

Important Dates



November

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 3 4-H Fall Fest, Evangeline Elementary
- 5 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 5 Possession Date for Beef, Sheep, Exhibition Poultry & Goats
- 6-12 Livestock Educational Trip for Beef and Sheep, Louisville, KY
- 9 Final Day of Candy Sale
- 12-14 Deadline for turning in Candy Sale Money, 4-H Office
- 15 Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
- 18-20 4-H Educational Trip, New Orleans, LA
- 19 Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office
- 20 Livestock Farm Tour, 4-H Office
- 22-23 **Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed**
- 22-27 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia
- 28 Lafayette 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 29 Record Book Workshop, Lafayette Middle School

December

- 1 Possession Date for Swine
- 4 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting
- 3 Junior Leader Officer Meeting
- 3 Body Walk, Evangeline Elementary
- 4 Body Walk, St. Genevieve Elementary
- 5 Body Walk, Carencro Elementary
- 5 4-H Food for Families Drive, Cajundome
- 6 Body Walk, Prairie Elementary
- 7 Body Walk, E. Gallet
- 7 Award of Excellence Applications Due 4-H Office
- 7 Key Club Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 15 Area Livestock Clinics, Sugarena, New Iberia
- 15-16 Cajun Classic Beef Show, Sugarena, New Iberia
- 18-19 Annual Agent's Conference, Baton Rouge
- 25-1 **Christmas Holiday/New Year's Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- TBA Junior Leader Meeting
- TBA Livestock Hoof Trimming Clinic

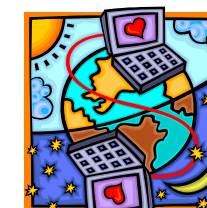


Lafayette 4-H Hotline

4-H Gone to the Web

Have you ever misplaced a newsletter? Has there ever been a month where the mail delivery did not deliver a 4-H letter? Well, we are hoping to increase our communication efforts with members, parents, and volunteers through the use of expanded website.

The Lafayette Parish 4-H staff has been working diligently to post content information on our web page. These efforts are being made to become more effective as well as efficient in our communication efforts.



You may access the new site by typing www.lsuagcenter.com then click on parish offices on the right hand side of the page. Click on Lafayette and click on 4-H Youth Development. We have created a variety of channels that will be beneficial to you now and in the future when record books are due. We will continue our efforts to develop the site into a resource for all youth and adults alike. Let us know what you think.

Coastal Creatures: Insects



Our educational program at the monthly club meetings will focus on wetlands and the creatures that live in them. Each lesson will address specific GLE's that will be hopefully be helpful in standardize testing.

When we think of the Louisiana Coast and the animals that live there we usually think of alligators, fish, nutria and ducks. But sometimes we forget about some of the less glamorous inhabitants of coastal Louisiana - the insects. Louisiana's marshes are home to thousands of different species of insects. These insects fly, crawl and swim and come in many sizes shapes and colors.

The study of insects is called **Entomology**. There are nearly one million different species of insects with more being discovered every year. Insects first developed at least 400 million years ago long before dinosaurs inhabited the earth. Insects can be **beneficial** like those that help to pollinate many of the foods we grow and eat. Or they can be considered **pests** which transfer diseases to animals and humans or eat the food we try to grow.

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Points of interest:

- ☉ Welcome Ms. Nikki Mouch
- ☉ Christmas Cookie Contest
- ☉ Get Involved in Fundraisers
- ☉ Character Counts!
- ☉ Join Team Junior Leader
- ☉ Horse News
- ☉ Livestock News
- ☉ Thank You!
- ☉ Record Book Workshop
- ☉ December CRD
- ☉ Clover Corner
- ☉ Dates to Remember
- ☉ Congratulations
- ☉ 4-H Night with the N.O. Hornets



National 4-H Week was a success in Lafayette Parish, again this year. You all have done some great marketing of your clubs.

Sincerely,

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4-H Night with N.O. Hornets



4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets will be Friday, February 22, 2008. The game against the Houston Rockets will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the New Orleans Hornets Arena, New Orleans, LA.

If your or your club is interested in getting tickets (\$18.00 each person), you can may request more information from the 4-H Agents at 291-7090 or on our parish website.

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, religion, gender, age or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette 4-H office at 291-7090.



Welcome New Agent

We would like to welcome Ms. Nikki Mouch to the Lafayette 4-H Staff. She joined our staff on October 15th with a great deal of enthusiasm!

Nikki is originally from West Baton Rouge Parish. She was a lifelong 4-H member where she was involved in a variety of projects. She earned a bachelors from LSU in Dairy/Poultry/Animal Sciences.

Please help us in welcoming Ms. Nikki to Lafayette!

Christmas Cookie Contest

The 4-H Christmas Cookie Contest will be held during your **December club meeting**. Certificates will be awarded to all winners and participants. The three categories will be:

1. Largest Christmas Cookie
2. Prettiest Christmas Cookie
3. Most Unusual Christmas Cookie



Remember:

- No store bought cookies can be entered.
- Bring your cookies to school the day of your meeting.
- You may enter more than one category.
- One cookie can be entered in only one contest.

Get Involved in Fundraisers

Several fundraisers are underway to raise funds for the parish 4-H program. Four-H'ers throughout the parish have been selling World's Finest Chocolate candy. Proceeds from the candy sale go back to 4-H'ers to offset expenses for 4-H Camp, 4-H Challenge Camp, scholarships, etc. Remember, if you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

The Lafayette 4-H Foundation is happy to announce that we are participating in the Albertson's Community Partner's program. A new program is currently underway and new cards are being issued. All 4-H'ers are asked to encourage their family and friends who shop at Albertson's to sign up for this program. Every time the card is used, Albertson's will donate money to the 4-H Foundation. It's as easy as that! Parents will be able to sign up at Fall Fest.

The junior leader club is conducting their annual po-boy sale on Monday, November 19, which is before Thanksgiving. Tickets available at the 4-H Office for \$5.00. It will purchase a sausage po-boy, chips, and a drink. Call today to reserve your po-boys.

Character Counts

Congratulations to all of you who put our first pillar of character, **RESPECT**, into practice. We all know that a good person is someone to look up to and admire and knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do what is right. A good person lives according to the "Six Pillars of Character".



The pillar for November is **RESPONSIBILITY**. When we do our best, don't quit, are prepared, work hard, and work with pride, we are being **RESPONSIBLE**. When we take charge of our life, set realistic goals and keep a positive outlook, we are practicing this month's pillar: **RESPONSIBILITY**.

What else can you do to be a responsible person?

Join Team Junior Leader

It's still not too late for 8-12 graders to join the Lafayette Parish 4-H Junior Leadership Club. The next scheduled meeting of the Junior Leadership Club is **Monday, November 19**, at the 4-H Office to begin at **1:30 p.m.**

The junior leader club is extremely involved in service-learning projects throughout the year. Service-Learning is organized service experiences that meet real community needs.

November 19 is also the deadline to join Junior Leadership without paying a late fee. The final deadline is the **December Meeting**. Membership is only \$5.00 for the entire year.



Horse News

The 4-H horse shows will take place next summer. Exhibitors must have enrolled in the horse project on their enrollment card, have acquired their horses by **April 1** and will also be required enter their animal on the entry forms mailed out in April. Our parish 4-H horse clinics are tentatively scheduled to begin on **March 26th** with our Grade Horse Check-In Clinic at the Blackham Coliseum.

All 4-H'ers who enrolled in the horse project will periodically receive horse information, as well as their entry forms, through the mail. Contact Mr. Charles at 291-7090 with any questions about the 4-H Horse Program.

Livestock News

It is already time to begin preparing if you plan to exhibit livestock at the 4-H livestock shows in January and February, 2008. All members planning to exhibit Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goats or Poultry will be required to complete entry forms on each of their animals and return the forms to the 4-H Office by November 15th.



It is time to order broiler chicks for the 2008 Lafayette Parish Show and the LSU State Broiler Show. Broilers are meat-type chickens. The orders must be received by November 15th. For more information contact Mrs. Angie at 291-7090.

Livestock entry forms will be sent through the mail. Call Mr. Charles or Ms. Angie at 291-7090 if you haven't received your entry forms by November 6th or if you need more information about the 4-H Livestock Program. Finalized dates for the livestock shows are:

Parish Show & Sale - Jan. 17-19, 2008

District Show - Jan. 23-26, 2008

State Show - Feb. 9-16, 2008

Thank You!

A super thank you to Ms. Madeleine McNulty, principal at Evangeline Elementary and Mr. Rick Poulan, Principal at Lafayette Middle for their continued support and cooperation. We are also very appreciative to the faculty and staff at LMS for allowing us to conduct officer training and Evangeline Elementary for hosting Fall Fest. They graciously opened their doors and welcomed us.

A big "Thank You" is extended to the Jr. Leaders and 4-H volunteers for all of their efforts in assisting us with both events. We would like to thank and the Carencro Catholic 4-H officers for conducting the sample meeting. Now that all officers have been properly trained, we should have some smooth running and interesting meetings.



Record Book Workshop

Get a head start on project/record books this year by taking part in the 4-H Record Book Workshop. It is scheduled for November 29 at Lafayette Middle School from 4:00-5:30 PM. To attend you must pre-register by calling 291-7090. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to attend.

December CRD

One again Lafayette Parish 4-H'ers will take place in the TV 10 Food for Families Drive in a big way. Several clubs participated in the 4-H Caravan of Food as we traveled to the Cajundome to deliver food for the needy. Four-H'ers were featured on "Meet Your Neighbor" and met some of the TV 10 celebrities. This year we plan to do all of that again and now is the time to start making plans.

All 4-H Clubs are asked to participate and collect as much as they can. Then, on **December 5th**, representatives from each club will meet at the Cajundome to form a caravan proclaiming 4-H Food for Families. Your leaders have all the details. Check with them.

Clover Corner

Hi New 4-H Members!

Welcome to 4-H. My name is Clover and I've been in 4-H for many, many years. I'm so excited that you have joined this great club and I hope you have a great year.



I wrote you a note on page 3 of your Discovering 4-H booklet. Read it as soon as you can and get started. The booklet has a total of 61 pages. If you work on it at a steady pace, you'll have everything finished by the February deadline. Look for my note in each Hotline that will help you keep up with your booklet. I know the booklet inside and out, I'll give you hints on what to do and when.

Several things take a while to complete so it's a good idea to start those things now. A good place to start is in the PLANT section. It begins on page 29. Read and start the activities on pages 29 & 30. Another good activity to start is growing radish on page 36. Also, open to the ENVIRONMENT section on page 40 and start looking for insects before it gets too cool outside.

This is a good time to feed the birds in our area. Work on pages 43 & 44. Lots of humming birds have been spotted around. Check out the Dig Deeper on page 44 and feed a few humming birds before they all fly south!

November is a good month for outdoor activities. If you look hard you will find good leaves to trace on page 32. Finish up this unit by doing the soil experiment on page 37. Here's a hint, the My Garden Soil is an Achievement Day contest. Get it done now, and you will have one less thing to do before Achievement Day rolls around.

On cool, rainy days when you can't go outside, pages 4 through 11 are good indoor activities. This is a good time to do pages 12 to 23. These are sewing, cooking and reading activities. Get a head start and do some of these.