



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH 4-H CLOVER CHRONICLE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2023 EDITION

### November

- 1-2:** Challenge Camp – Amite, LA
- 6:** Validation/Possession Date for Livestock
- 9:** Veterans Day Cards Due
- 9:** Thanksgiving Food Drive Pick-Up
- 13:** Fall Commodity Sale Orders Due
- 13:** Possession Date for Livestock
- 17:** Fall Commodity Sale Pick-Up
- 20:** Shooting Sports Camp Registration Deadline
- 23-24:** Thanksgiving – 4-H Office Closed

### December

- 1:** Holiday Wreath Decorating Contest
- 1:** Fashion & Beyond on Tour Registration Deadline
- 2:** LA4H Day of Service
- 4:** Livestock Validation/Possession
- 8-10:** Shooting Sports Camp
- 19:** 4-H Advisory Council Meeting – *Invitation Only*
- 21:** Dream Big Art Contest Due
- 21:** Winter Cookery Contest
- 22-Jan 1:** 4-H Office Closed

### January

- 1:** 4-H Office Closed
- 9:** Fashion & Beyond on Tour - LSU
- 15:** 4-H Office Closed - Holiday
- 15:** MLK Day of Service
- 19:** 4-H Night with the Pelicans

## NOVEMBER CLUB CHALLENGE

Join us in collecting items that will be donated to the St. John Ministry of Care as part of their Thanksgiving Food Drive. They have asked for specific non-perishable items that you can find below. All items will be picked up on **November 9.**

### ITEMS TO COLLECT

Peanut Butter	Stovetop Stuffing	Cake Mix	Pancake Mix
Rice	Pasta	Cornbread	Beans

Participation will count towards the Service Award presented during 4-H Achievement Day.

## FALL COMMODITY SALE



We are now accepting orders for our Fall Commodity Sale. All pecans and sweet potatoes sold are Louisiana-grown and can be great gifts during the holiday season or a fantastic addition to your holiday meals. Your support during this fundraiser is much appreciated, as it provides support for the 4-H Jr. Leadership Club.

**The deadline to place orders is November 13, 2023, with a pickup date of November 17, 2023.** To access an order form, visit <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1664128205711> or scan the following QR Code



## VETERANS CARDS

On November 11 of each year, the nation honors all living military veterans. Veterans are people who have served in any branch of the United States Military, such as the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.



To honor the brave men and women who have fought for this country, the St. John Parish 4-H Program will ask 4-H members to write thank you cards to be delivered to the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve. See below guidelines for cards:

- Open to all 4-H members and Cloverbud members
- No glitter can be used.
- Cannot use larger than an 8.5x11 in. sheet of paper.

**All cards will be picked up at each school on Thursday, November 9**

## Stay Connected with 4-H on Social Media

### Facebook:

@stjohnparish4h

### Instagram:

@st.john4h

### Twitter:

@stjohn4h

## Contact Us

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The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in employment and programs. Should you need an ADA accommodation, please contact the St. John 4-H Office at least two weeks before the event.



## BROILER CHICK ORDERS



Raising young meat-type chickens (broilers) is one of the most interesting and fun-filled activities a 4-H'er can experience. Youth receive the chicks at 1-2 days old and raise them for 42 days. This is a great project for families who live within city limits and subdivisions where space on the property may be limited.

If you are interested in participating in the Broiler Project, all orders must be received by **November 17, 2023**, at the St. John Parish 4-H Office. Chicks are 75¢ each. You can obtain an order form by visiting

[https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our\\_offices/parishes/st%20john/features/4-h/livestock](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/st%20john/features/4-h/livestock) or by scanning the QR Code below.



## SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP

4-H members ages 9 through 13 and interesting in Shooting Sports, consider attending the 4-H Shooting Sports Camp that will be held **December 8-10, 2023**, at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, LA.

Youth who attend the camp will choose from the following disciplines to participate in: Archery, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, or Air Pistol/Air Rifle/BB Gun (Combined).

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend, but it is not mandatory. The cost will be **\$120 per youth/adult**, which will cover registration, lodging, meals, and a T-shirt. All youth will be required to bring their own bow/firearm and arrows/ammo.

**The deadline to register for the camp is November 20, 2023.**

*Note: If parents/guardians are also attending the camp, they must complete the overnight chaperone training and screening process.*

If you are interested, contact the St. John 4-H Office by phone at 985-497-3261 or by email at [Xbell@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:Xbell@agcenter.lsu.edu).

## FASHION & BEYOND ON TOUR



The 4-H Fashion Board would like to invite 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to come to experience the "new" Fashion & Beyond on Tour. You will get a closer look at all aspects of the fashion world, from newspaper runways, color wheels, upcycling, fibers, to basic sewing fundamentals.

You will engage in multiple sessions of activities planned by the fabulous fashion board.

Fashion & Beyond on Tour will take place on **January 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the 4-H Mini Farm on LSU Campus**. The cost to participate is **\$25/person**. There is a limited number of spots available for this event; therefore, if you are interested in participating, contact the St. John 4-H Office by phone at 985-497-3261 or by email at [Xbell@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:Xbell@agcenter.lsu.edu). **The deadline to register is December 1, 2023.**

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## HOLIDAY WREATH DECORATING CONTEST

Spread holiday cheer and participate in the St. John the Baptist 4-H Holiday Wreath Decorating Contest.



### **RULES:**

- Can be by an individual 4-H member or a group of 4-H members.
- Wreaths must be made by 4-H members. BE CREATIVE
- The wreath size should be 12 to 20 inches.
- Foam, garland rings, or wire frames may be used as foundations for the wreath. All other decorations must be natural, reused, recycled, or homemade.
- **NO** pre-made wreaths are allowed. You may use pre-made base.
- Fresh flowers, real berries, food, candy, glass, or dangerous decorations should not be used on the wreath. Wreaths with these types of decorations will not be judged and will not be donated.
- Fresh green plant materials **MAY** be used. If these materials are not fresh and leaves are falling off stems, the wreath will not be judged.
- "4-H" and the four-leaf clover should be located on the front of the wreath. Wreaths will be judged on creativity, neatness in construction, and above guidelines.
- Include your name(s), school, & grade level on a card attached to the back of the wreath.

All wreaths will be donated to the following locations based on the theme of the wreath:

- Patriotism - Veterans Home
- All others - Local nursing homes

The deadline to submit your wreath is **Friday, December 1, 2023**

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## 4-H SUMMER CAMP REQUEST

To better gauge and assist families within the parish attending 4-H Summer Camp, we ask you to complete the interest form. This form is for those who wish to attend camp as a camper (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders), camp counselors (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders), and adult chaperones (18 years old and older and cannot be enrolled in 4-H during the 2023-2024 program year).



This form is to assist the 4-H Agent in requesting and updating the parish's bed count and financial assistance. By completing this form, you are not obligated to attend camp, as we know things may change between now and summer.

Complete the interest form by visiting

**[https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cYKbVI2eTrcTKtM](https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYKbVI2eTrcTKtM)** or

scanning the QR Code below by **December 1, 2023**



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## TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE

The True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System as we work to create more welcoming and inclusive environments. This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities.

At the institute, teams will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of key principles and concepts related to equity and inclusion.
- Identify a particular equity indicator and/or issue to focus on for the next year.
- Develop their skills and competencies in equity leadership and make connections to people, organizations, and tools that can be helpful for their projects.
- Create an overall framework for their project for the next year and a specific 90-day action plan to implement when they return home.

4-H members in the **9th-11th grade during the current school year (2023-2024)** can apply to serve on the St. John Parish team for this national event.

Youth can complete the online application or use the fillable application. All applications are **due by Friday, December 1, 2023**. A panel of St. John Parish community members will judge the applications for selection.

The 2024 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute will take place **July 7-11, 2024, in Washington D.C.**

*If selected, youth will be required to pay a \$150 non-refundable commitment fee. A payment schedule can/will be established for assistance.*

To access the application, visit

<https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1698629938825> or scan

the QR Code



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## WINTER COOKERY CONTEST



Calling all inspired chefs! Participate in the Fall Cookery Contest. This contest will feature **Louisiana Commodities, Poultry & Sugar**. The Cookery Contest will take place at Regala Park Gym. Dishes can be dropped off **between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21**, as judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.

This contest is open to both 4-H members and Cloverbud members. Members must follow the following rules, or they will be disqualified.

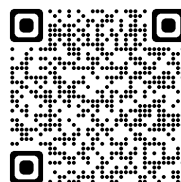
1. Members can only submit one dish per category.
2. Dishes must be transported on ice and in an ice chest to the contest.
3. Non-edible items are not to be presented as part of the dishes or as a garnish. Only edible items can be used as a garnish.

### Commodities and Categories

- Louisiana Commodities – Pecan
- Louisiana Commodities – Rice
- Louisiana Commodities – Sweet Potato
- Poultry – Chicken
- Poultry – Turkey
- Sugar – Cakes
- Sugar – Candy/Others
- Sugar – Cookies
- Sugar – Pies

The deadline to register for this contest to ensure prizes have been ordered is **Friday, December 1, 2023.**

To sign up and to see the full list of rules visit <https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1698680626565> or scan the QR Code below



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## 4-H NIGHT WITH THE PELICANS

The annual 4-H Night with the Pelicans will take place on **Friday, January 19, 2024!** This is an opportunity for 4-H'ers, their families, and friends to enjoy and cheer on the New Orleans Pelicans and get exclusive access to many perks.



### GAME/TICKET INFORMATION

- **Opponent:** Phoenix Suns
- **Tipoff:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Ticket Prices:** Balcony End: \$30; Balcony side: \$35; Lower End: \$130, Parking: \$20

**The deadline to order your discounted tickets is December 15, 2023**

### FAN EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Pregame Tailgate Party** - Arrive at the Smoothie King at 4:00 p.m. to participate in the pregame tailgate party located on the Smoothie King Center Concourse. **MUST HAVE A VALID TICKET PURCHASED THROUGH 4-H TO PARTICIPATE.**
- **Baseline Pelicans** – Select members of 4-H will get an exclusive on-floor view of the Pelicans' pregame shoot-around. (20 person max) **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up form by December 22, 2023, to be entered into the drawing.**
- **Pregame Fan Tunnel** – Select members of 4-H will form a tunnel as the Pelicans team enters the court. You can high-five the pros! (30 person max) **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up by December 22, 2023, to be entered into the drawing.**
- **Anthem Buddies** – Twelve kids from 4-H will stand tall in front of the Pelicans basketball team during the National Anthem Performance. Must be 12 years or younger. (12 person max) **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up form by December 22, 2023, to be entered into the drawing.**
- **Game Ball Presentation** - One person from 4-H will be recognized on the court at the start of the game while presenting the game ball with players from both teams. This is during the tip-off of the game. 4-H

Members interested in presenting the game ball need to submit a video that describes the SPARK that started their 4-H experience. The video will be a minimum of 30 seconds and a maximum of 45 seconds. **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up form by December 22, 2023, to be entered into the drawing.**

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED WITH EACH TICKET PURCHASE**

- Pelican promotion item on the night of the game is a plush pelican hat. (The Famous Carnival Celebration Bird Hat 2.0) Based on availability.
- Pelicans Hoodie – Given out at the Pregame Tailgate Party 4:00pm-5:15pm and at the Group Sales Center outside of section 114 6:00PM until half time. Sizes are based on availability.

To access the Fan Experience Sign-up form and order your tickets, visit [4-H Night with the Pelicans \(Isuagcenter.com\)](https://4-HNightwiththePelicans.com) or scan the QR Code below



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## **DREAM BIG ART CONTEST**

Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed that one day Black and White people could live, work, and play together peacefully. He dreamed of a world where people would not be judged, hurt, or treated unfairly because of the color of their skin. He wanted to see the world change in big ways - and he made sure the world knew about it through the words he said and the things he did!



### **CONTEST RULES:**

- All art submissions must be submitted on any size of paper (8.5x11 or larger, including poster size)
- Art should be the original work of the 4-H members. Parents are encouraged to assist Cloverbud members.
- Be creative.
- Art can include clip art, newspaper clippings, magazine clippings, or photos from the internet that would help convey the dream.
- Use the following questions to help guide you as you put your in the art form.

### **THINK, TALK AND DREAM TOGETHER:**

- What is something you would like to see change in your community, country, or world?
- Is there a problem that needs to be fixed?
- Are there people who should be treated better?
- Who or what is important to you?
- What is your dream for the world?
- What can YOU do to make a difference, fix a problem or help someone?
- What would it look like if everyone were kind to another?
- What would it feel like if everyone had what they needed?
- What would be different if everyone were treated fairly and loved for who they are?

All artworks must be submitted at the Winter Cookery Contest on  
**Thursday, December 21, 2023.**

For more information, visit

<https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1670251299498> or scan  
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## LOUISIANA 4-H DAY OF SERVICE

"...I pledge my hands to larger service..." **Dec. 2, 2023**, is Louisiana 4-H Day of Service, and we are asking you to participate by conducting a service project that benefits your community. If you are not able to participate on Dec. 2, know any service project conducted during the month of December can count as part of Louisiana 4-H Day of Service. If your club will be conducting a project, be sure to let Mr. Xavier know.