

Calendar of Events

January

1-2: LSU AgCenter Office closed

12: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest Submission Day; Jr. Leader Mtg.

16: 4-H Day of Service;

LSU AgCenter Office closed

20-22: State 4-H Fashion Camp

February

8: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest Submission Day; Jr. Leader Mtg.

21: LSU AgCenter Office closed

March

22: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest Submission Day; Jr. Leader Mtg.

April

7: LSU AgCenter Office Closed

20: 4-H Achievement Day

22: 4-H Trash Bash

May

9: 4-H Regional Culinary Arts Contest

*Read newsletter for other important dates and 4-H opportunities.



We would like to thank our continued partners of the St. Charles Parish 4-H Youth Development Program:







ST. CHARLES PARISH



January 2023 Edition

Start Your New Year with 4-H!

Happy New Year, 4-H'ers! We hope that all of you are ready to start your new year by participating in the many opportunities that 4-H has to offer. Now is the time to try something new – a new contest, activity, or maybe even a new project club! Check out the newsletter for more details. Remember to mark those important dates and deadlines on your new calendars at home.



Dr. Kali Zammit

St. Charles Parish 4-H Agent

*Pictured with St. Charles Parish 4-H members following 4-H Color Me Healthy Event

Save the Dates - Summer 4-H Activities

As you are planning your new year, consider saving these dates for summer 4-H activities:





4-H Summer Camp

at Camp Grant Walker for 4th-6th graders of the 2022-2023 school year

June 12-16, 2023

4-H University

at LSU for $8^{th} - 12^{th}$ graders of the 2022-2023 school year

June 20-23, 2023

*More information on both events coming soon!

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Stay Updated with St. Charles Parish 4-H News

This year St. Charles Parish 4-H is providing several venues for 4-H members and families to stay updated with 4-H News.



St. Charles Parish
LSU AgCenter Website

www.lsuagcenter.com/stcharles

Visit this page and click on the 4-H tab for articles and updates including 4-H newsletters, contests, and upcoming opportunities



St. Charles 4-H Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/scp4h

Like or Follow this page for daily posts, updates, and resources



St. Charles 4-H Instagram @scp4h

Follow us on Instagram for highlights and announcements





Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams

Many school clubs will use Google Classroom to communicate with their 4-H'ers. Our parish 4-H Community Clubs and members-atlarge club will use Microsoft Teams to communicate with 4-H'ers. See your 4-H Club Leader for information on how to gain access to these communication tools.

Upcoming 4-H Events for St. Charles Parish

Contact 4-H Agent for Project Club Info.

For more information or to join any of the project clubs listed below, please contact the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office at 985-785-4473 or kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu.

- 4-H Cloverbud Community Club for all K-3rd grade students
- 4-H CHEF (Cooking, Healthy Eating, & Fitness) Club for all 4th-6th grade students
- 4-H Jr. Leader Club for all 7th–12th grade students
- **4-H Fashion Club** for all 4th-12th grade students
- **4-H Shooting Sports Club** for students 10 years old through 12th grade (Registration is closed for 4-H Shooting Sports for this year.)

4-H Portfolios

Throughout this year $4^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade 4-H members are encouraged to complete a 4-H Portfolio, which focuses on record-keeping skills and is helpful when completing award, scholarship, and future job applications. Prizes or opportunities will be awarded to top members who complete the 4-H Portfolio. Read the newsletter for opportunities to list in your 4-H Portfolio. Download a <u>Digital Version of the 4-H Portfolio</u> to begin working.

4-H Leadership Opportunities

Leading the 4-H Pledge at club meetings

St. Charles Parish 4-H is offering the following leadership opportunities this month. List your participation in these activities in the **4-H Leadership** (Section 2) of your 4-H Portfolio.

4-H Jr. Leader Club Meeting

4-H Officers

4-H Jr. Leadership Conference

4-H Citizenship/Community Service Projects

Use your hands to larger service by participating in 4-H Service Projects. List your participation in the **4-H Citizenship/Community Service** (Section 3) of your 4-H Portfolio.

4-H Day of Service School 4-H Service Projects

Read the newsletter for more details on each of these projects. If you need verification of service hours for another organization, contact the 4-H Agent.

4-H Awards and Recognition

There are several award opportunities this month for 4-H members. List your participation in the **4-H Awards and Recognition** (Section 3) of your 4-H Portfolio.

4-H Photography Contest

4-H Culinary Arts Contest

4-H Senior Honor Cords, Jackets, Scholarships

4-H All-Around Style Contest

4-H Virtual Talent Show Contest

4-H Virtual Pet Show Contest

Livestock and Horse Show Seasons



The livestock season is well on its way! Good luck to all livestock exhibitors who will be participating in the District and State 4-H Livestock Shows. As we prepare for the upcoming Horse Show season, if you have horses and are interested in participating in this year's LSU AgCenter Horse Shows, please contact 4-H Agent Kali Zammit at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu to receive information, rules, and regulations for participation.

Upcoming Livestock Show Dates:

Southeast District 4-H Livestock Show
February 2-4, 2023
LSU AgCenter State 4-H Livestock Show
February 11-18, 2023

4-H FAO

This section is dedicated to 4-H frequently asked questions and answers from your 4-H Agent.

How do I qualify to go to 4-H
Achievement Day? You receive points
for every "parish" 4-H contest and/or
event listed in the newsletter that you
attend and/or participate in. You
receive 5 points for major parish events
(4-H Color Me Healthy Event, 4-H Day
of Service, & 4-H Trash Bash) and 1
point for every other event and/or
contest. You must have 5 points in
order to be invited to our 4-H
Achievement Day.

When will we hear more about registering for 4-H Camp and 4-H University? As soon as the 4-H Agent receives information from the State 4-H Office, applications will be posted in your 4-H club's Google Classroom. Information will also be posted in the monthly newsletter and on our LSU AgCenter website. Please be on the lookout.

4-H Family Highlight



Dr. Kali ZammitSt. Charles Parish 4-H Agent

Congratulations on graduating with your Ph.D. from LSU in December!

What do you love most about 4-H?

I love that 4-H has something for everyone! Even when I was a 4-H member, 4-H encouraged me to venture out of my comfort zone and try new things. 4-H fosters friendships, independence, generosity, and much more! I also like that 4-H provides me (and so many youth and adults) with an opportunity to travel to different places and meet different people. Being involved in 4-H is a fun, optimal learning experience that challenges me to be my best self. I love to "learn by doing" life with 4-H!

St. Charles Parish 4-H Monthly Contests

4-H Photography Contest

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Consider entering the 4-H Photography Contest! Throughout the upcoming months, take pictures of the topic listed below. Contest rules are as follows:

- Must be 4-H member (K-12th grade to enter). Must only enter one photo per category.
 Photo must be taken during the 2022-2023 year by the 4-H'er. All photos are due by the last day of the specified month. Early entries are accepted. No late entries.
- By submitting photo, you agree to release photo to publish in 4-H promotional material including but not limited to websites, social media, newspapers, and newsletters.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all participants at their 4-H club meeting. Photos will be posted on the 4-H Facebook page for People's Choice award based on votes in spring.
- Submit all monthly entries through the <u>4-H Photography Contest Online Form.</u>

*Note: To receive an award or recognition for any parish 4-H contest, the 4-H member must be registered and approved through 4-H Online.



4-H Photography Contest Categories:

January – Animals (Photo of animal or group of animals that captures natural habitat)
February – Still Life (Photo of inanimate object or group of objects)

4-H All-Around Style Contest

Learning how to use your resources is a great skill to learn through 4-H. For this contest, we do not want you to buy anything! We want for you to use 1 piece of clothing in your closet to be the feature article of clothing that you style for three different occasions: (1) casual, (2) dressy, and (3) job interview. Official rules are listed in the online form. No late submissions will be accepted. Complete the 4-H All-Around Style Contest Form by January 31, 2023. Contest submissions may be submitted early. No late submissions will be accepted.



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4-H Virtual Talent Show Contest

Do you have a talent that you would like to share with our 4-H family? Consider participating in our Virtual Talent Show by submitting a video (60-90 seconds) of you performing your talent. Complete the <u>4-H Talent Show Contest Form</u> by **January 31, 2023**. Contest submissions may be submitted early. No late submissions will be accepted.



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4-H Virtual Pet Show Contest

Do you have a pet that you take care of at home? We would like to hear all about it! Consider participating in our 4-H Pet Show Contest by submitting a video of you and your pet while answering questions. Complete the <u>4-H Pet Show Contest Form</u> by **January 31, 2023**. Contest submissions may be submitted early. No late submissions will be accepted.



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Save the Dates for Parish 4-H Events

St. Charles Parish 4-H hosts major parish events open to all 4-H members. Attendance will be taken at all events. Participation in multiple events will increase opportunities for awards presented at 4-H Achievement Day. Please save the dates and be on the lookout for more information regarding these events in the monthly newsletter.



4-H Achievement Day

Awards Recognition Program
*by invitation only

April 20, 2023



4-H Trash Bash

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Program on **April 22, 2023**

*Note Date Change to align with Parish Trash Bash Date

Save the Dates for Summer!

June 12-16, 2023

4-H Camp (for 4th-6th grade members)

June 20-23, 2023

4-H University (for 8th-12th grade members)

*Note: More information on the above mentioned summer activities will be posted in the upcoming monthly newsletter.



Upcoming 4-H Events for St. Charles Parish

4-H Beef Poster Contest Rules

- The 2023 Louisiana Beef Industry Council Beef Poster Contest Theme: Beef: A Sustainable Choice.
- Open to 4-H members K-12th grade. Only 4th-12th grade are eligible to move on to the state level. Entries will be collected by the 4-H Agent at February club meetings. All entries are due by March 1 to the 4-H Office.
- Poster must be 22" x 28" poster board only. Posters 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.). Place your name, address, age, grade in school, and parish on the back, upper right corner of the poster.
- High School digital entries must be designed using either Microsoft Publisher, Adobe
 Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, or Canva. Designs should be formatted for "22x28"
 poster size and 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 an envelope with name, address, age, grade in school, and parish
 on front of envelope.
- **Do not use copyrighted materials**. You may develop ideas from magazines, parents, friends, nutrition bulletins, etc., but the end concept should be original and not copied material. Pictures, clipart, and materials (i.e., cartoon characters, advertisements, logos, etc.) that are copyrighted may not be used on the poster. Computer generated clipart may be used if it is not copyrighted. No templates used in digital division. All design work must be original and from scratch, just as a poster would be designed.
- Eligible 1st place posters will be submitted to the state competition for judging and become the property of the LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Beef Industry Council. Participants are only eligible to win the state level contest one time. Divisions include the following: Cloverbuds (Grades K-3), Elementary (Grades 4 6), Middle (Grades 7 9), and High School Poster or High School Digital (Grades 10 12)

4-H Culinary Arts Contest (For 4th-12th graders)

This year we would like to encourage all 4-H members to participate in at least one culinary arts contest. These contests are intended to help our 4-H members grow in their cooking experience and skill level while enjoying quality time with families who assist them with the safety rules and sharing of traditional family recipes. This year the 4-H Culinary Arts contest will be split into 5 submission dates. Members will bring 2 servings of their dish on the designated day and times to the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office. Members will also need to complete the 4-H Culinary Arts Registration Form by the submission date to be considered for judging. All rules are posted on the online registration form.

Submission dates for our Culinary Arts Contests are as follows:

- Thursday, January 12, 2023: Poultry & Wild Game
- Wednesday, February 8, 2023: Beef
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023: Seafood



4-H members will be allowed to bring 2 servings of their dish in a sealed, non-returnable container on the date specified between $8:00 \, \text{a.m.} - 6:00 \, \text{p.m.}$ at the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office, which is located at 453 Spruce Street in Norco, La.

See online form for specific rules and details for the event.

*Note: To receive an award or recognition for any parish 4-H contest, the 4-H member must be registered and approved through 4-H Online.



Monday, January 16, 2023 MLK Day of Service

Beginning at the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office located at 453 Spruce Street in Norco, La. Followed by visit to Ormond Nursing and Care Center located at 22 Plantation Drive in Destrehan, La. (All 4-H members are responsible for their own transportation to and from the nursing home.)

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Arrival and Sign in

8:15 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. Create crafts for residents 9:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Drive to Ormond Nursing and

Care Center

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Call BINGO and deliver prizes

Activities Included:

- Enjoying breakfast with 4-H family and friends
- Creating festive Mardi Gras crafts to donate to nursing home residents and welcoming them with Mardi Gras beads
- Visiting Ormond Nursing and Care Center
- Calling, playing, or delivering prizes for BINGO Registration information:
- This event will be open to all St. Charles Parish
 4-H members. Families are encouraged to join.
- All participants must pre-register for the event by completing the 4-H Day of Service Online Registration Form (Only one entry is needed per 4-H member.)
- Wear tennis shoes for the event.
- Register online by January 9, 2023 to attend.
- Registered members should check their email prior to attending for any reminders or changes.
- All 4-H members must be registered in 4-H
 Online in order to attend this event.

4-H Award Information:

- This is considered a St. Charles Parish 4-H Event. All 4-H members who participate in this event, along with any other parish 4-H events or contests, will receive points.
- At the beginning of April, we will tally points of all 4-H members. For those members who gain enough points, they will be invited to the 4-H Achievement Day program.
- To gain points, 4-H members are encouraged to participate in parish 4-H events listed in the newsletter.



4-H members will be using their hands to larger service to visit and provide homemade crafts for the residents of Ormond Nursing and Care Center in Destrehan, La.



Open your camera on your phone and scan over the QR Code to access the 4-H Day of Service Online Registration Form.

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Things to do for 4-H this month

4-H Senior Honor Cord and Senior Jacket Awards – Awards for current 12th grade members

Current graduating senior 4-H members may apply to receive a 4-H honor cord to wear for graduation and a 4-H senior jacket to wear to show off their 4-H accomplishments. Complete the <u>St. Charles Parish 4-H Senior Jacket Application</u> online to apply for the senior jacket award. To apply for the honor cord, visit the <u>Louisiana 4-H Honor Cord Application Website</u>. **Parish Application deadline: Friday, February 3, 2023.**

4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) – Adventure for current 8th-12th grade members

Estimated \$50 fee (TBD)

This is a conference hosted by youth leaders of the Louisiana 4-H Executive Board. There is a limited number of youth who may attend. To receive more information on this opportunity, contact your 4-H Agent for an application. **Parish Application deadline: Friday, February 3, 2023**.

Louisiana 4-H Foundation Scholarships – Scholarship applications for graduating senior 4-H members

Graduating senior members may apply for scholarships toward continuing education. Contact the 4-H Agent at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu to receive an application for this and future 4-H scholarships. **Parish Application deadline for LA 4-H Foundation Scholarship: February 17, 2023**

Monthly St. Charles Parish 4-H Highlights

Photography Contest: (Landscape)

K-3rd **grade:** Participation: Joseph Deslatte (ESE)

4th – 6th grade: 1st: Coralyn Young (JBM); 2nd: Leah Lacoste (HMS); 3rd: Braeden Young (RJV); Blue Ribbon: Rhyan Rodriguez (ESE), MacKenzie Bellanger (JBM)

7th – 8th grade: 1st: Ethan Bellanger (JBM); 2rd: Claire Green (MAL); Green Ribbon: Jordyn Lewis (RKS), **Koiya Smith (RKS)

9th – 12th grade: 1st: Sarah Green

Photography Contest: (People)

 $\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{3}^{\mathrm{rd}}$ **Grade**: Participation: Joseph Deslatte (ESE)

4th – 6th grade: 1st: Rhyan Rodriguez (ESE); 2nd: Nollie Arcement (JBM); 3rd: MacKenzie Bellanger (JBM); Blue Ribbon: Elleanna Arcement (LWE) 7th – 8th grade: 1st: Claire Green (MAL); 2nd: Ethan Bellanger (JBM) 9th – 12th grade: 1st: Lee Arcement (JL); 2nd: Sarah Green (MAL)

4-H Culinary Arts Contest: Commodity: Pecans: *1st:

MacKenzie Bellanger (JBM); 2nd:

Madison Landry (ESE); 3rd: Claire Green (MAL); Blue Ribbon: Rogan Roberts (ESE), Ryli Mato (JL), Connor LeBouef (SCB5); Green Ribbon: Ethan Bellanger (JBM), Lee Arcement (JL), Jordynn Sykes (RKS),

**Nollie Arcement (JBM),

**Dayana Huerta (RKS) **

**Dayana Huerta (RKS), **Alaina Thompson (RKS)

Commodity: Rice: *1st: MacKenzie Bellanger (JBM); 2nd: Ethan Bellanger (JBM); 3rd: Claire Green (MAL); Blue Ribbon: Chase Pardo (RKS), Ka'den Clark (RKS); Green Ribbon: Lee Arcement (HHS), **Elleanna Arcement (LWE),

**Anisha Smith (RKS), **Nollie Arcement (JBM), **Derek Franklin Commodity: Sweet Potato: *1st: Ethan Bellanger (JBM); 2nd:

MacKenzie Bellanger (JBM); 3rd: Rogan Roberts (ESE); Green

Ribbon: Lee Arcement (HHS), **Nollie Arcement (JBM),

**Elleanna Arcement (LWE); Green Ribbon: Bailee Gros (SCB4)

Commodity: Egg

Category: Appetizer/Side Dish: 1st: MacKenzie Bellanger (JBM);

**Koiya Smith (RKS)

Category: Main Dish/Salad: 1st: Nollie Arcement (JBM); 2nd: Lee

Arcement, Jr. (JL)

Category: Dessert: *1st: Ethan Bellanger (JBM); 2nd: Elleanna Arcement (LWE); 3rd: Christine Thomas (SCB5); Blue Ribbon:

Coralyn Young (JBM)
Commodity: Sugar

Category: Cookies: 1st: Jordyn Lewis (RKS); 2nd: Braeden Young (RJV); 3rd: Collin Stewart (ESE) Blue Ribbon: Claire Green (MAL), Connor LeBouef (SCBS), Ethan Bellanger (JBM); Green Ribbon: Brian Childs, Jr. (MAL/JL)

Category: Pies: 1st: Ryli Mato (JL); 2nd: Coralyn Young (JBM) Category: Candy/Other: *1st:

Isabella LeBlanc (RKS); 2nd: Beau Kimble (ESE); 3rd: Christine Thomas (SCB5); Blue Ribbon: Lee Arcement, Jr. (JL), Nollie Arcement (JBM), Elleanna Arcement (LWE); Green Ribbon: MacKenzie

Bellanger (JBM)

* Outstanding Dish

**Was not registered in 4-H Online at time of judging. Award will be presented after 4-H Online enrollment is submitted and approved.

LEGOs and Leadership Lessons

This year our monthly 4-H lessons will focus on two of our 4-H mission mandates: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Civic Engagement (Leadership). At your club meeting or at home, try the activities below to learn more.

Lego Challenge Activity: Measuring

For the STEM activity each month, you will have a LEGO activity challenge that will accompany an optional story. You may use LEGOs or comparable blocks or items for each challenge. These lessons are adapted from the 4-H LEGO Engineering Club: Enchanted Builds (Vol. 3) from Mississippi State Extension.

January LEGO Lesson: Zipline; Optional Video: Ziplining to School LEGO Challenge: Using approximately 50 LEGOs or less of the same type, a piece of yarn, tape, and a LEGO minifigure, create a basket for your minifigure and zipline your minifigure from a higher elevation to a lower elevation without letting your minifigure fall.

Reflection: How do you adjust your slope if the minifigure falls?

4-H Teamwork Activity: Public Speaking and Demonstrations

Did you know that people typically use 50% body language, 45% tone of voice, and only 5% verbal speech to understand what someone is saying? This month we will focus on understanding nonverbal communication. The group will be divided by pairs. One person will reenact a scenario, while the other person perceives the message. Reverse roles for each set of cards.

Reflection: Discussing body language and message for each round. How did the message and body language make the person feel?



For more information, contact your local

St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office

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8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Closed 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 985-785-4473

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