



The Lafayette Parish 4-H Hub-City Equine News

Parish Horse Show

The Tri-Parish Horse Show will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Ag Arena in Opelousas, located at 1939 W. Landry Street beginning at 10:00 a.m. **All horses must be checked in by 9:30 a.m.** The show order is included in this newsletter. Exhibitors can begin to arrive between 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning prior to check-in.

All horses brought to the Tri-Parish Show, as well as to the District and State Shows, should be accompanied by:

- A list of the classes (class name and number) that each horse is entered; it will speed up check-in.
- Official Health Papers issued no longer than 60 days prior to the conclusion of the state show, issued by an accredited veterinarian, asserting that the animals are showing no evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease and are apparently healthy and have met all the specific requirements of this regulation.
- A negative test for equine infectious anemia (Coggins Test) performed within the past 12 months.
- Registration papers or grade horse certificates/forms indicating immediate family ownership if necessary. If a copy of this paperwork was submitted in advance and is in order, the paperwork will not need to be rechecked. However, exhibitors are required to bring all paperwork with them at the time of check-in, in case it is needed.

All above-mentioned paperwork will be checked during check-in time only prior to both the Parish and District shows. Please come to the table/show office with paperwork in hand during check-in time from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. as indicated. The Tri-Parish show schedule is included in this issue. During the District show check-in, the horse will have to be present to verify permanent identification such as a micro-chip, brand, or lip tattoo. The schedule is included in this issue.

Please check the class sheets that will be posted on the show board before you enter the check-in area or office with your paperwork for the Tri-Parish and District shows. When checking in, you must indicate any classes you plan to scratch, as well as checking into classes.

There are a limited number of camper spaces available for the Tri-Parish show. This year, camper user fees will be charged at a rate of approximately \$30.00 for 30 amps hookups. Once you arrive and proceed to check-in, if spaces are available, make checks payable to St Landry 4-H. It can be paid at registration the morning of the show. All campers must be removed from the grounds following the show. This is for anyone that plans to hookup to electricity or water with a trailer or camper.

Stalls are available at the Tri-Parish show this year for \$20.00 per day. Please let us know by Monday the number of stalls you would like to rent. Exhibitors can ask at check-in the location of the stalls. Exhibitors typically tie up near their trailers or in the makeup area near the gate.

There will not be a concession stand available on Saturday of the show. Families are encouraged to bring drinks/water, food, and refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own drinks, but NO alcoholic beverages are allowed.



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Attachments:

- Tri-Parish Horse Show Schedule
- Tentative ADHS Show Schedule
- 2026 State Horse Show Schedule
- Tri-Parish General Rules and Regulations,
- Tri-Parish, ADHS & State Premier Exhibitor Rules, Scoring Sheets & Forms

Important Deadlines & Reminders

May 29 Last Day to Add a Class for Parish to a horse already entered

June 1 Deadline to File Replacement Hardship

June 6 Tri-Parish Horse Show – Ag Arena, Opelousas

June 6 Last Day to Add a Class for District at Tri-Parish Check-In

July 1-3 Acadiana District Horse Show – SugArena, New Iberia

July 7-10 State Horse Show, Beauregard Parish Covered Arena, DeRidder, LA



Horse Show Volunteer Recruitment

We are requesting that each family help during the show. Please contact one of the advisory members or me and let us know where you will volunteer your assistance.

The Tri-Parish Horse Show is a sponsored LSU AgCenter event, but is operated by volunteers (parents, etc.) who receive directions from the LSU AgCenter Lafayette Extension Service Office and the Horse Advisory Committee. The show operates only by volunteers that volunteer their time.

In preparation for the show, we are urging each family to assist with the show by volunteering their time. Volunteers may volunteer for more than one job. All parents and exhibitors need to know it takes all involved to provide this opportunity to the youth of our parish.

Below is a list of tasks that could be needed during the show. Some of the duties have already been taken, but realize that we will be filling these with families from three parishes. Please contact me to let me know what tasks you are willing to help with during the show or let us know at check-in on Saturday.

Please review the following list and do your part as we continue to improve our program.

Saturday Set-up Volunteers – (2 people) To work the arena prior to the show beginning at 9:00 AM through about 10:00 AM or until completion of the show.

Tractor Operator – (2 people) To operate the tractor and work arena when needed throughout the show.

Arena Coordinator – (1 person) To coordinate the setup of all transitions from one class or event to the next. To inventory the barrels, poles, cones and trail obstacles prior to the beginning of the show. To recruit and/or delegate some duties to the arena assistants to assist with the transition from one event to another.

Arena Assistant – (4 people) To assist arena coordinator with the setup of all transitions from one class or event to the next in a smooth manner.

Award Coordinator – (1-2 people) One or two people to coordinate all awards near the alley gate. To work the shift beginning at 9:45 AM through the completion of the show or this can be divided into two shifts.

Roping Coordinator – (1 person) To coordinate roping, implement safety, oversee the calves, arena, prepare and set roping box for each participant, and flag for the event.

Roping Assistant – (3 people) To assist the roping coordinator with setup of the event, allow for smooth transitions between riders, push calves into roping box, untie calves, and chase calves into alleyway.

Gate Coordinator – (2 people) Two people to work the entrance and exit gates of the arena from the beginning of the western and English events throughout the completion of the show.

Announcer Stand Coordinator – (1 person) One person to announce the participants in each class as well as placings of each class.

Announcer Stand Assistant Coordinator – (1 person) One person to handle all paperwork and official placings of each class working with the coordinator.

Entry Check-In/Timekeeper – (4 people) To check in all exhibitors, check health papers and issue back numbers. The shift will begin at 7:30 AM through 9:30 AM.

Paddock Masters – (6 people) To check exhibitors in at the alley gate and call exhibitors in the makeup arena. To work the shift beginning at 9:45 AM through the completion of the show - this can be divided into two shifts.

Ring Steward - (1 person) One person to serve as a ring steward for the show beginning at 9:45 AM through the completion of the show. This person should not be the parent of an exhibitor.

Parish Rule

Please make note of the Parish Rule adopted several years ago which states: **“Exhibitors must show their animals at the Parish Show to be eligible to show at the District Show unless the child or animal is sick or temporarily physically handicapped, or unless an explanation is submitted by the parent to the agent in charge prior to the show.”**

The only exceptions to this rule will be for those entered only in equitation over fences, working cow horse, ranch roping, ranch trail, tie down roping, goat tying, western riding, or ranch sorting since these classes will not be held at the Tri-Parish Show. These exhibitors will not be required to attend. Be reminded however, that hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, goat tying, team sorting, ranch roping and ranch trail will be held at the **District Show but are not qualifying events.**

Premier Exhibitor Program Rules

The General rules below are for the Parish, District and State contests.

A Premier Exhibitor Program will be conducted at the Parish, District and State Horse/Livestock Shows. These programs will be a continuation of the programs that were introduced in the past. These programs are based on the knowledge and skills that an exhibitor knows in their project area. All 4-H Members that are participating in the horse shows are urged to participate in the programs(s) that meet the requirements.

Participation in these programs are voluntary, but additional awards will be given to the winners. Winners will be recognized from each of the livestock species that are exhibited at different show levels. The contest will consist of the exhibitors earning points from each of the following: an exam, skill-a-thon activity, showmanship,

and at Parish, a "Workshop" session. **Only 4-H horse exhibitors that participated in one of the workshop meetings are eligible for the parish contest.** The final workshop was held at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter Office. It will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

A Premier Exhibitor Packet has been issued to those that participated. It contains general rules, entry form, and specific information. The exam and skill-a-thon will be conducted on **Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 – 9:00 am.** It will take place at the **Ag Arena in Opelousas, Louisiana.** Awards will be presented immediately after the conclusion of our show.

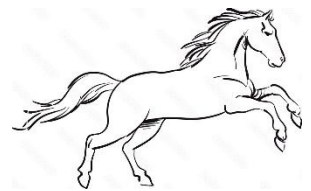
The rules are included in this newsletter for the Tri-Parish, District and State premier exhibitor contests. There are specific rules/requirements for each of these contests that were included in the March packet, and are attached. Only those that have met the requirements and/or submit a completed application by the deadline will be eligible.

State Horse Show Information

These fees will be collected in the show office upon your arrival at the State 4-H/FFA Horse Show. The show will be at the Beauregard Parish Covered Arena in Deridder, LA. All checks should be made payable to the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Office. No cash will be accepted. The following fee schedule will apply to all exhibitors at the 2026 State Horse Show.

Click on the LSU AgCenter link for more information: [Horse Shows](#)

- Entry Fee (per exhibitor) \$40.00
- Stall Fee (horse or tack) \$25.00 per day (includes 1 bag of shavings)



GOOD Fundraising Effort:

Special Thank You to all the exhibitors' families that helped to recruit sponsorship for our show. As of this issue, we have a total of nine (9) class sponsorships and one (1) banner sponsorship! Your support and dedication to the program is appreciated!

We would like to thank our exhibitors and their families that went out and recruited class sponsors for our show. The 4-H members that were listed on the forms were as follows: Sophie Deckard, Emmie Grace Fontenot, Cleile Joffrion and Grace Martin. Thanks for your continued support.





Horse Show Awards

At The Tri-Parish show this year, we will award a trophy buckle to all class winners with at least two entries. Any classes with single entries will receive a banner. Exhibitors will be awarded a rosette for the placing second through fifth. Premier exhibitor winners in the junior division (13 and under) and the senior division (14 and over) will receive a trophy belt buckle. Premier exhibitor winners in the junior division (13 and under) and the senior division (14 and over) will each receive a trophy belt buckle. All exhibitors will receive a show t-shirt.

Closing Remarks

As many of you are aware, our summers are extremely busy. We are preparing for summer 4-H Camp, 4-H University (formally 4-H Short Course), horse shows, LOST Camp, planning for the upcoming school year, meeting principals, etc. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Farewell partner, till we meet on the trail again..... If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension, 4-H Office at 337-297-7090.

Lafayette 4-H has a website, Facebook and Instagram Page!

Please go like our pages so you can keep
informed on 4-H events!

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www.LSUAgCenter.com/lafayette



Please Note:

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, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special attention for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette Parish Office at

337-291-7090.

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