

Lafayette 4-H Hotline

Responsible Decision Making

After participating in this lesson, students will be able to **identify** everyday decisions and recognize their frequency and impact; **define** and compare the terms “options,” “choices,” and “alternatives” as synonyms for decision-making opportunities and **explain** the concept of consequences and how they relate to personal and social decision-making.

This lesson reinforces content standards in ELA focusing preparing for and participating effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively as well as adapting speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.



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Points of interest:

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- New Year’s Traditions



Talent and Art Show

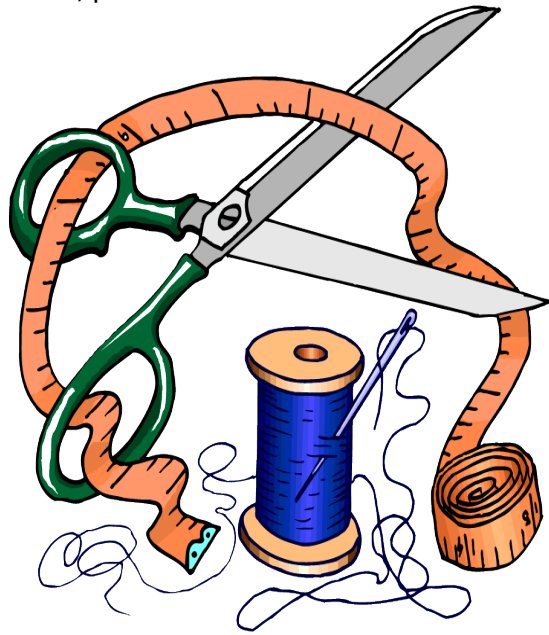
Have a talent you want to share with others? Created art that you want to display? The 2026 Lafayette Parish 4-H Talent and Arts Show planning is underway! All 4-H Members are invited to participate. You will need to review rules carefully so that your submission will be complete and turned in on time for judging.

We are planning for a virtual contest again this year. All contest entries will be submitted electronically using photographs and videos. Registration and **entries are due electronically** by midnight on **Monday, March 2nd**.



Fashion Show

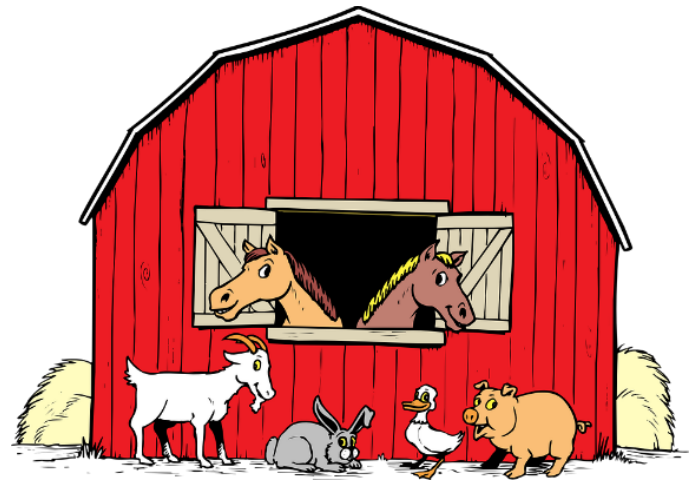
This year Lafayette Parish 4-H will host the **2026 Fashion Show** as part of Achievement Day on **Saturday, March 21st** at Martial Billeaud Elementary. **Prejudging** of all garments being entered will be on **Saturday, March 14th** at the Lafayette 4-H Office beginning at **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. Members who would like to participate must carefully read through the rules sent out as there are registration deadlines prior to the fashion show date. **Registration** is required by **February 27, 2026**, to participate. If any 4-H Leaders are interested in being a judge for this event, please contact Mrs. Nicole.



It's Livestock Time

The Lafayette Parish 4-H Livestock Show is approaching fast. The deadline for exhibitors to turn in livestock show entry online was December 8, 2025. We hope you got yours in on time! Upcoming activities include:

- Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing: January 2, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Blackham Coliseum- behind Barns B&C
- Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale: January 22nd to January 24th
- Acadiana District Livestock Show: January 27th to January 31st
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show: February 14th to February 21st



Summer Camp Update

4-H Camp will be held **July 27- 30, 2026**. 4-H Camp is for youth in grades 4th – 6th this school year. If you have members interested in going, they will need to get a copy of the camp letter and application to complete and return it to you.

The applications will be released January 2nd to all members enrolled **and will be due to the 4-H Office by January 26th**.

Parents and Leaders, please look at your summer schedule to see if there is a possibility you can attend as an overnight chaperone! Overnight Chaperone training takes about an hour and is good for four (4) years.

Eco Quest Workshop for 4th-6th Grade Members

Eco Quest is a one-day workshop for 4th–6th grade 4-H members where they dive into what it means to be great environmental stewards. Led by the Citizenship Board, these young explorers will embark on a hands-on journey through four exciting stations, each challenging curiosity, build awareness, and inspire action to help protect our planet!

Location: Evac Shelter, Alexandria, LA (9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.)

Event Date: March 30, 2026
Lunch will be provided

Registration: open from **February 2 - 27, 2026**, on

4-H Online under the title - ***Eco Quest - Presented by the State Citizenship Board***

Registration Fee - \$25 per person - This fee must be submitted to complete registration. Members can pay in 4-H Online or via **check/money order payable to Louisiana 4-H Foundation.**

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If a check/money order is being used, submit it to the following address:

Brittany Fisher

Attn: Citizenship Board Retreat

170 Knapp Hall

Baton Rouge, LA 70803



Clover Corner

Hi 4-H Members!

I am back again, as promised, and checking on your 4-H work. I hope that you were able to complete some of the activities in your book over your holiday break from school. I made lots of suggestions in the December Hotline and if you have finished all the work, you are doing a great job!

Last month, in the Discovering the World of 4-H book and the Exploring the World of 4-H book, you worked on pages that referenced being a good Citizen to others. This month, we will focus on Science, Engineering, and Technology or SET as we call it in 4-H. That means that in the Discovering the World of 4-H book, you will work on pages 20-36 where there are activities that will teach you all about ATV and Hunter Safety, fishing gear, types of products that come from animals, pet care, and photography. In the Exploring the World of 4-H book, you should be working on pages 23-34 which covers activities on parachutes, balloon jets, insects, environment, growing your own tree, and forestry.

If you came to the Record Book Workshops, you were able to complete many of these activities! It is a great way to be sure that you are finished with your record book on time.

Keep in mind all the great opportunities for you in 4-H as you work through the activities in your record book. Remember to keep your record book neat and clean and decorate it if you wish. Pictures are always a good idea. See you next month!

Yours Truly,

Clover



New Year's Traditions

- The first New Year's celebration dates back over 4,000 years!
- Did you make a New Year's Resolution? 45% of Americans do (25% of them break their resolution by mid-January)
- Over one million people gather in Times Square in New York City to watch the ball drop!

Dates to Remember

January 2026

- 2 Exhibition Poultry Blood Testing, Blackham Coliseum
- 3 Sewing Workshop Grades 4-6, All Brands
- 7 First Day of Club Meetings
- 8 LSU Broiler Pick-Up, 4-H Office
- 15 Jr Leader Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 22-24 Lafayette Parish Livestock Show and Sale
- 27-31 Acadiana District Livestock Show

February 2026

- 3 First Day of Club Meetings
- 13 Scholarship Deadline, 4-H Office
- 14-21 State Livestock Show
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 26 Junior Leader Meeting
- 27 Record Books due to the 4-H Office
- 27 Fashion Show entries due to the 4-H Office

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