



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Close of the School Year

Congratulations on a wonderful 2024 – 2025 school year! While it is coming to a close, there is plenty to look forward to in 4-H. Read below and find out more!

Best wishes to our graduating 4-H'ers and thank you for all that you have done for our program. May the future hold all the best for you!



## Honor's Night

The Honor's Night Program will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy (805 Teurlings Drive). The program will begin at 6:00 PM in the David Thibodaux Cafetorium. Invitations were sent out on April 21<sup>st</sup> to all members being honored and their parents to attend.

## Summer Camp

Selected 4-H members in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will spend July 22-25 at the 4-H Camp Grant Walker near Pollock, LA. Selected 4-H'ers should have already turned in their camp registration along with a deposit. Balance letters will be sent out mid-May.

We have filled our original quota and have requested additional beds. Once we hear if we receive additional beds mid-May, we will notify those members on the waiting list in the order they were received.



## May 2025

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### Points of interest:

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- Honor's Night
- Summer Camp
- 4-H University
- LOST Camp
- Teen Cuisine Camp
- A Little Farm Fun!
- Resilient Rangers Camp
- 4-H Horticulture Camp
- State Fair of Louisiana
- Thank You!



## 4-H University

4-H University will be held June 17-20 at LSU; 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.

Contests available this year include...

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

An Orientation meeting for all participants attending 4-H University will be held at the 4-H Office on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM**. Please make all efforts to attend so that you can meet the other participants attending and review training opportunities as well as meet with your lead staff coach to arrange practice dates in preparation for your competition.

If any of you are interested in helping us train or would like to come as an Adult Leader, please contact Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu). Please remind your members to contact us if they are interested in attending and have not submitted their registration form.



## LOST Camp

Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology Camp will take place Monday, July 29-Thursday, August 1, 2024, at Camp Gant Walker in Pollock, LA.

We are in the process of reviewing applications received for LOST Camp and will begin notifying campers who have been awarded a spot in the coming weeks.



## Grilling Day Camp

Summer is right around the corner, and it's time to have some fun! Join the Lafayette 4-H Office for a grilling summer camp! The camp will focus on Food Safety, Meat Selection, and learning how to grill hamburgers! This camp is open to members in grades 6-8.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025

**Time:** 9 am-2:00 pm

**Location:** Acadiana Park Campground

**Fee:** \$15 per member (includes lunch and snacks)

**Registration closes: Monday, May 19, 2025**

Registration will take place in 4-H Online. You can find the event listed as Lafayette 4-H Grilling Day Camp- May 27. 2025.

Once registration is completed and payment submitted online, you will receive a confirmation email from 4-H Online and then a follow-up email from LSU AgCenter Staff with further instructions.



## Teen Cuisine Camp

Teen Cuisine Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders is an opportunity to learn more about MyPlate, Food Safety and Physical Activity through hands-on activities in the kitchen. Participants will prepare healthy breakfast and snacks while honing their knife skills during the workshop.

**Date:** June 3-5, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Location:** TBD

**Fee:** Free to eligible members (no meal included, snacks will be prepared as part of the camp)

**Registration closes: Monday, May 19, 2025**

Participants are expected to attend all three (3) workshop days. Registration will take place in 4-H Online. You can find the event listed as Lafayette 4-H Teen Cuisine Camp June 3-5, 2025

Once registration is completed and payment submitted online, you will receive a confirmation email from 4-H Online and then a follow-up email from LSU AgCenter Staff with further instructions.



## C.H.E.F. Camp

The C.H.E.F. acronym refers to Cooking Healthy Enjoyable Foods. Youth will learn the importance of eating healthier meals and snacks while participating in fun, hands-on cooking experiences. This camp is open to members in grades 4-5.

**Date:** July 15-17, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Location:** TBD

**Fee:** Free to eligible members (no meal included, snacks will be prepared as part of the camp)

**Registration closes:** Friday, May 30, 2025

Registration will take place in 4-H Online. You can find the event listed as Lafayette 4-H C.H.E.F. Camp- July 15-17, 2025.

Once registration is completed and payment submitted online, you will receive a confirmation email from 4-H Online and then a follow-up email from LSU AgCenter Staff with further instructions.



## 4-H Horticulture Camp

Calling all aspiring gardeners and plant lovers! This hands-on camp will focus on both the science and the art of growing plants –as that's what Horticulture is all about! Located at the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, you will have the opportunity to learn all about plants, landscape design, and much more. Lunch will be provided to all participants.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Location:** Ira Nelson Horticulture Center in Lafayette, LA

**Eligible Participants:** 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Fee:** \$20 (lunch included)

**Registration closes:** Friday, May 30, 2025

Registration will take place in 4-H Online. You can find the event listed as Lafayette 4-H Horticulture Camp- July 15, 2025

Once registration is completed and payment submitted online, you will receive a confirmation email from 4-H Online and then a follow-up email from LSU AgCenter Staff with further instructions.



## A Dive into Homesteading

This summer camp will focus on different areas of homesteading! The camp will be one day revolving around dairy and beef cattle, poultry production and care, learning about bees, food preservation/canning, and entrepreneurship opportunities within Farmer's Markets. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about making honey, cheese, and butter!

**Date:** July 16, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Location:** Simon Family Farm, Broussard, LA

**Eligible Participants:** current 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members

**Fee:** \$15 per member (includes lunch and snacks)

**Registration closes:** Friday, May 30, 2025

Registration will take place in 4-H Online. You can find the event listed as Lafayette 4-H A Dive into Homesteading Camp- July 16, 2025

Once registration is completed and payment submitted online, you will receive a confirmation email from 4-H Online and then a follow-up email from LSU AgCenter Staff with further instructions.



## 2025 Livestock Possession Validation Dates

Members interested in participating in The State Fair of Louisiana this coming Fall should be aware of possession and validation dates for all show animals.

**Market Steers - June 10, 2025**

**Commercial Heifers - July 10, 2025**

**Commercial Dairy - July 10, 2025**

**Market Lambs - July 10, 2025**

**Commercial Ewes - July 10, 2025**

**Market Goats - July 10, 2025**

**Wether Dam Goat - July 10, 2025**

**Commercial Dairy & Meat Does- July 10, 2025**

**Market Swine - August 10, 2025**

**Commercial Gilts - August 10, 2025**

Order your kits starting May 9, 2025 Visit [StateFairOfLouisiana.com](https://www.statefairoflouisiana.com) for more information.

If you will be participating in the State Fair Livestock Show, please notify Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) of the dates you are showing so that a school excuse can be sent to administrators in advance. Requests for school excuses are due to the 4-H Office by October 15, 2025.

# Thank You!

We are grateful for all of the contributions of our 4-H'ers, families, Leaders, Volunteers, and the entire community supporting our Lafayette Parish 4-H program this year! We truly could not do what we do without the continued support from all of you. We look forward to all that will come, including our members' smiling faces each month!

## Dates to Remember

### May 2025

- 1 4-H Honor's Night, David Thibodeaux, 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
- 27 Grilling Day Camp, Acadiana Park Campground
- 30 4-H University Training, EVAC Center- Alexandria

### June 2025

- 3-5 Teen Cuisine Camp, Location TBD
- 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

### July 2025

- 3-5 Acadiana District Horse Show, SugArena, New Iberia
- 4 Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 8-11 State Horse Show. Beauregard Parish Covered Arena
- 15-17 Chef Camp, Location TBD
- 15 Horticulture Day Camp, Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
- 16 Homesteading Day Camp, Simon Family Farm
- 28-31 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker

### August 2025

- 19-22 4-H Agents Association Convention, Leesville
- TBD Parish 4-H Leader Training, 4-H Office

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