

March 2022

What's On Your Plate?

Have you ever thought about all the ways we can eat fruit? Apples can be made into sauce or pie filling, dried into semi-soft rings, or made into crisp chips. This month our educational program will focus on the food science demonstration. We will turn on our food scientist brains and discover more about cooking fruit!



Talent and Art Contest

Talent and Arts Contest entries are due to Mrs. Nicole on Monday, March 7th 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.



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). Your most active members are encouraged to complete their scorecard to be considered for our annual awards. We will discuss the importance on 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. Leaders should submit the application and mark on the top of the front page "Outstanding Member". The scorecards will be due to our office on April 18th.

Dates to Remember

March 2022

- 5 Fashion Show- Lafayette Office
- 5 State Rabbit Show, Alexandria, LA
- 7 Talent and Art Entries Due
- 7 First Day of Club Meetings
- 16 Junior Leader Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Parish Shoot, Lafayette Skeet Academy
- 23 Strawberry and Fern Sale Orders due, 4-H Office
- 26 Achievement Day, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
- 29 First Year Exhibitor Horse Meeting, Ira Nelson
- 29 Grade Horse Clinic, Ira Nelson

April 2022

- 1 Horse Possession Date
- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 Strawberry and Fern Sale Pick-Up, Second Harvest
- 15 Good Friday, *Office Closed*
- 18 Horse Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 18 4-H Scorecards Due to 4-H Office
- 18 Outstanding Senior Applications Due, 4-H Office

Achievement Day 2022

Achievement Day is one of Lafayette Parish 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. We are very excited to announce that our 4-H Achievement Day is scheduled as our first in-person event! It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 26, 2022, at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy** located at 805 Teurlings Drive, Lafayette, LA. Our theme this year is "Food Science" and we have designed many of the contests with that in mind. We will also be featuring a Food Science Expo.

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 early March. Please assist your 4-H'ers as much as possible in preparing for this fun day of competition and educational opportunity. Please, be sure that all 4-H'ers are following the rules and regulations in whatever contest they decide to participate.

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

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

Strawberry and Fern Sale

The Annual Strawberry and Fern Sale has is kicking off this 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 \$25.00 per flat, ferns will be selling for \$25.00 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 Monday, March 21st. Consider placing an order form in your teacher’s lounge utilizing the Club Order Summary Sheet. They will be due to the 4-H Office on **Wednesday, March 23rd**.

We will continue with the same style of pick-up as the fall commodity sale. The delivery is set for **Tuesday, April 5th** for pick- up at 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 clubs complete order and disburse them at school. Please make the check payable to the **Lafayette 4-H Foundation, Inc.**

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 school for their portion of the profits generated.



Camp applications are being distributed this month to 4-H Club Leaders, Members, and Families. We have been given an allotment of 30 beds at 4-H Camp this summer and are planning to provide a camping experience to as many members as possible through a week of day camps as well. The initial application is to gauge 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. Leaders will be required to sign off on the 4-H Camp Application and rank the members in order of most active starting at 1 through the number you submit. A school disciplinarian/counselor/administrator will have to sign off on the application for it to be considered. Applications will be due to the 4-H Office by Monday, March 14th. Any applications received without all the appropriate signatures will not be considered.

Club members are asked to rank all their camping options from 1-4 so that we will be able to match them as closely with the opportunity they wish to participate in. We will process all applications and send notification to those campers accepted for each camp the first week of April.

Global Youth Service Day

Plan to participate in the largest service event in the world on April 29th – May 1, 2022. 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 2022 Grants for your National Youth Service Project. For information, visit: <https://ysa.org>



Marsh Maneuvers

Marsh Maneuvers is a 4-H camp for high schoolers (completed 9th-12th grade by July 4, 2022) 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 2022 will be housed at the Broussard Bunkhouse in Intercoastal City, LA the following weeks:

July 5-9, 2022

July 11-15, 2022

There is a \$150 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.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by judges. Applicants with the highest scores will be invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers. Applicants who have been invited to attend Marsh Maneuvers or selected as alternates will be notified by email by April 18, 2022. Applicants who have not been selected to attend Marsh Maneuvers or listed as an alternate will not receive a notification.

Use the following link to access the Marsh Maneuvers application:
<http://lsuagcenter.com/MMApplication>
Fill out the entire application and submit by March 16, 2022. Applications must be completely filled out in order to be considered.

Application Tips:

If you are having trouble thinking about what to write, discuss ideas and what you want to say with another person first and use your notes from that conversation as an outline.

Have another person read over your application before you submit it to check for any typos or mistakes.

Double-check that you have filled out each part of the application correctly.

4-H University

4-H University will be held in Baton Rouge June 21-24, 2022. 4-H members in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend 4-H U to represent Lafayette Parish in a variety of state 4-H contests.

An ice cream social will be held on March 16, 2022, from 6:30- 8:00 pm at the 4-H Office for all members interested in attending 4-H U 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.

If any leaders are interested in helping us train or would like to attend 4-H U as an Adult Leader, pleas contact the 4-H Office.

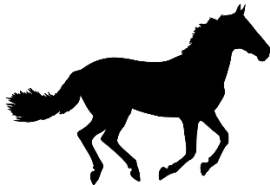


4-H Horse News

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 **Tuesday, March 29th** 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 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@accenter.lsu.edu.



As a reminder, it is not mandatory that you use the attached old and new business forms. These are used as a guideline as to what old and new business in your club could be. It is important that old and new business is announced- it can hold important information for your 4-H club members!



It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance to participate in any aforementioned activity, please contact the 4-H office at (337)291-7090.



Sincerely,

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March 2022 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Mardi Gras Day 4-H Office Closed 	2	3	4
7	8 (In-Person) 2:45-3:30 STM (Micro) 4:00-4:45 Edgar Martin (In-Person) 2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian	9 (In-Person) 7:30-8:15 Cathedral-Carmel (Micro) 1:20-2:20 CPL Middlebrook (Micro) 2:45-3:45 Lafayette High (Micro) 2:10-3:00 Woodvale (In-Person) 4:00-4:50 Westminster Christian- Lower	10 (Micro) 8:00-8:30 Acadiana High (Macro) 2:00-3:00 Westside (Micro) 3:50-4:30 Scott Middle (Micro) 8:00-9:00 C. Burke (Micro) 9:53-10:23 Carencro High (In-Person) 2:45-3:45 Acadiana Christian Homeschool	11 (In-Person) 10:00-11:00 Acadiana Community Homeschool
14 (In-Person) 1:15-2:05 Sts. Peter & Paul (In-Person) 11:15-11:55 Westminster Christian- Upper (In-Person) 3:00-4:00 Acadiana Renaissance Charter	15 (Micro) 2:00-2:45 L. Leo Judice (In-Person) 3:30-4:30 Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy (Micro) 2:16-3:00 Youngsville Middle	16 (In-Person) 12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy (Micro) 2:45-3:30 David Thibodaux STEM (Macro) 4:00-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem (In-Person) 3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia	17 (In-Person) 10:35-11:25 Carencro Catholic (Micro) 2:35-3:15 Southside high (In-Person) 2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Elem/Middle	18 (Micro) 2:15-3:00 LJ Alleman (Micro) 2:18-3:03 Judice Middle
21 (Macro) 2:24-3:20 Milton Middle (In-Person) 3:00-3:45 Fatima	22	23	24	25

Old and New Business- March 2022

Cut and have several non-officer members read these slips during the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance (Read this after the president asks for everyone to rise to say the Pledge of Allegiance.)

“I pledge allegiance to the flag...”

4-H Pledge (Read this after the Pledge of Allegiance.)

“I pledge my head to clearer thinking...”

(Read this after the secretary reads the minutes and the president asks for a motion to accept the minutes as read.)

“I move to accept the minutes as read.”

(Read this after a member makes the motion to accept the minutes)

“I second that Motion.”

OLD BUSINESS #1

The LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show was held in February. The 4-H’ers from our club who participated were:

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OLD BUSINESS #2

The Lafayette Parish Fashion Show was on Saturday, March 5th. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:

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OLD BUSINESS #3

The Fashion, Talent, and Arts deadline was on Monday, March 7th. The 4-Hers from our club who participated were:

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NEW BUSINESS #1

Mark your Calendars for March 26th that is our 4-H Achievement Day—the biggest contest day of the year. It is the first in-person event of the school year! This year it will be held at David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy.

NEW BUSINESS #2

4-H Scorecards will soon be available. Active members should fill one out for the chance to be recognized as an Outstanding 4-H’er during the Lafayette Parish 4-H Honor’s Program in May.

NEW BUSINESS #3 (4th—6th Grades)

Anyone that is still interested in attending a 4-H camping event, should complete and turn in an application to your leader as soon as possible or to the 4-H office by March 14th. The invitation letters will be mailed out in early April!

NEW BUSINESS #4 (Clubs with 8th to 12th Graders only)

4-H University is a week of state competition held on the LSU Campus in June. Last summer, Lafayette Parish brought 25 4-H’ers and they won many awards and trips. If you would like to join Lafayette’s winning team, talk to one of the 4-H Agents for more information and attend the meeting on March 16th at the 4-H Office.

(Read this after the president asks for a motion to adjourn—at the end of the meeting.)

“I move to adjourn the meeting.”

(Read after the motion is made to adjourn the meeting).

“I second the Motion.”

Note: Add any old or new business that is pertinent to your club.



Lafayette 4-H Parish Pride T-Shirt Club Order Form



Name of Club: _____
Leader Name: _____
Leader's Email: _____

Youth Medium _____

Youth Large _____

Adult Small _____

Adult Medium _____

Adult Large _____

Adult X-Large _____

Adult XX-Large _____

Adult XXX-Large _____

Total Shirts ordered: _____

Total Owed: _____

Check #: _____



T-Shirts are \$10.00 each. Sizes YM through XL and \$13.00 for XXL-3XL.

Please make check payable to: Lafayette 4-H Foundation NO CASH ACCEPTED.

Please return order form and check to:

Lafayette 4-H Office
Parish Pride T-Shirt
1010 Lafayette St., STE 325
Lafayette, LA 70501



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