

# 4-H Leader Update

September 2020

## 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 very different than any school year has ever looked before. 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.

## What's in Store

### 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 so that all interested and eligible students have the opportunity to attend the first meeting. We have attached a sample version of a parent permission slip here if you need one.

### Enrollment Fees/Dues

At the first meeting of the year, the enrollment process should begin. This year, enrollment will occur primarily online. The link that should be distributed to members for enrollment in the 4-H program is <http://lsuagcenter.com/4henroll>. If online enrollment is an issue, please contact the 4-H Office.

Typically, minimum dues are \$6 per member. This year, the Lafayette Parish 4-H Foundation has voted to reduce annual dues to \$3 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 to be submitted into the online system is October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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.

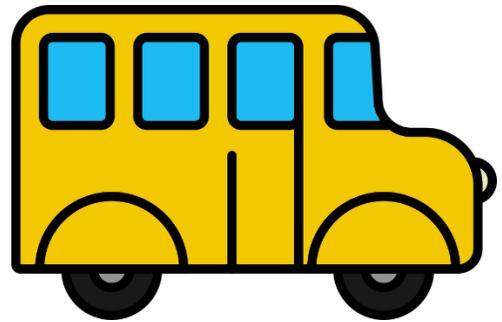
## Dates to Remember

### September 2020

- 7 Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed
- 15 Officer Reports Due, 4-H Office
- 23 Veteran Leader Training, 4-H Office
- 24 Emerging Leader Training, 4-H Office

### October 2020

- 5 First Day of Club Meetings
- 6 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 9-10 LA 4-H Volunteer Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 19 Enrollment Cards Submitted in Online System
- 29-11/8 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport

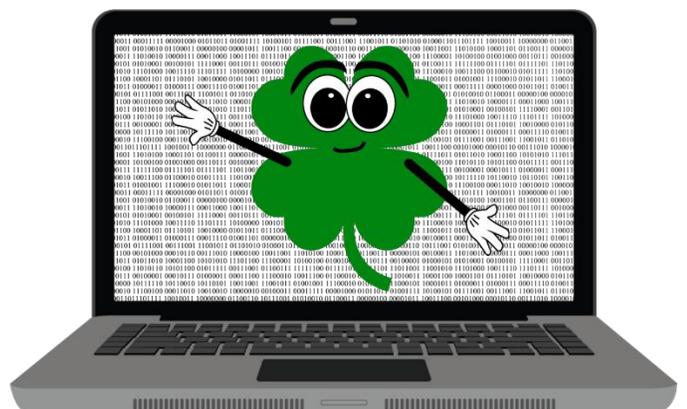


## Meet Simon the Cyber Clover!

You've met Simon the Safety Clover, you've had good times with Simon the Scientific Clover, you've shared laughter with Simon the Savvy Clover. Well, get ready to meet Simon the Cyber Clover!

Our lesson series for this year will focus on character and while Simon typically dresses in line with our yearly educational program theme, he could not pass up the chance to acknowledge our virtually influenced situation this year.

Our educational programs focused on character will begin in November.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> through October 10<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).



## 2020-2021 State Service-Learning Focus

Special Needs is the continuing service-learning focus for the 2020-2021 school year.

- There are various types of special needs, ranging from developmental disabilities to cognitive and neurological disorders
- Nearly 20% of the U.S. population is considered 'disabled', (that is 1 in every 5 Americans)
- Some disabilities may impact cognitive functions in school, while others may have little to no impact

## 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 scheduled soon. All 4-H'ers in grades 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend.

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

## State Record Book Winners

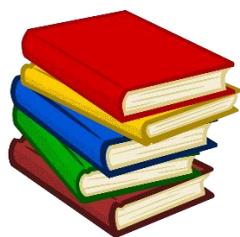
This year, 26 record books were selected to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition. Lafayette Parish 4-H members who entered and won State Record Book competitions include:

National 4-H Congress Winners: Isabella Couvillion (Healthy Living), Zoe Cazayoux (SET Livestock)

Louisiana Trip Winners: Victoria Couvillion, Laila Horton, Tucker Habetz (alternate), Jacob Sonnier (alternate), Alex Theall (alternate)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Category Winners: Grace Simon

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



## 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 is 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 (National Conference Delegate & Food and Fitness Board), Claire Harrington (Food and Fitness Board), Shaohannah Martin (Wetland Ambassador Team), and Emma Long (Fashion 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 2020 year.

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

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**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:

Your child has expressed an interest to join the largest youth organization in the world, 4-H. At the first meeting, your child will receive the official 4-H Enrollment card and this card along with 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 be able to attend this initial enrollment meeting, please sign below.

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

Attached: Official 4-H Enrollment Card