025. Payment for entries will be processed online at the time of registration. Registration will close on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Entry information has been sent out to 4-H Members in the rabbit project. For more information, contact Mr. Keaton at 337-291-7090.



## Summer Camp Update

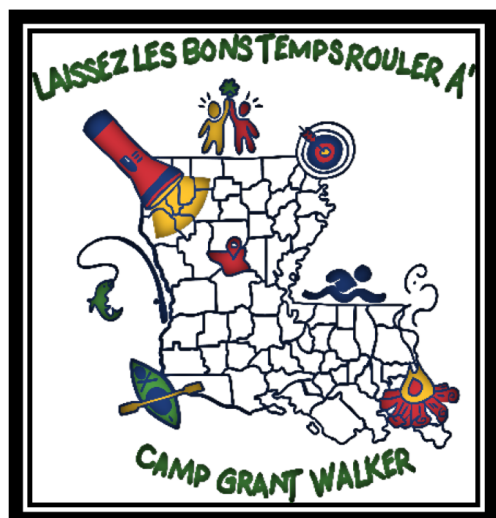
Camp applications are still being accepted from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders interested in attending summer camp. Once our initial quota has been filled, we will begin a waitlist. Registration invitations will be sent out this month for those that have approved applications.

Each child must have an administrator from the school sign on the back of the form verifying that the student has no major discipline issues. Before any applications are turned in from your club, a leader will need to rank their members based on involvement and participation in the 4-H program. A space is available on the back of the application for your signature and ranking. This is based on how active the members have been beginning from "1" through the total applications received. We will continue taking applications through March or until we reach our quota.

Campers needing financial assistance are encouraged to take advantage of the 4-H Camper Assistance Program. This assistance program is available to members on free or reduced lunch.

4-H Camp will be held **July 28-31, 2025**.

Parents, please look at your summer schedule to see if there is a possibility you can attend as an overnight chaperone! Overnight Chaperone training takes about an hour and is good for four (4) years.



## Blast Off!

Blast off is a one-day workshop for 4th-6th graders leading them on an intergalactic journey through the hunger and poverty cosmos. The Citizenship Board will lead these young space explorers to understand the emotional and physical impacts of hunger and poverty by multiple stations and activities.

- Louisiana Tech University, Davison Athletic Complex, Ruston, LA (9:30 am-2:30pm)
- Lunch will be provided.
- Registration will open February 14, 2025, on 4-H Online under the title – ***BLAST OFF - presented by the State 4-H Citizenship Board.***
- Registration Fee - \$20 per person - This fee must be submitted to complete registration.

Please utilize the online payment system or checks/money orders made payable to **Louisiana 4-H Foundation** and submit to:

Brittany Fisher  
Attn: Citizenship Board Retreat  
170 Knapp Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

**The registration deadline is March 5, 2025.**



# Dates to Remember

## February 2025

- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 11-18 State Livestock Show
- 14 Valentine's Day**
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 Scholarship Deadline, 4-H Office
- 21 State Rabbit Show Entries Due Online
- 28 Project Books Due, 4-H Office

## March 2025

- 1 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 4 Mardi Gras Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 7-9 Junior Leader Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 8 Parish Shooting Sports Tournament
- 10 Talent and Art Entries Due
- 11 First Day of Club Meetings
- 15 Lafayette Parish Fashion Show Pre-judging
- 26 Junior Leader Meeting
- 29 Achievement Day, Martial Billeaud Elem.

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