



# THE 4-H CHATTERBOX

## JANUARY 2024



*I Pledge: My Head to Clearer Thinking, My Heart to Greater Loyalty, My Hands to Larger Service and My Health to Better Living for My Club, My Community, My Country and My World.*

### JANUARY 2024

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 4 – SET Club Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.
- 14 – Shooting Sports Practice
- 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 19-20 – Parish Livestock Show-Ag Arena, Opelousas
- 24-27 – District Livestock Show, Lafayette
- 26 – Teen Chef Camp Registration Due
- 29 – Challenge Camp Registration Due
- 31 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.

### FEBRUARY 2024

- 3 – Teen Chef Camp, 4-H Office, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- 10-17 – State Livestock Show, Gonzales
- 13 – Mardi Gras Holiday
- 19 – Scott Truck & Tractor Scholarship Applications Due
- 19 – Louisiana 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 22-23 – Challenge Camp, Louisiana Lions Camp
- 28 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.

### MARCH 2024

- 7 – SET Club Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.
- 8 – 4-H Records Due
- 8-9 – Jr. Leadership Conference, Alexandria
- 22-23 – 4-H Achievement Day, Yambilee Bldg. Opelousas
- 27 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.

### SENIOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Scott Truck and Tractor Company is sponsoring one (1) \$500.00 scholarship to one deserving senior 4-H member in St. Landry Parish. **The recipient does not have to live on a farm.** Applications and letter of recommendation from a school advisor must be submitted to the St. Landry Parish 4-H Office by **February 19, 2024**, by those interested. An application can be obtained from a 4-H Agent.

#### ALSO

Louisiana 4-H Foundation offers scholarships. Fill out a Louisiana 4-H Scholarship online. Web link can be obtained from your 4-H Agent.

### 4-H RECORD BOOK TIME

Four-H Record Books are due to the 4-H Office, **Friday, March 8, 2024.**

**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** 4-H members are to turn in their project books. If you have more than one project, put your books in a binder that will keep them together. Put your name, grade, and school on the outside cover of your project book. Be sure to complete as many pages as you can. The story page is most important and located in the back of your book.

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:** Submit 4-H Portfolio plus project books in a binder. Turn in your best effort.

### ST. LANDRY PARISH 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

The St. Landry Parish 4-H Junior Livestock Show will be held **Friday, January 19 – Saturday, January 20, 2024**, at the St. Landry Parish Agricultural Arena on the Yambilee Fairgrounds in Opelousas. The show will begin Friday evening with the Premier Exhibitor Contest. Saturday will feature sheep, goat, swine, beef, dairy poultry, and rabbit show.

For more information concerning the show, contact Megan Plattsmier at 337-948-0561.



### JUNIOR LEADER MEETING

The January meeting will be **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.**



### TEEN CHEF CAMP



A Mardi Gras themed 4-H Teen Chef Camp will be held at the 4-H Office for **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The cost to participate is \$40.00.**

Registered participants will have the opportunity to make the following dishes: Quiche, Gumbo, Focaccia Bread, Mini Mardi Gras Cheesecake, and their own seasoning blend.

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders that are interested in participating will need to **register by scanning the QR code below and completing the online form. Space is limited to the first 16 that register. Deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024.**

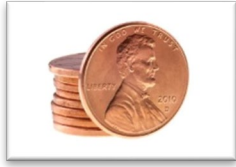


### 4-H SUMMER CAMP

Do you want to swim, canoe, shoot archery, dance, and hang out with friends this summer? Then you need to attend 4-H Summer Camp! **You must be in Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. St Landry Parish will attend camp June 3-6, 2024.** More information to come in February.

## 4-H PENNIES DRIVE

4-H Clubs that wish to participate in a penny drive for St. Landry 4-H Foundation can begin collecting pennies and/or other coins. Clubs can turn in what's been collected by the **due date of Monday, April 1, 2024. Please have them rolled in coin wrappers or submit a check for the amount collected made payable to St. Landry 4-H Foundation.** Trophies will be presented to the club(s) raising the most money. Each club participating will receive a certificate.



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## 4-H UNIVERSITY

4-H University will be held **June 18-21, 2024**, at LSU-Baton Rouge. Participants (whether in contest or clover college) must be in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2023-2024 year. 4-H University applications are due to the Extension Office by **April 1, 2024. The approximate cost will be \$200.00 to attend.**

The first meeting for 2024 State 4-H University participants will be held **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, at 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.



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## ST. LANDRY PARISH 4-H WEBSITE

The St. Landry Parish 4-H website has been redesigned and all content has been updated. Visit [https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our\\_offices/parishes/st%20landry](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/st%20landry) for newsletters, forms, etc.

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Membership and participation in activities and events are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, veteran status or disability. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation for your participation in an activity, please contact us 2 weeks in advance of activity at 337-948-0561.

## VICTORY 4-H CHALLENGE CAMP

Four-H Challenge Camp will be held at Louisiana Lions Camp in Anacoco, Louisiana for **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members February 22-23, 2024. The cost to participate is \$70.00.**

Challenge Camp consists of hands-on activities to encourage youth to create team spirit, build self-reliance skills, improve leadership skills, communication skills and problem-solving skills as well as enhance their self-esteem. 4-H'ers will also have the opportunity to develop new friendships.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders that are interested in participating in Challenge Camp, need to **get a Challenge Camp registration packet from a 4-H Agent.** Deadline to register for Challenge Camp is **Monday, January 29, 2024.** A limited number of spots are available, they will be filled as registration is received.



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## 4-H HORSE SHOWS



The 4-H Horse Shows will be rapidly approaching, and now is the time to begin preparing for the Parish, District and State Horse Shows. Exhibitors must have possession of their horses prior to **April 1, 2024.** All registered horses must be officially registered in the name of the 4-H club member or an immediate family member **on or before April 1, 2024.** Interested 4-H'ers should contact Megan Plattsmier at 337-948-0561 for more information.

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## 4-H FOUR-WHEELER RAFFLE

There will be a benefit raffle for a four-wheeler donated by St. Landry Parish Farm Bureau Federation. Tickets will be printed at no cost to clubs. **Your 4-H Club earns 100% for each raffle ticket sold.** Contact Megan Plattsmier or Lisa Benoit at 948-0561 to get tickets for your club.

The four-wheeler drawing will be held at the St. Landry Farm Bureau Federation Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. **All raffle tickets and monies must be turned in to the 4-H Office by Monday, March 25, 2024. Make checks payable to St. Landry Farm Bureau.**

**Please only request the number of tickets your club can sell**, as it is costly to print more tickets when someone else needs them. Missing tickets will not be accepted as an excuse for not returning unsold tickets. **Clubs will be responsible for turning in the total amount of money for the number of tickets taken and/or balance of sold tickets.** Thanks for your cooperation.