

Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Record Book Requirements

We hope that you were able to attend our Record Book Workshops on January 3rd! As was discussed, the guidelines for record books are as follows:

4th/5th Graders

- Must submit the project books (no “Portfolio/Member’s Record Book” is required).
- **4th & 5th Grade Discovering/Exploring 4-H Books:** Complete the entire project book including the story. Include pictures of yourself doing various activities throughout the year. Adding pictures will boost your score!

6th –12th Graders

- MUST submit a **4-H Portfolio** including (up to) 3 years of work and attach their project book.
- Activity guides are a replacement for project books. Each activity guide that is turned in must be included in Section 2 4-H Project Overview in the Portfolio. All completed **activity guides and project books must also be submitted to the parish for judging.**
- Use the new updated Format for Portfolios posted on the website. It is a digital form which you will need to print out to turn in.



Record Book Covers

All record book information for 4-H’ers will be posted on the Lafayette 4-H website. This information includes the 6th-12th “4-H Portfolio,” guidelines for completing record books and record book cover sheets. The record book cover sheets are to be attached to a completed record book before they are turned in to the office. All 6th– 12th grade books must be in a three-hole punch folder. 4-H folders are available for \$3.00 per folder (this is optional).

January 2025

Lafayette Office

1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325

Lafayette, LA 70501

Phone: (337) 291-7090

Fax: (337) 291-7099

www.lsuagcenter.com

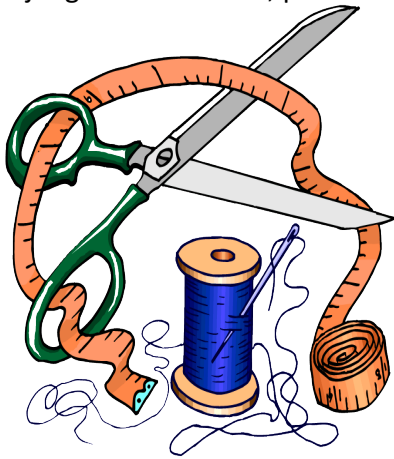
Points of interest:

- Record Book Requirements
- Record Book Covers
- Fashion Show
- Talents and Arts Show
- Livestock
- Clover Corner
- Summer Camp Update
- New Year’s Traditions



Fashion Show

This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the **2025 Fashion Show** as part of Achievement Day on **Saturday, March 29th** at the David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy. **Prejudging** of all garments being entered will be on **Saturday, March 15th** at the Lafayette 4-H Office beginning at **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. Members who would like to participate must carefully read through the rules sent out as there are registration deadlines prior to the fashion show date. **Registration** is required by **February 28, 2025**, to participate. If any 4-H Leaders are interested in being a judge for this event, please contact Mrs. Nicole.



Talents and Arts Show

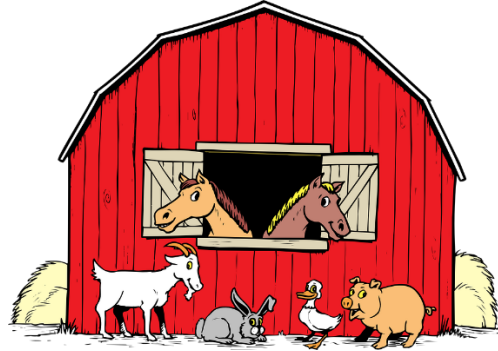
Have a talent you want to share with others? Created art that you want to display? The 2025 Lafayette Parish 4-H Talent and Arts Show planning is underway! All 4-H Members are invited to participate. You will need to review rules carefully so that your submission will be complete and turned in on time for judging.

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 10th**.

It's Livestock Time

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Livestock Show is fast approaching. The deadline for exhibitors to turn in livestock show entry online was December 13, 2024. We hope you got yours in on time! If not, call the 4-H Office immediately. Upcoming activities include:

- Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing: January 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Blackham Coliseum- behind Barns B&C
- Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale: January 17th to January 18th
- Acadiana District Livestock Show: January 21st to January 25th
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show: February 11th to February 18th



Summer Camp Update

4-H Camp will be held **July 28- 31, 2025**. 4-H Camp is for youth in grades 4th – 6th this school year. If you have members interested in going, they will need to get a copy of the camp letter and application to complete and return it to you.

The applications will be released in January 3rd to all members enrolled and will be due to the 4-H Office by January 27th.

Parents and Leaders, 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 understanding 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.



Clover Corner

Hi 4-H Members!

I am back again, as promised, and checking on your 4-H work. I hope that you were able to complete some of the activities in your book over your holiday break from school. I made lots of suggestions in the December Hotline and if you have finished all the work, you are doing a great job!

Last month, in the Discovering the World of 4-H book and the Exploring the World of 4-H book, you worked on pages that referenced being a good Citizen to others. This month, we will focus on Science, Engineering, and Technology or SET as we call it in 4-H. That means that in the Discovering the World of 4-H book, you will work on pages 20-36 where there are activities that will teach you all about ATV and Hunter Safety, fishing gear, types of products that come from animals, pet care, and photography. In the Exploring the World of 4-H book, you should be working on pages 23-34 which covers activities on parachutes, balloon jets, insects, environment, growing your own tree, and forestry.

If you came to the Record Book Workshops on January 3rd at the Lafayette Public Library- West Regional Branch, you were able to complete many of these activities! That is a great way to be sure that you are finished with your record book soon.

Keep in mind all the great opportunities for you in 4-H as you work through the activities in your record book. Remember to keep your record book neat and clean and decorate it if you wish. Pictures are always a good idea. See you next month!

Yours Truly,

Clover



Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lafayette4h



Follow us on Instagram: @lafayette4h

New Year's Traditions

- The first New Year's celebration dates back over 4,000 years!
- Did you make a New Year's Resolution? 45% of Americans do (25% of them break their resolution by mid-January)
- In a non-pandemic year, over one million people gather in Times Square in New York City to watch the ball drop!

The LSU AgCenter is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Sincerely,

Keaton Bertrand

Keaton Bertrand
Assistant Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Lafayette Parish

Nicole Gerard

Nicole Gerard
Assistant Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Lafayette Parish

CHARLES HEBERT

Charles Hebert
County Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Lafayette Parish

Dates to Remember

January 2025

- 2 Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing, Blackham Coliseum
- 2 LSU Broiler Pick-Up, 4-H Office
- 3 Portfolio & Records Workshops, Lafayette Public Library- West Regional Branch Scott
- 6 First Day of Club Meetings
- 11 Sewing Workshop Grades 4-6, AllBrands
- 17-18 Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 22 Junior Leader Meeting
- 21-25 Acadiana District Livestock Show

February 2025

- 1 Sewing Workshop Grades 7-12, Lafayette 4-H Office
- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 11-18 State Livestock Show
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Scholarship Deadline, 4-H Office
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting
- 28 Record Books due to the 4-H Office
- 28 Fashion Show entries due to the 4-H Office