



Acadia Parish 4-H



The Clover Leaf

March 2023

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Office Hours: M-F 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM

March

1 Sewing Club Meeting 5PM
3 Record Books Due
3 Photography Entries Due
3 Livestock Sale Thank You Letters Due
4 State 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show
5 Rifle Practice 1 PM Apple Rd Iota
6 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30 PM
9 Art Club Meeting 5 PM
11-19 Regional Shooting Sports Match
12 Shotgun Practice 9:30 AM Bin There Hunting Welsh
12 Archery Practice 12:30 PM Rice Arena Crowley
13 Summer Camp Registration and Payment Due
15 Sewing Club Meeting 5PM
17 Beef & Dairy Poster Due
26 Archery Practice 12:30 PM Rice Arena Crowley
26 Pistol Practice 1 PM Apple Rd Iota
31 Achievement Day

April

1 Possession Date for Horses
2 Shotgun Practice 9:30 AM Bin There Hunting Welsh
2 Rifle Practice 1 PM Apple Rd Iota
3 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30 PM
5 Sewing Club Meeting 5 PM
11 Outstanding Member and Volunteer Banquet
13 Art Club Meeting 5 PM
15-23 State Shooting Sports Match
19 Sewing Club Meeting 5PM

March Club Lesson

Collaboration is important because it allows people and groups to work together, share ideas, and solve problems together to achieve a common goal or derive mutual benefits. Collaboration exists at many levels and takes place between individuals and organizations as well as between states and countries. Collaboration allows participants to all add valuable information that helps all sides improve their knowledge bases and work in a time- and resource-efficient manner. At this month's meeting, members will collaborate with each other to solve a problem. Groups that have better collaboration will be more efficient and more successful.

Shooting Sports

4-H Southern Regional match is March 10-19th in Gonzales and Port Allen. Each participant is required to furnish their own ammunition. Parish equipment must be signed out from the office during business hours. Also, as a reminder proper safety procedure must be followed and required safety equipment must be used when competing in competitions. Remember, all competitors are required to have eye and ear protection. Those competing with firearms other than archery, are also required to have an empty chamber indicator that is bright and visible to all.

Achievement Day

We are excited about the 2023 Achievement Day and cannot wait to see everyone at Midland High on **March 31, 2023!**

All youth attending will get the opportunity to take part in the fun and educational activities throughout the day! For more details contact your school club leader. Each club can participate in the song contest, as well as the club t-shirt design contest. Awards for record books and photography will be given out at the awards ceremony. We will also be awarding Best Mannered Club, Most Enthusiastic Club, and Club Service Award during Achievement Day. We cannot wait to see you there!

Achievement Day Service Project

Once again, the 2022-2023 Achievement Day Service Project will be can pop tops! Remember that you can start collecting can pop tops now! All clubs will turn in the pop top donations at Achievement Day. All proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, Tennessee. Many children and their families from St. Jude's Children's Hospital use this location. Please feel free to get the whole school involved and put out collection jars if you would like to make some. Please note that Achievement Day 2023 will be the due date for pop tops held on March 31, 2023.

Let's go to 4-H Camp!

4th-6th graders are eligible to attend 4-H Camp, July 17-20 at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock for \$175 (Food, Lodging, Transportation & t-shirt). There are only 45 female and the 45 male spots available. After this, youth will be placed on a waiting list, and if spots become available you will be notified. Applications & \$75 deposit (non-refundable) due by **March 13, 2023**. We offer a Chancellor's scholarship that is based on income. You may call our office to apply as your child might qualify to receive a \$60.00 discount. Register here <https://tinyurl.com/GetHookedon4HCamp>

Horse Exhibitors

If you are planning to exhibit a horse this summer for the district and state horse shows, please contact the 4-H Office. You must have possession of your horse prior to **April 1, 2023**.

Marsh Maneuvers

Marsh Maneuvers is a five-day coastal ecology camp for high schools 4-H members. During their stay, youth have the opportunity to be immersed in the marsh while riding in an airboat, swimming in mud to plant marsh grass, and catching their own dinner! The fee to attend Marsh Maneuvers will be \$150 per participant and is non-refundable. Acadia youth can fill out the online application to attend either **Week 3 (July 17-21, 2023)** or **Week 4 (July 24-28, 2023)**. 4-H members who will have completed 9th grade by July 2023 through 4-H'ers who have completed 12th grade by July 2023 are invited to apply to attend this event. Anyone interested in applying to Marsh Maneuvers can use the link to access the application. After they have

submitted their application parish 4-H agents will be emailed to fill out the "4-H Agent" portion of the **application**. The application form opens on Monday, March 13, 2023. The link for the application will be posted on <https://tinyurl.com/MMinfo2023>. **Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 3, 2023 (11:59 PM)**.

AgMagic

Mark your calendars and join us at AgMagic for this one-of-a-kind event at the John M. Parker Coliseum (located on Highland Road near the south gates of LSU). Do you think food, clothing, lumber, and other products only come from a store? Come to AgMagic and see and learn where your food and fiber really comes from! The LSU AgCenter's Parker Coliseum will be transformed this spring to show "AgMagic", which will take children and adults through a journey of Louisiana agriculture and economically beneficial commodities they use every day. This is a free event! School groups can attend AgMagic March 27-31, 2023 and AgMagic is open to the public on April 1-2, 2023. For more information, and to reserve your tickets, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/23AgMagic>.

Outstanding Member Banquet

Mark your calendars! This year the Outstanding Member Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023** at the Rayne Civic Center. The ceremony includes a meal and presentation of awards. Each school's 4-H club leader(s) select the outstanding members that will be invited to attend. A formal invitation will be sent via mail to selected 4-H members. Being selected is a great honor and is no cost to you. Your school pays for

you and two parents/ guardians to attend. If you are interested in knowing if you qualify to attend, please see your 4-H school club leader(s). All seniors that are receiving a 4-H parish honor cord are invited and should receive an invitation in the mail as well.

2023 Dairy Poster Contest

This activity will encourage youth to learn more about milk and milk products and their importance to healthy bodies, demonstrate communication skills by drawing a billboard encouraging or promoting the consumption of milk and/or milk products and share their knowledge with others. Any bonafide 4-H club member is invited to participate. Posters are due to the 4-H office by **April 3, 2023**.

1. Billboard design must be made on 22"x 28" regular poster board size only.
2. **DO NOT ATTACH** anything to the poster that is more than 1/2" thick.
3. *Do not use the commercial brand names of products on the poster. Do not use jingles, slogans, signs or pictures that are trademark or copyright protected on the poster.*
4. **BE SURE** to print NAME, ADDRESS, GRADE & SCHOOL on the back of the poster in the upper right-hand corner.
5. A 4-H club member is allowed to win first place in each division **ONLY ONCE**.
6. First place parish winning posters become the property of the Extension Service and will be displayed at statewide events.

DIVISIONS: Division I -4th, 5th and 6th grades, Division II -7th and 8th grades, Division III -9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

2023 Beef Poster Contest

This activity will encourage participants to learn more about the beef industry while encouraging beef industry, product, and nutrition promotion. Participants will develop a visual form of marketing communication to convey thoughts and ideas. Participants are expected to create original work. The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members between 4th and 12th grades. *A 4-H or FFA member is allowed to win each division only once at the state level.* Posters submitted to the state competition become the property of the LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Beef Industry Council. The state winning posters may be used to promote beef at various events. Posters are due to the 4-H office by **April 3, 2023.**

RULES FOR 2021 4-H BEEF POSTER CONTEST

1. 2023 LBIC Beef Poster Contest Theme: **Beef: A Sustainable Choice.**
2. Posters must be on "22 x 28" poster board only.
3. Place your NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, GRADE & SCHOOL on back, upper right corner of poster.
4. Digital entries must be designed using one of the following programs: Microsoft Publisher,

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Canva. Digital designs should be formatted for "22 x 28" poster size prints. All digital entries must be saved in high-resolution 300 DPI in ALL of the following: original design file, .png file format, and .pdf file format. Digital designs should be saved to a blank jump drive, placed in a 3 ½x 6 blank envelopes labeled with NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, GRADE & SCHOOL on the front.

5. Posters and digital designs should generate positive images and promotion of beef (not live cattle production) using the indicated theme. Posters should promote beef without projecting any negative messages towards other agricultural commodities (chicken, pork, etc.).
6. DO NOT use copyrighted materials. You may develop ideas from magazines, parents, friends, nutrition bulletins, Beef Ambassador Fact Sheets and meat publications but the end concept should be original and not copied material. NO TEMPLATES may be used in the digital division. All design work must be original and from scratch, just as a poster would be designed. Pictures, clipart and materials (i.e., cartoon characters, advertisements, logos, etc.) that are copyrighted may not be used on the poster. The poster will be

disqualified if copyrighted materials are used. Computer generated clipart may be used on the poster if it is not copyrighted material.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS (parish contests): Division I - 4th- 6th grades, Division II - 7th-9th grades, Division III POSTER 10th - 12th grades, Digital Division - 4th - 12th grades

(Those participating in the digital division must choose to do either a poster or digital. Cannot do both.) Awards: first place-state winning poster in each division will receive \$200 sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry Council, second place winning posters in each division will receive \$100 sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry, third place winning posters in each division will receive \$50 sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry.

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 at 337-788-8821.



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