



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Dealing with Disappointment

Disappointment is a normal emotion, and it's typically thought of as a negative emotion.... but it doesn't have to be. If we learn to handle it in a healthy way, it can even have a positive effect. Research shows that people who understand disappointment, and can cope with hard feelings, definitely perform better later in life.

The content of this lesson will allow members to recall information from experience or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into categories. Members will also 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. These skills mirror the Conventions of Standard English standards and Production and Distribution of Writing tasks for LEAP testing.



Talent and Art Contest

Talent and Arts Contest entries must be uploaded online by Monday, March 10th 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.



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Spring Commodity Sale

The Annual Strawberry and Fern Sale kicked off last 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 \$30.00 per flat, ferns will be selling for \$30.00 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 Wednesday, March 12th. They will be due to the 4-H Office on **Friday, March 14th**. We will continue with the same style of pick-up as the fall commodity sale. The delivery is set for **Tuesday, March 25th 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 club's complete order and disburse them at school.

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 schools for their portion of the profits generated.



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). 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. The scorecards will be due to our office on April 7th.

Achievement Day 2025

Achievement Day is one of Lafayette Parish's 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. It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 29, 2025** at **Martial Billeaud Elementary** located at 500 East Fairfield Drive Broussard, LA. Our theme this year is "Life Skills," 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.

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 would also like you to highlight your club's Service-Learning Project for the year. Officers' books are also due on Achievement Day.

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



4-H University

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge June 17-20, 2025. 4-H members in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend 4-HU to represent Lafayette Parish in a variety of state 4-H contests.

An ice cream social will be held on **March 26, 2025, from 6:00- 7:30 pm** at the 4-H Office for all members interested in attending 4-HU this summer. Information packets are being sent electronically and mailed to all 8th-12th grade members so that they can review it prior to the meeting.

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. We will continue to accept applications until we fill all spaces or about March 15th.

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



Horse News

There will be a meeting for all 1st 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 **Wednesday, March 19th** at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center located at 2206 Johnston Street.

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the 1st 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 in order 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@acgenter.lsu.edu.



Wonders of Wetlands Camp

The Southwest Region will be hosting a Jr. WHEP Competition on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The event is open to Teams of 3-4 members in 6th-8th grades. Registration will take place in 4-H Online beginning Monday, February 10th and closing Friday, March 14th. The cost of attending is \$25 and does not include transportation to the camp facility. Contact Mrs. Charlene at cmmartin@agcenter.lsu.edu or (337) 291-7090 for more information or to open registration in 4-H Online.



Global Youth Service Day

Plan to participate in the largest service event in the world on April 25-27th. 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 2024 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 9th-12th grade by July 1, 2025**) 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 2025 will be housed at the Broussard Bunkhouse in Intercoastal City, LA the following weeks:

June 30-July 4, 2025

July 7-11, 2025

July 14-18, 2025

July 21-25, 2025

There is a **\$100 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.

Applicants will be nominated by 4-H Agents to apply by **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu for more information.



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Dates to Remember

March 2025

- 1 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 7-9 Junior Leader Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 8 Parish Shoot, Lafayette Skeet Academy
- 10 Talent and Art Entries Due
- 11 First Day of Club Meetings
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 14 Strawberry and Fern Sale Orders due, 4-H Office
- 15 Fashion Show Judging- Lafayette Office
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 First Year Exhibitor Horse Meeting, Ira Nelson
- 19 Grade Horse Clinic, Ira Nelson
- 25 Strawberry and Fern Sale Pick-Up, Second Harvest
- 26 Junior Leader Meeting
- 29 Achievement Day, Martial Billeaud Elementary

April 2025

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

Sincerely,

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