



Natchitoches Parish 4-H Youth Development

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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

Dates & Deadlines



November

1	Archery Practice	Fish Hatchery 2:00 p.m.
4	Rifle & Shotgun Info Meeting	Shooting Range 6:00 p.m.
4-6	AgMagic at the State Fair	Shreveport, LA 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
7	4-H Night w/ the NSU Demons	Natchitoches, LA 3:00 p.m.
7	State Fair BB Gun Contest	Shreveport, LA
15	Archery Practice	Fish Hatchery 2:00 p.m.
16	Junior Leader Meeting	Arts Center 6:30 p.m.
20	Progressive Ag Safety Day	Marthaville School 9:00 a.m.
23	DUE: Fashion Camp Registration	4-H Office
26-27	4-H Office Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday

4H Makes You Marketable

Did you know that the experiences you gain in 4-H are valuable workforce skills? Many employers value the ability to effectively work in a group as much as the technical skills associated with the job. And over 50% of employers say that most employees lack basic skills to be employed and advance in a job-these basic skills include honesty, being on time, coming to work on a regular basis, knowing how to work as a team, and working hard on the job. No matter which path you choose in 4-H, every life skill you learn can be beneficial to you in the future! So take advantage of the many wonderful contests, activities, and gatherings that we offer. You won't regret it in the future!



Didn't make the shooting sports informational meeting? **YOU CAN STILL JOIN!** What do you need to do?

- ◆ Complete the 4-H Shooting Sports Registration and Hold Harmless Forms.
- ◆ Pay registration fee (\$25 for rifle & shotgun, \$10 for archery).
- ◆ Take your Hunter Education Course through LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and obtain your "orange card." This is only for 4-H'ers ages 10 or older.
- ◆ Shotgun/Rifle Info Meeting on Nov. 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Shooting Range

For Questions: Call Mr. Randall Mallette at 318-357-2224 or email: rmallette@agcenter.lsu.edu



November Community Service Drive:
New, unwrapped toys for the Jaycees
MASH (Make a Smile Happen) Christmas
Toy Drive.



Take the short drive up to Shreveport and visit the State Fair of Louisiana! Open October 22- November 8, the fair has lots of fun entertainment for the entire family. Be sure to visit the AgMagic Building where children can engage in hands on educational activities!



Our Future. Our Dreams. Our Success.

The Natchitoches Parish 4-H Junior Leaders are conducting a Service Learning project on workforce preparation this club year. Each month, youth will be entertained by a guest speaker and take part in educational field tours in the areas of education, agriculture, law enforcement, and government to name a few. The practical field experiences will give youth a first hand look at job opportunities. In addition the Junior Leaders will also continue to promote their organization through participation in various contests and events. A big congrats to the club for winning 1st place for the Natchitoches Historic District Business Association Crows on the Cane contest.



4-H GROWS HERE

This year Natchitoches Parish is lucky to have three volunteers win awards through the [Louisiana 4-H Volunteer Leader Association](#). The association is a volunteer organization for adults who work directly and indirectly with 4-H youth, or those who would like to become involved with the 4-H program in the State of Louisiana. The LA4-HVLA began in February 2003, and is open to any 4-H volunteer, and strives to provide continuing education, professional support and recognition to volunteers for the hard work and dedication. Being recognized at the annual LA4-HVLA conference this month are: [Lisa Wiggins](#), 4-H Club Leader at NSU Elementary Lab School - Innovative Programming Award. Lisa has



successfully integrated the school garden and her egg hatchery program through literacy and music programs as well as across standard curriculum. [Emily Morrison](#), CSAH 4-H Club



Leader, will receive the Outstanding Club Work award for encouraging participation and creating a sense of belonging amongst her members. And, [Kim Hennigan](#), a 19 year volunteer member with 4-H, is being recognized for the Above and Beyond award. Kim has dedicated many years of time, talent and energy by assisting in various roles on the parish, regional and state level. CONGRATULATIONS 4-H Volunteers! We appreciate you!

Camping Corner



CAMP	WHO CAN GO	WHEN	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	CAMP LOCATION	NUMBER ALLOTTED
Fashion Camp	10-13 years old	January 23-24	\$75	November 23 at 4:30 p.m.	Camp Grant Walker	2 Campers 1 Adult Volunteer

For more information or to register contact your 4-H Agent or 4-H Club Leader!

Please keep in mind that overnight, chaperone trained adult volunteers are needed to help take youth to camps! If we do not have enough adult volunteers youth will not be able to attend. Would like to volunteer? Need training? Contact Mrs. Gwen at 357-2224 or email at gfontenot@agcenter.lsu.edu!



4-H Fashion Camp

The weekend camp planned and produced by the State 4-H Fashion Board, is filled with fun projects to learn basic sewing skills. This year's theme is "I Survived Fashion Boot Camp." The board chose this theme to reflect their personal excitement about fashion and the attitude that the campers will adopt as they travel through the experiences at camp. A few of the educational activities planned include: a sewing caddy, flat iron case, wooden boot decoration, t-shirt bag, pillowcase and community service project. Space is limited to two campers per parish.



4-H Award Opportunities: Get recognized for your hard work!

The Louisiana 4-H state office has announced the following award opportunities. For an application and assistance on completing please contact Mrs. Gwen.

AWARD	BASIC REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE TO APPLY
Senior Honor Cord Application	Must be an enrolled 4-H member in good standing, a graduating senior, have been enrolled in 4-H for 3 years of their high school career, and participated in at least one state sponsored 4-H program in the last 3 years	December 4, 2015
Key Club Award	Must be 15 years of age by Jan. 1, must have 3 years of 4-H club work including award year, must have completed 1 active Junior Leadership work excluding award year, must score at least 360 on the application/scorecard	December 4, 2015
LA 4-H Foundation Award of Excellence	Must be 14 years or under by Jan. 1, must have 2 years of 4-H club work including award year, must score at least 250 on the application/scorecard	December 4, 2015

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Congratulations to the participants in the 4-H Culinary Arts Beef and Egg Contest. Egg Dessert: Jordan Brady (1st), Caleb White (2nd), Meredith Methvin (3rd), Anne Mertens, and Leslie Brady; Egg Appetizer: Sean Stewart (1st), and Bella Frederick (2nd); Ground Beef Main Dish: Joseph Yount (1st); Trace Feazell (2nd); Kaylee Stacy (3rd); David Elliot, Stasi Brady, Belle Glenn, and Meredith Methvin; Ground Beef Appetizer: William Morrison (1st); and Sean Stewart (2nd); Beef Other Cuts: Bradford Morrison (1st). First place winners advance to the Area competition in Bossier City, Louisiana this Spring.



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