Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Monthly Lesson Focus

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is a key character trait that builds strong relationships and leadership skills. Through discussion and the trust tower activity, youth learn how honesty, reliability, and responsible actions earn trust over time. The lesson supports Louisiana ELA Speaking and Listening standards by encouraging discussion, listening, and sharing ideas, while also reinforcing Social Studies and Civics standards related to responsibility, teamwork, and understanding how individual actions affect others. These skills help students succeed in 4-H, school, and their communities.

National 4-H week
October 4-10, 2026

National 4-H Week

This year, National 4-H Week is October 4th - 10th. 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. Check our social media to see how other members are celebrating!

Officer Training

Officer Training will take place on Thursday, October 22nd at Lafayette Elementary School from 5:00-6:45 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 a copy of the roles and responsibilities of the elected office along with any forms that may help carry out the job duties from the school leader. We will begin judging club meetings starting next month, so make sure to review all materials shared so that your meetings will run smoothly!

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4-H is for EVERYONE!

4-H if 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 4th-12th 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.

Enrollment/reenrollment will be done electronically through 4-H Online. 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 brings the Louisiana 4-H community together and keeps 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
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 as part of the Livestock Club, you may also choose a second project.
4. All 4th graders must select the "Discovering the World of 4-H" project.
5. All 5th graders must select the "Exploring the World of 4-H" project.
6. Pay your state/parish dues online. Check with your school club Leader for school 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 regarding the Lafayette Parish 4-H program, please 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 truly one of the greatest experiences a 4-H'er can have.

Membership is open to all 4-H'ers in grades 8th-12th in Lafayette Parish. If you missed the September meeting, come to the next one scheduled for 5:30 PM, Thursday, October 15th at the 4-H Office.

Project Books Arriving Soon!

Each 4-H member who enrolled and paid their dues should receive either a project book or an activity guide. 4-H members should start reading and working in their books/guides as soon as they have it. 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 26th**. If a 4-H member joins after October 1st, they will not receive their book until November.

The steps on how to complete a 4-H Record Book will be discussed at the **Record Book Workshop** scheduled for Saturday, December 12th. The workshop will be held at J Wallace James with more details to be provided in the November Hotline.

Fall Fest

One of our biggest contest days is 4-H Fall Fest, which will be held at Live Oak Elementary School on **Saturday, November 7th**.

The 4-H contests will include Bicycle Rodeo, Poster Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Rabbit Show, Pet Show, and the Commodity Cookery Contests. Rules for these contests will be presented to all 4-H'ers at their October club meeting. The Rabbit Show requires pre-registration. Please make sure these are submitted by **October 9, 2026.**

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.



Cooking Club Meeting

The Louisiana 4-H Food Challenge offers members the opportunity to showcase their skills in the kitchen along with their general nutrition knowledge. Lafayette 4-H had members compete the last three years and will have an interest meeting on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 from 5:00-6:30 PM at the Lafayette 4-H Office (1010 Lafayette St. Suite 325, Lafayette, LA 70501). Anyone interested in learning more about the competition should attend. Please call the 4-H Office at (337) 291-7090 to RSVP for the meeting.



4-H Night with the Pelicans

The 2026 4-H Night with the Pelicans will be held on Friday, January 8th, 2027 at the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans. Tip off will begin at 7:00 PM. The starting ticket price plus fees totals to $38.00. There is a variety of seating options and price points available on the ticket link. The parking price plus fees totals to $22.00. Fans should purchase tickets through the ticket link (**https://pels.group/4H**). The QR Code on the flier can be used for individual or group ticket purchases.



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 color analysis, upcycling, service projects, to all basic sewing fundamentals. You will engage in multiple activities planned by the fabulous fashion board.

Items to bring:

- Sack lunch
- 2 Fat Quarters of same color/style/design
- 1 bag of Polyfil
- 1 Fat Quarter of any print or design

*The Fat Quarters are being used for separate projects

Louisiana Commodity Sale

Just in time for the holidays, the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring a Louisiana Sweet Potato, Rice, and Pecan Sale! Prices are as follows:

- Orange or White Sweet Potatoes (10 lbs.): $12.00
- Orange Sweet Potatoes (40 lbs.): $25.00
- Peeled Pecans (1 lb. bag): $12.00
- Peeled Pecans (3 lbs. box): $30.00
- Aromatic Rice (2 lbs. bag): $7.00
- Aromatic Rice (5 lbs. bag): $13.00
- Aromatic Rice (20 lbs. bag): $35.00
- LSU AgCenter Gardening Calendar: $14.00

All checks should be made payable to the 'Lafayette 4-H Foundation' and can be mailed, along with an order form, to the Lafayette 4-H Office:

Lafayette 4-H Office
1010 Lafayette St. Suite #325
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Order deadline: Friday, November 6th
Pickup date: Wednesday, November 18th
Pickup location/directions: Second Harvest Food Bank: 215 E Pinhook Rd: Head east on Pinhook toward the Evangeline Thruway, take left on East Vermilion, then left on Forrest St, and then left on Refinery Street. Line up on right hand side of the road closest to Second Harvest. Turn into the gate and drive through.
Pickup time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.





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Dates to Remember

October 2026

1	Junior Leader Officer Meeting, 4-H Office
5	First Day of Club Meetings
4-10	National 4-H Week
15	FINAL CALL – Enrollment due in Online System
15	Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
20	Cooking Club Meeting, 4-H Office
22	Officer Training Workshop, Lafayette Elementary
29-11/15	Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport

November 2026

2	First Day of Club Meetings
6	Commodity Sale Order Deadline, 4-H Office
7	Fall Fest, Live Oak Elementary
9	Validation Due and Possession Deadline for all Market: Goats, Lambs, Commercial Does, Ewes, and Heifers
9	Possession Deadline for Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep and Goats
17-18	Challenge Camp, Acadian Baptist Center
18	Commodity Sale Pickup, Second Harvest Food Bank
19	Jr Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
24	Junior Leader Po-Boy Sale

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