

# 4-H Leader Update

September 2021

## Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a safe and happy summer and are all geared up for a new school year. We are delighted with the fact that a 4-H Club will be in your school and that you have volunteered to serve as a 4-H Leader!

We understand that this school year will look a little different than our traditional years. We know that some things are changing by the day, and we would like to do whatever we can to accommodate you during this time.

We are looking forward to a very productive year and hope you are too! Please feel free to call us at any time if questions arise. Our number at the Lafayette 4-H office is (337) 291-7090.

## Programming Status Update

### Interest Meetings

Whether your school's first club meeting is occurring virtually or in-person, we are counting on you, as the 4-H Leader, to make announcements and arrangements. This should be made available to all interested and eligible students can attend/have access to information for the first meeting. We have attached a sample version of a parent permission slip if you wish to use it or alter, please feel free to make it your own.

### Enrollment Fees/Dues

The enrollment process should begin in the month of September or at your first meeting. This year, enrollment will occur primarily online. We are finalizing the details to launch the new 4-H Online System. The details will be sent in a separate file with the specific details. Lafayette is a pilot in the new online system and we will work with you to provide resources and accommodate your needs.

The parish and state dues are \$6 per member. Your club may choose to charge more per member for club-specific activities and materials.

### Deadlines

Our first call for completed enrollment cards in the online system is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Members are strongly encouraged to join by October 14<sup>th</sup> in order to meet project deadlines.

We do have an open enrollment policy allowing members to join at any time throughout the year, but it is beneficial to encourage members to sign up at the beginning of the year. If during the year students transfer schools, please work with them to get them enrolled, even if it is after the enrollment deadline.

## Dates to Remember

### September 2021

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6 Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed
- 15 FIRST CALL – 4-H Enrollment Due
- 15 4-H Challenge Camp Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office (Reg. Required)

### October 2021

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 14 FINAL CALL – Enrollment Due in Online System
- 28-11/14 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport



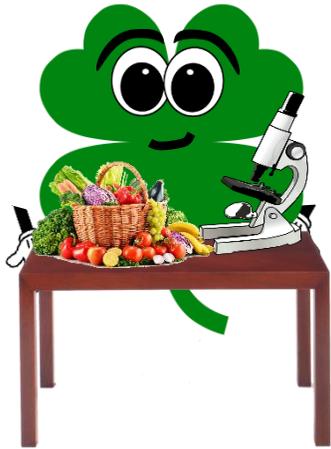
## September Club Meeting Logistics

The September club meeting will consist of an introduction to 4-H for new and returning members. Club meetings will look a bit different this year again, as we continue to offer various options of delivery. School principals and leaders will determine what is the safest method to implement the program for your school.

If you are meeting virtually, you may choose the virtual platform that works best for your club (Google Meet, Zoom, etc.) The club leader will send the meeting invite to the 4-H Agents ahead of the scheduled meeting for the Agent to “co-host” the meeting for the macro style option. We encourage you to set up a “Virtual Classroom” to post handouts for the 4-H members to view. The club options are as follows: Macro – Individual club meeting would occur virtually on the regular monthly calendar schedule with agent. Micro – Club Leaders would receive and post materials and virtually pre-recorded lessons. Leader would determine how materials are distributed and when they are posted. In-Person – If administration will allow us to meet on campus we will conduct your meeting, following any guidelines that are in place set by the state.

## Yearly Educational Focus

Simon the Clover is back! This year he will be exploring food science. Through a series of lessons, students will be introduced to topics which explore the science behind many of the foods they eat. All lessons will be interactive and designed to reinforce what is taught in the schools and improve standardized test scores through experiential learning.



## Provide Service Opportunities for Youth

Strive to engage your club members in at least one meaningful service project this year. Service-learning is taking an ordinary service project and taking it to the next level. It is a teaching strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Meeting real community need is key to true service-learning. The service should be integrated into the curriculum where there is purposeful learning taking place. A critical part of service-learning includes reflection, which provides youth the opportunity to 'think about' their experience. Service-learning enables youth to utilize newly acquired skills and knowledge and typically enhances what is taught either in the classroom or in a community setting. Service-learning extends the world of the youth and fosters a sense of caring for others. Service-learning is best thought of as a cycle, where each step in the process leads to the next.

Service-learning broadens perspectives and enhances critical thinking skills. Studies show that service-learning improves interpersonal and human relation skills, which have become increasingly important in professional and personal spheres.

Take the time to include your club members or at least the club officers in identifying a local need and brainstorming for ideas for their service-learning project.

## How do you incorporate Service-Learning in Your 4-H Program?

You will find listed below five (5) steps that will help guide you through the process. They are:

1. Identify a need.
2. When a need is identified tie it to a learning experience. For example: bring in a guest speaker to talk about the need for the service project. Or, use the topic to reinforce a class lesson.
3. Perform the service project.
4. Do an evaluation or reflect upon of the service project.
5. Celebrate!

NOTE: Youth need to understand why they are doing the service project and who is benefiting from it to see that they CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Incorporate a project tied into your focus monthly or every other month.

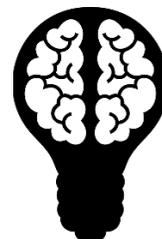


## Examples of Service-Learning Projects

Environment— Phone book recycling: recruit a guest speaker from the recycling foundation; connect to math curriculum using estimation, weights, charts, etc.; celebrate success

Elderly — Collect a different item each month such as toothbrushes, deodorant, etc., tour the nursing home, conduct Christmas Carols, make cards for the residents, ask someone from nursing home to be a guest speaker. Incorporate English/language curriculum through writing project.

Illness—cancer, muscular dystrophy, etc. invite a guest speaker from a hospital or Muscular Dystrophy Association, visit their center or hospital, bring cards to children battling the disease, raise funds, participate in MDA Muscle Walk at Acadian Village. Connect to science curriculum through study of muscular/body system.



## National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week falls on October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 9<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). Possible Ideas:

- Create a 4-H themed “billboard” to display in your hallways or on school website
- Say the 4-H pledge during morning announcements
- Promote 4-H in your virtual classroom
- Conduct service in your community



## Louisiana Service-Learning Focus

This Louisiana 4-H community service focus for the year is mental health. Clubs are encouraged to include the state service focus in their school club activities. An example of this would be to have monthly club programs which educate 4-H members on various mental health issues. 4-H'ers are also encouraged to perform community service activities which relate to the state focus.

Mental Health is defined as a person's condition with regards to their psychological and emotional wellbeing. Simply put, it's the wellness of the mind. Mental Health affects everything from the way we act and react to how we feel and think. It determines how we cope with stress and different struggles daily life throws our way. There are several different reasons why our mental health can be affected negatively, making our minds sick; including biological factors, life experiences, and family history. Mental health can decline at any age, and it's important that you not only take care of your physical body, but also your psychological and emotional body. When your mental health declines in different directions, it is called mental illness.

## State Record Book Winners

This year, 29 record books were selected to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition. These were judged the last week in August. We will have results in the next week or so.

Congratulations to all who participated, we are very proud of your hard work and dedication!

## Junior Leader Club: Calling All 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Lafayette's Junior Leader 4-H Club is made up of older 4-H'ers from across Lafayette Parish who are in grades 8th-12th. Do you have teens that would like to be involved in the community in a leadership role, but just not sure how to go about it?

The first Junior Leader meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All 4-H'ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend. They will need to contact Nicole Gerard at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) to register.

Members interested in running for a Junior Leader Officer position for next school year must select the project box near Junior Leader on the last page of the enrollment card.

## Old and New Business

In the next issue of the Leader Update, you will find a page of items which may be used as old and new business during your meetings. It is set up to allow you to clip them out and give to your members, not the officers, to read during the business part of the meeting.

Typically, we have a Club-of-the-Month contest that starts in November. This contest judges each individual club on their ability to run a meeting with correct parliamentary procedure. While we do plan to have a version of this contest this year, it will most likely be slightly altered from the past.

## Lafayette 4-H'ers on State Boards

Each year, at 4-H University, 4-H members from around the state of Louisiana compete to be a part of state leadership boards. Lafayette Parish 4-H is well-represented this year; our state board members are as follows: Annaclaire Zerangue (Food and Fitness Board), Claire Harrington (Food and Fitness Board), Isabella Couvillion (Food and Fitness Board) and Laila Horton (Citizenship Board).

Congratulations to these exemplary members!

## Parish Fundraising Efforts

Our parish fundraisers have provided an opportunity to raise funds to benefit the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation along with your school club.

While we were able to successfully complete our fall commodity sale last year, we had to cancel our strawberry and skeet shoot fundraisers. We plan to conduct our fall commodity sale as scheduled for the 2021 year.

Thank you to all of our supporters, our program would not be possible without your dedication.

## Welcome Nicole!

Please welcome Nicole Gerard as our newest 4-H Agent in Lafayette Parish. Nicole joined the LSU AgCenter on August 2, 2021. She credits her love for Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) to her own 4-H involvement which included cooking demonstrations and sewing. Her experiences teaching FCS in East Baton Rouge, St. Martin, and Iberia parishes in addition to serving as Education Program Coordinator for Family and Consumer Sciences at the Louisiana Department of Education.

## LA Leader Conference

Join 4-H Volunteers from across Louisiana for fellowship, networking, educational workshops and fun shops. Hear from motivational speakers and leaders of successful programs and learn about new programs. The Louisiana 4-H Volunteer Conference scheduled for **November 6, 2021** is designed to build capacities for working confidently with youth and increasing service roles of volunteers. The LA4-H VLA is hosted by the Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Department and the Louisiana 4-H Volunteer Leader Association.

The conference will be held at **Camp Grant Walker Facility in Pollock, Louisiana** at 3000 LA-8, Pollock, LA 71467. The conference will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To receive conference updates, please subscribe to the conference mailing list at <https://bit.ly/VolConference21>

## Letter of Authorization

The Letter of Authorization ensures that the 4-H Clubs are committed to following the rules and regulations set forth by the Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program. The letter also certifies that the 4-H Club or Group is open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability, and that the 4-H Club or Group supports the goals of leadership, character, and life skills development for all 4-H members. The letter is included in your enrollment packet.

## Club Meeting Request Form & Schedule

Our 4-H club meeting request forms were sent out to principals and leaders in early August. If you have not returned the form but are interested in a club please let us know as soon as possible.

The club meeting schedule is attached as and can be located on page 5 of this packet. Please check the calendar for your club meeting date and time. We understand that conflicts occur, so please let us know as soon as possible if you need to reschedule.

## Thank You!

We would like to thank you for serving in the role as the 4-H organizational leaders for your club! We look forward to working with each of you to have a successful 4-H year! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication serving your community and developing the leaders of tomorrow in your 4-H program. We will be working through the new enrollment process. We hope that everything rolls out smoothly, but we ask for your cooperation and patience through the process. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to contact us at 291-7090.

*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.*



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Sincerely,

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## September 2021 Meeting Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b><u>KEY CODE</u></b></p> <p><b>MACRO</b> – Individual club meeting will occur virtually and on the regular monthly calendar schedule with agent.</p> <p><b>MICRO</b> – Club leaders post materials in virtual space with pre-recorded lessons. Meetings will NOT occur at time posted in schedule until we return to in-person.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>(In-Person) 7:30-8:15 Cathedral-Carmel</p> <p>(Micro) 2:10-3:00 Woodvale</p>	<p>2</p> <p>(Micro) 8:00-9:00 C. Burke</p>	<p>3</p> <p>(Macro) 10:00-11:00 ACH</p>
		<p>(Micro) 1:20-2:20 CPL Middlebrook</p> <p>(Micro) 2:45-3:45 Lafayette High</p>	<p>(Micro) 8:00-8:30 Acadiana High</p> <p>(Micro) 9:53-10:23 Carencro High</p> <p>(Micro) 2:00-3:00 Westside</p> <p>(Micro) 3:50-4:30 Scott Middle</p>	
<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>(In-Person) 2:45-3:30 STM</p> <p>(Micro) 4:00-4:45 Edgar Martin</p>	<p>8</p> <p>(In-Person) 12:40-1:30 Lafayette Christian Academy</p> <p>(Micro) 2:45-3:30 David Thibodaux STEM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>(In-Person) 10:35-11:25 Carencro Catholic</p> <p>(Micro) 2:35-3:15 Southside High</p> <p>(In-Person) 3:00-4:00 St. Cecilia</p>	<p>(Micro) 2:15-3:00 LJ Alleman</p>
<p><b>The calendar is divided up into a top and bottom block for club meetings. This will allow for two agents to conduct club meetings at the same time. Holidays shift meetings days down one week.</b></p>	<p>(In-Person) 2:00-3:00 First Baptist Christian</p>	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><u>(?) 2:24-3:10 Milton Mdl.</u></p>	<p>(Macro) 2:45-3:30 St. Genevieve Elem.</p> <p>(Micro) 4:00-4:45 Ernest Gallet Elem.</p>	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><u>(?) 2:18-3:03 Judice Middle</u></p>
<p>13</p> <p>(In-Person) 1:15-2:05 Sts. Peter &amp; Paull</p> <p>(In-Person) 3:00-4:00 Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy</p>	<p>14</p> <p>(Micro) 2:00-2:45 L. Leo Judice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>(Macro) 3:00-4:00 St. Genevieve Middle</p>				
<p>20</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><u>(?) 3:00-3:45 Fatima</u></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

**Club List Updated as of**  
**9/27/2021**

**4-H Clubs using Macro Method**  
**(3)**

- Acadiana Community Homeschool (ACH)
- St. Genevieve Elem
- St. Genevieve Middle

**4-H Schools using Micro Method**  
**(17):**

- Acadiana High
- CPL Middlebrook Elem
- Carencro High
- Charles Burke
- Christian Home School
- David Thibodeaux STEM
- E. Gallet
- Edgar Martin Middle
- LJ Alleman
- L. Leo Judice
- Lafayette High
- Milton Elem/Middle
- Ossun Elementary
- Paul Breaux Middle
- Scott Middle
- Southside High
- Woodvale

**4-H Schools not confirmed**  
**Micro/Macro (7):**

- Fatima
- Judice Middle
- Lafayette Renaissance Charter
- Myrtle Place Elem
- Ridge Elem
- Westside Elem
- Youngsville Middle

**In- Person Schools (8)**

- Acadiana Renaissance Charter
- Carencro Catholic
- Cathedral-Carmel
- First Baptist
- Lafayette Christian Academy
- St. Cecilia
- St. Thomas More
- Sts. Peter & Paul

**Schools we haven't heard from**  
**regarding 4-H this year (30):**

- Acadian Middle
- Acadiana Christian Homeschool
- Alice Boucher
- Ascension Episcopal School
- Sugar Mill Pond
- Baranco Elem

- Billeaud Elem
- Broussard Middle
- Carencro Heights Elem
- Comeaux High
- Carencro Middle
- Duson Elementary
- Early College Academy
- Evangeline Elementary
- G. T. Lindon Elem
- Holy Family
- Katherine Drexel Elementary
- JW Faulk Elementary
- JW James Elementary
- John Paul the Great
- Lafayette Middle
- Live Oak Elementary
- Northside High
- Prairie Elem
- Philadelphia Christian
- S. J. Montgomery
- St. Pius
- St. Leo-Seton
- Teurlings High
- Lafayette Virtual Academy
- Westminster Christian Academy

**NO CLUB (1)**

- Broadmoor Elem.

**Sample Pre-Registration/Permission Forms**

**For Duplication**

**(The 1<sup>st</sup> one may be given out prior to the first meeting, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one may be given out at the 4-H meeting).**

**4-H Club**

**Permission Form**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has expressed an interest to joining Lafayette Parish 4-H. It is part of the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H.

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. 4-H in Lafayette is open to 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who attend school or live in the parish.

In order to join, you child must complete a 4-H enrollment card online and submit payment for annual dues will be due at a later time. Your child's first 4-H Meeting is scheduled to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ . For your child to able to attend this initial enrollment meeting, please sign below.

I look forward to your child joining 4-H this school year. There are many fun events planned throughout the year. 4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. I would love for your child to be part of our 4-H club.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_, 4-H Volunteer Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**4-H Club**

**Registration Information**

Dear Parent:

Your child has expressed an interest to join the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H. In order to join, you must turn in dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and a completed official 4-H enrollment card by\_\_\_\_\_. Dues and the enrollment card are to be turned in to the 4-H Leader at school. Your child's 4-H Leader is \_\_\_\_\_.

For more information about 4-H, contact the LSU AgCenter at (337)291 -7090 or see the Louisiana 4-H website at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) or [www.louisiana4h.org](http://www.louisiana4h.org).

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_, 4-H Volunteer Leader



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