



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.



# Lafayette 4-H Hotline

## Monthly Lesson Focus

Laundry is a life skill needed by everyone. Taking care of your clothing protects your investment in your wardrobe, is good hygiene, and keeps clothes looking and smelling good. Whether you are home, in an apartment or traveling, there are options for “doing” laundry. Laundry care steps include sorting, pre-treating stains, washing, drying, storing.

This lesson reinforces content standards in ELA focusing on information recall from print and digital sources, collaborative discussions with diverse partners and reporting on a topic using appropriate facts.



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## National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Each year, we encourage clubs to get involved with National 4-H Week through volunteerism, service-learning, and kindness to all! For more information, along with promotional materials, visit [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org).



# Project Books Arriving Soon!

Each 4-H member who paid their dues should receive either a project book or an activity guide. 4-H members should start reading and working in their booklets when received. Record sheets located in each book should be completed over the next five (5) months. These record sheets will be incorporated into the overall 4-H Record Book that 4-H'ers are to **turn in on February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

How to complete a 4-H Record Book will be discussed at a special **Record Book Workshop** that is scheduled for Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The workshop will be held at the Lafayette Public Library with more details to be provided in the December Hotline.

## 4-H is for EVERYONE!

4-H is fun! 4-H is learning! 4-H offers a whole new world of opportunities for youth to learn new things, go new places, and meet new friends. After all, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the United States!

### Who can join 4-H?

Any 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader who attends school in Lafayette Parish and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible to join. Those who attend school outside of Lafayette Parish but live in Lafayette Parish are also eligible through our Member-at-large program.

(Re-)Enrollment will be done electronically through 4-H Online. We successfully transitioned to this enrollment, program management, and event management platform last year. Whether a member is logging in to manage their record, a Volunteer Leader is completing their training or screening requirements, or a parent is viewing the 4-H program's online event calendar, 4-H Online will bring the Louisiana 4-H community together and keep everyone involved. 4-H Online is fully encrypted; Member and Volunteer information is safe, backed up continuously, and fully secured.

### How do I join 4-H?

1. Information has been shared with school club leaders and on [www.facebook.com/lafayette4h](http://www.facebook.com/lafayette4h)
2. All Members previously enrolled through 4-H Online last year will receive detailed instructions on re-enrollment.
3. Choose **one** project. If you choose an animal project, you may choose more than one book.
4. All 4<sup>th</sup> graders must select the "Discovering the World of 4-H" project.
5. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders must select the "Exploring the World of 4-H" project.
6. Pay your dues. Check with your school club Leader for the dues amount and due date.
7. If there is a 4-H Club at your school, you must be a member of that club.
8. **If you plan to participate in livestock or shooting sports, please complete enrollment in 4-H Online as soon as possible; if you are new, please call the Lafayette Parish 4-H Office for program details.**

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be distributed each month from September to May. These will be posted virtually in school clubs and on our website. If you have any questions concerning our Lafayette Parish 4-H program, call us at (337) 291-7090.

## Join 4-H Junior Leader

Be part of the action! Stand out in the crowd! Being part of the Junior Leader Club certainly has many advantages. The Junior Leader Club takes the lead role in Lafayette Parish service-learning. The club helps with contest days, workshops, serves as Camp Counselors, and more. This is one of the greatest experiences a 4-H'er can have.

Membership is open to all 4-H'ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette Parish. If you missed the September meeting, come to the next one scheduled for 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Office.

# Fall Fest

One of our biggest contest days is Fall Fest, to be held at J. Wallace James Elementary on **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

The contests will include Bicycle Rodeo, Poster Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Rabbit Show, Pet Show, and the Commodity Cookery. Rules for the contests will be given to all 4-H'ers in October. The Rabbit Show requires pre-registration, so be sure to **submit rabbit entries by October 4<sup>th</sup>**.

The day will be a ton of fun! Adult Volunteers are welcome to assist, so please call the 4-H Office to find out more.



# Officer Training

Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Lafayette Middle School from 5:00-6:30 PM. The Junior Leaders have planned a mock meeting and individual workshops to help guide officers through their roles and responsibilities. Each club officer will receive from school Leaders a copy of the roles and responsibilities of the elected office along with any forms that may help carry out the job duties. We will begin judging club meetings starting next month, so make sure to review all materials shared, making your meetings run smoothly!

# Bash on the Bayou

## Date and Location

The 2024 Bash on the Bayou will be held on Saturday, November 23 in the 4-H Mini Farm. Doors will open at 10:00am.

## Registration

The registration fee is \$5 per person, which includes a meal, ice cream, and plenty of opportunities to network with 4-H and FFA members from across the state. T-shirts sizes are limited and can be ordered through the registration site. Youth sizes are \$12,

adult sizes (S-XL) are \$14, and sizes 2X and 3X are \$16. Register for the tailgate event here: [Bash on the Bayou Tailgate Registration](#)  
Registration will close on November 15, 2024 and payment must be received by November 20, 2024.

Checks should be made payable to:

**Louisiana 4-H Foundation** c/o Mary Beth Boyd  
102 Efferson Hall, LSU  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

## Game Tickets

Game tickets must be purchased separately through the LSU Athletic Office at the [4-H/FFA LSU Bash on the Bayou Ticket Order link](#).

## Parking

Parking passes will not be provided by Louisiana 4-H or FFA. Parking is available on a first-come, first served basis near the 4-H Mini Farm and Parker Coliseum parking lot.



# Fashion & Beyond on Tour

The 4-H Fashion Board would like to invite you to come experience the Fashion & Beyond On Tour. You will get a closer look at all aspects of the fashion world, from newspaper runways, color wheels, upcycling, fibers, to basic sewing fundamentals. You will engage in multiple sessions of activities planned by the fabulous fashion board.

### Items to bring:

- Sack lunch
- Standard size pillowcase (not king)
- 2 crew socks of different pattern or color

Join us at one of our venues as we travel the state bringing fashion to your fingertips!

- Limit 50 per location.

**4-H STATE FASHION BOARD - PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**FASHION & BEYOND**  
*ON TOUR* 

Join us at one of our venues as we travel the state bringing fashion to your fingertips.

**Tour Ticket Price:** \*Limit 50 per location  
**\$35 / person**

**Grades:**  
**5th-12th**

**January 15, 2025**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**River of Life Church**  
127 Ellis Lane  
Winnsboro, LA 71295

**February 17, 2025**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Acadia Parish Educational Center**  
2402 North Parkerson Ave.  
Crowley, LA 70526



**Questions:**  
Contact your local 4-H agents for more details

**Register:**  
<https://v2.4honline.com/>



## Dates to Remember

### October 2024

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 7 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 11 Deadline for Enrollment Submitted in 4-H Online
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting
- 29 Officer Training Workshop, Lafayette Middle
- 28-11/17 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport

### November 2024

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Fall Fest, J. Wallace James Elementary
- 11 Validation Kits Due and Possession Deadline for all Market: Goats, Lambs, Commercial Does, Ewes, and Heifers
- 11 Possession Deadline for Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Goats
- 14 Commodity Sale Order Deadline, 4-H Office
- 19-20 Challenge Camp, Acadian Baptist Center
- 21 Commodity Sale Pickup, Second Harvest Food Bank
- 21 Poultry Clinic, Lafayette 4-H Office
- 26 Junior Leader Po-Boy Sale & Monthly Meeting

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