



# THE OUACHITA 4-H BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2025



**Welcome Back to 4-H!** We are ready for a new & exciting year! 4-H is a club for boys & girls ages 9 to 19. For detailed information & online enrollment instructions, please visit our website, [How Do I Join 4-H?](#)

To enroll/re-enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

**The general 4-H enrollment fee for 2025-2026 is \$8.** Note: If

a club is available at your school, please follow the school club leader's enrollment guidelines. If there isn't a club at your school or if you homeschool, you may still join 4-H as a Member-At-Large & participate in all 4-H activities. Click on the link above to enroll/re-enroll. You can even pay your dues online now!

**Join the Ouachita 4-H Seaperch Team!** For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members, SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips students, educators, & parents with the resources they need to build an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) in an in- or out-of-school setting. **Practices are at 4pm on the following dates:**

October 7  
November 18  
December 2  
January 6

February 3  
February 24  
Competitions: March 6 & 7



**Kiroli Park 100 Year Celebration** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 18**. Ouachita 4-H members will have a Pet Parade at the event. The West Monroe Pet Mayor, Plumber the Cat from Neighborhood Vet Clinic, will be Grand Marshall. We will meet to assemble in the area to the side of the main stage at 11 AM. The Pet Parade will begin 11:15-11:30 AM directly after the award ceremony on the stage. You can decorate a wagon, a cart, a pull

kennel, etc. for your float; or you can have your pet on a leash or carry your pet. You can even have your pet dressed up! **Please do not bring any aggressive animals. Make sure that you are always in control of your animal.** We get to showcase our pets & have fun together!

**Come join Ouachita 4-H Jr. Leaders** monthly for service-learning, leadership, food, & fun! For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Come when you can – no pressure! **We will meet 6-8pm each month at the 4-H office**, so save the dates!

October 23    December 22    February 12    April 20  
November 20    January 17    March 26-28 (retreat)



**4-H Livestock Show Team:** Is your child 9 or older by 1/1/2026 & interested in showing & owning an animal? Scan the QR code or visit the link to receive an introduction email about the team & resources to get you started!

<https://forms.office.com/r/iHY5in0wjL>



Animal validation & possession dates are fast approaching, so reach out with any questions you may have by email [bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu) or 318-323-2251.



**National 4-H Week is October 5-11, 2025!** National 4-H Week, the first full week of October, is a week-long celebration of 4-H across the country. During National 4-H Week, promote 4-H in your school & community with fun activities. Some ideas include providing refreshments for school staff, placing 4-H signs on lockers of members, placing posters throughout the school, & having a 4-H member read a PSA each morning!

**#4HBeyondReady**

## Calendar of Events

**Ark-La-Miss Fair:** Sept. 26-Oct. 5  
**Smiles & Stock Show:** Oct. 1  
**Dive Into the Sea of Ouachita 4-H:** Oct. 2  
**Photography Club:** Oct. 2 & 4  
**Showmanship Clinic:** Oct. 3  
**Ark-La-Miss Fair Livestock Show:** Oct. 4  
**National 4-H Week:** Oct. 5-11  
**eSports Practice:** Oct. 7  
**Seaperch Practice:** Oct. 7  
**The Great Pumpkin Drone Workshop:** Oct. 13  
**Robotics Club:** Oct. 13  
**Fall 4-H Fun Day @ Kiroli:** Oct. 15  
**Zoo Club:** Oct. 16  
**Pet Parade @ Kiroli:** Oct. 18  
**SS Round Robin:** Oct. 19  
**Feathers & Fur Workshop:** Oct. 20  
**Jr. Leaders Meeting:** Oct. 23  
**School Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** Oct. 27  
**Disney Trip Meeting:** Nov. 6  
**Leather Workshop:** Nov. 20  
**4 Farm Animals Poster Due:** Dec. 2

**The dates for the Tractor Supply Winter Paper Clover Campaign are November 28-December 14, 2025.** Head out to your local Tractor Supply store, located at 201 Mane Street in West Monroe & buy a paper clover to help support your parish 4-H program!

**Join our Ouachita 4-H Photography Club**, led by West Monroe Mayor, Staci Mitchell. Photography Club fee of \$20 includes a t-shirt & supplies for activities. **Our October meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 6-7pm & Saturday, Oct 4, 9-11 am at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center.**

You can find us on Facebook so you don't miss any of the exciting things we have planned this year! We have 2 Facebook pages: **Ouachita 4-H** (our main page) & **Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports** (dedicated just to our Shooting Sports program). If you have any questions about anything you see on our Facebook pages, give us a call: 318-323-2251.





**Join the Ouachita 4-H eSports Team!** Any 4-H member grades 4-12 is welcome. Games include Rocket League, Smash Brothers, Mario Kart (Jr. only). There are monthly practices & regional competitions. **Practices will be the first Monday each month, 5-6pm** on the following dates:

October 7	December 1	February 2	April 6
November 3	January 5	March 2	

**School Pumpkin Decorating Contest!!** Each school will have a pumpkin decorating contest. Bring your decorated pumpkin to your school by **October 27** to be displayed & judged at the school. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners at each school that participates. Pumpkin pictures will be posted on our Facebook page! Real or fake pumpkins may be used. We look forward to seeing all the amazing & creative pumpkins! Happy Fall Y'all!



**4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, join our Afterschool Robotics Club** using the Lego Spike Prime System powered by Drax. Learn coding & engineering & compete with other teams! For both beginners & advanced!

October 13: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm	January 27: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm
November 24: Beg. 1-4pm	February 16: All 1-4pm
November 25: Adv. 1-4pm	March 24: All 1-4pm
December 22: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm	April 21: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm

**Competition: Saturday May 2, Beg. 9am-12pm, Adv. 1-4pm**

**Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports Round Robin is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 from 2-4 PM at the OPSO Range!** Open to all Ouachita 4-H members who have enrolled for the current year in 4-H & are interested in Shooting Sports. Members will be able to try each of the disciplines: Archery, Rifle, & Shotgun. You will be able to join Shooting Sports that day or you can join in the 4-H Online Enrollment system under Events. **Practices for our Shooting Sports members will begin on Sunday, October 26 from 2-4 PM at the OPSO Range.** We look forward to seeing you there!



**Clays 4 Kids:** February 21, OPSO Range

**Regional SS Competition:** March 6-15, Shreveport

**State SS Competition:** April 10-19, Baton Rouge

**Fun Day with Awards/Recognitions:** May 3, 2-4pm, OPSO Range

**National SS Competition:** June 20-27, Grand Island, Nebraska



**Come join the Ouachita 4-H Zoo Club!** There will be a service project & educational program presented at each meeting (dress in comfortable clothes with closed toe shoes). Sign in & drop off/pick up location is just inside the zoo gate. We have some fun new surprises for the upcoming year! **Zoo Club will meet 9am-12pm at Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo** (1405 Bernstein Park Rd., Monroe).

October 16	January 5	April 25
November 22	February 7	May 25
December 6	March 23	

## Fall 4-H Fun Day at Kiroli Park October 15, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Schedule & Info

Call 318-323-2251 to pre-register your pet by October 10. Youth must be enrolled in current year 4-H program to participate. Kona Ice will be set up selling snow cones & possibly coffee at the event! Pet Show will begin at 8:15 AM with the following categories:

- Small/Medium Dogs (0-40lb)
- Large Dogs (over 40lb)
- Cats
- Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, mice, Hamsters, Gerbils, & any other rodents
- Fish, Amphibian, Reptiles
- Unusual Pets (may be any domestic pet not listed in any other category)

No animals found in the wild are permitted (i.e. alligators, squirrels, raccoons, etc.). Each participant will be asked a few simple questions about their animal.

Rules:

- All pets must always be under control, & no aggressive pets.
- Each member can bring only one pet.
- All pets must be leashed or in enclosure, i.e. kennel, bowl, carrier, aquarium, etc.
- Contestants must clean up after their pets.
- If staying for rotation sessions, parent or guardian must be responsible for pet after pet show. Adults are welcome to stay with pets or take them home after pet show.

There will be an educational table area set up. After the Pet Show will be the Bike Rodeo, Fishing/Casting, & Nerf Gun events with educational information given at each area by West Monroe PD, Wildlife & Fisheries, & the Core of Engineers. Rod & Reels & Nerf equipment will all be provided at the event. If you are going to participate in bike rodeo, please bring your bicycle & helmet. You can still rotate to bike rodeo & listen to educational presentation & watch participants if you do not bring a bike.

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**The Ouachita 4-H Bulletin will be distributed monthly at the school club meetings from September thru April.** It will also be available on our website, <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our-offices/parishes/ouachita/features/4-h/newsletters>

If you have any questions about Ouachita Parish 4-H, give us a call at (318) 323-2251. The 4-H office is open Monday thru Friday, 8am-4:30pm.