



THE 4-H CHATTERBOX

NOVEMBER 2025



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.

NOVEMBER 2025

- 1 - 4-H Dues Deadline, \$7.00/Member
- 2 - 4-H Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00-4:00 P.M.
- 3 - Elementary Workshop Day Registration Deadline
- 12 - Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.
- 21-22 - Jim Bowie Livestock Show, Ag Arena, Opelousas
- 24 - Holiday Sweets Workshop Registration Deadline
- 25 - Elementary Workshop Day, 4-H Office
- 27 - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2025

- 8 - 4-H Golden Clover Award Applications Due
- 8 - 4-H Honor Cord Applications Due
- 8 - 4-H Emerald Achievement Award Applications Due
- 10 - Holiday Sweets Workshop, 4-H Office
- 13 - 4-H Food Festival, St. Ignatius Elem, 9:00-11:00 A.M.
- 14 - 4-H Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00-4:00 P.M.
- 25 - Christmas Day

JANUARY 2026

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 16-17 - Parish Livestock Show-Ag Arena, Opelousas
- 11 - 4-H Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00-4:00 P.M.
- 21 - Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.
- 27-31 - District Livestock Show, Lafayette

HONOR CORD

This award recognizes 4-H club members that are graduating seniors, and it is based on the following criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior.
- Must have been in 4-H for 3 of your high school years.
- Must have participated in at least 1 state sponsored 4-H program within the last 3 years.

Complete an online form for this award. **Contact a 4-H Agent for the link to the online form.**

Applications must be submitted by **December 8, 2025.**

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD

This is awarded to junior 4-H members who've been in 4-H for **two years** (including this year) and are **between the ages of 9 & 14**. A point sheet must be submitted showing 4-H work through the years. Forms may be obtained from a 4-H Agent. Applications must be submitted by **December 8, 2025.**



JIM BOWIE LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Jim Bowie Livestock Show, conducted by St. Landry Junior Livestock Association, will be **November 21-22, 2025**, at the Ag Arena in Opelousas. There will be Breeding/Market Lamb and Breeding/Market Goat Show on Friday night and Beef & Dairy Breeding Show on Saturday. Showmanship will also be included. Contact Megan Plattsmier at 337-948-0561 for more information.

JUNIOR LEADER MEETING

The November meeting will be **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office**. We will have a business meeting and work on our community service project.



4-H Clovers go to 4-H Clubs participating in National 4-H Week activities October 5-11, 2025.

- Arnaudville Middle 5-6
- Arnaudville Middle 7-8
- Beau Chene High
- Cankton Elementary
- East Elementary
- Grand Prairie Elementary
- Helix AI & Medical Academy
- Krotz Springs Elementary
- Leonville Elementary
- Melville Christian Academy
- North Central High
- Opelousas Catholic 4th
- Opelousas Junior High
- Palmetto Elementary
- Plaisance Middle
- Port Barre Elementary
- Port Barre Middle
- St. Ignatius Elementary
- St. Landry Home School

4-H EMERALD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes 4-H club members who have shown outstanding leadership ability in their club & parish. The award is based on a scorecard which measures project growth & leadership. **Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by December 1, 2025.** Forms may be obtained from a 4-H Agent. Applications must be submitted by **December 8, 2025**, to the 4-H Office.



4-H FOOD FESTIVAL



This event will be held **Saturday, December 13, 2025, at St. Ignatius Elementary in Grand Coteau.** **Registration:** 9:00-9:30 A.M. **Judging of Exhibits:** 9:30-11:00 A.M. **Consumer Foods Judging & Educational Program:** 9:30-11:00 A.M.

Food Exhibit Rules: Participants must compete as individuals (one 4-H'er per food dish). **Only ½ the dish must be exhibited with recipe attached. Dish must be exhibited/displayed in a disposable container** (after judging, dishes will not be returned). **All dishes must be brought cold, on ice, in an ice chest to the contest for food safety purposes.** Include name, school, and grade on back of recipe. Food dishes should be cooked and prepared at home. You may enter one dish in each category.

Food Exhibit Categories – 1 dish per category

- **Beef Division: Any Beef Dish** – Make a dish containing **at least 1 pound** of beef meat.
- **Egg Division: Dessert & Other** – Make a dish containing **at least 4 eggs**. This can be 4 whites, 4 yolks or 4 whole eggs. No raw eggs will be allowed in the final product.
- **Pecan Division: Dessert & Other** – Make a dish containing **at least 1 cup** of pecans.
- **Rice Division: Any Rice Dish** – Make a dish containing **at least 1 cup of cooked rice**.
- **Sweet Potato Division: Dessert & Other** - Make a dish containing **at least 1 cup** of sweet potatoes.

RECORDS CONTEST

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays give you spare time to get together with some of your friends to do some of the activities in your 4-H project books. Be sure to have someone take pictures of you as your work on activities and projects. Keep the pictures with your project book. Keep a notebook of all the 4-H events you participated in. Books are to be turned in for the parish 4-H Records Contest in March.



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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.

ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP DAY

On **Tuesday, November 25, 2025**, at the 4-H Office (Next to National Guard Armory/Airport Road), 4th-6th Grade 4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in two out of three “Hands On” workshops: STEM Junk Bots, Food & Fitness, and Art in the Garden. This workshop is **limited to the first 50 4-H'ers** that pre-register.

- **Registration/Check In - 9:00-9:15 A.M.**
- **Workshops End – 11:30 A.M.**

To participate, 4-H'ers must have **pre-registered through 4-H Online under events**. Deadline to register is **Monday, November 3, 2025**. The cost is **\$15.00**. Check or money order need to be made payable to **St. Landry Parish 4-H**.

HOLIDAY SWEETS WORKSHOP



This workshop will be held on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 4:30-6:30 P.M. at the 4-H Office**. 4-H'ers will learn how to follow a recipe, measure ingredients, and learn safe food handling. Holiday sweet making is an art and fun to master, particularly for gatherings and gift giving. 4-H'ers will get hands-on experience with simple recipes using the microwave.

To participate, **4-H'ers must pre-register by logging into your 4-H Online account**. Registration will be through 4-H Online under events – 2025 St. Landry Parish 4-H Holiday Sweets Workshop.

Registration deadline is Monday, November 24, 2025. The cost is **\$15.00** and can be paid online if you choose. If you don't pay online, check or money order need to be made payable to **St. Landry Parish 4-H**. The workshop is limited to the first (30) 4-H'ers that register.

ATTENTION 4-H MEMBERS

The 4-H Agents WILL NOT be attending your December Club Meeting. Conduct your own meeting. We will see you in the NEW YEAR!

