



THE 4-H CHATTERBOX

SEPTEMBER 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.

SEPTEMBER 2025

24 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.
30 – 4-H Club Adult Leader Training, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 2025

5-11 - National 4-H Week
10- Club Silver Tray Awards Form Due
14 – 4-H Robotics Workshop, 4-H Office, 9:00 A.M.
21 - Jr. Leader Membership Dues & Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
23 - Shooting Sports Info. Meeting, Virtual, 4:30 P.M.
23 – Livestock Program Info. Meeting, Virtual, 6:00 P.M.
29 - Fall Activity Day, Ag Arena Opelousas, 4:00 P.M.
29- Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport
Nov. 16

NOVEMBER 2025

1- 4-H Dues Deadline, \$7.00/Member
12 - Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.
21-22 – Jim Bowie Livestock Show, Ag Arena Opelousas
25 – Elementary Workshop Day, 4-H Office, 9:30A.M.
27 - Thanksgiving

Welcome to St. Landry Parish 4-H!

We are an active group offering Citizenship, Healthy Living and STEM programming to youth in grades 4th-12th. Monthly club meetings are conducted by officers of your club. Each member receives *The 4-H Chatterbox* newsletter which describes the contests and activities to which you are invited to participate. 4-H Agents present an educational program during the club meetings. By participating in 4-H, you can have fun, meet new friends, and go places.

4-H'ers and parents can **stay informed through the monthly 4-H Chatterbox newsletter as well as our St. Landry 4-H Facebook page and St. Landry LSU AgCenter Webpage.** Please go and like our Facebook page if you haven't already done so.

JUNIOR LEADER CLUB & MEETING

The first meeting will be **Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.** A business meeting and fun get acquainted activities will be conducted. **Junior Leader Club is open to 7th-12th grade 4-H members only.** Submit the **online Enrollment Form**, located by scanning the QR Code below, and **\$15.00** membership fee to enroll. **Fees are due by November 1, 2025, to remain on the mailing list.**



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11, 2025



Celebrate National 4-H Week. **4-H is 117 YEARS OLD in Louisiana! Theme: "4-H- The Future is in Your Hands".** Suggested activities for the week are poster contests, green & white day, teacher appreciation, paint the school green, community service project. **4-H clubs that conduct at least 5 activities will be recognized with a Silver Tray Award.**

St. Landry Parish 4-H will also host different daily themed activities during the week on our St. Landry 4-H Facebook page. **4-H'ers that participate each day, post photo, will receive a 4-H surprise.**

4-H Club Officers

Each club should have officers decided upon by the **October or at latest November Meeting.** Suggested officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. An installation program will be conducted by your **4-H Club Leader or Agent.**

4-H SEED OF THE MONTH CLUB

If you would like to **join this gardening project club, register at the QR Code below.** Space limited to the first (50) 4-H'ers. A packet of seeds and gardening newsletter will be mailed to 4-H'ers monthly.



4-H STEM ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Learn all about **ROBOTICS** in this fun STEM workshop which is **open to 4th-6th grade 4-H'ers!** The workshop will be **held at the St. Landry 4-H Office on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.** It is limited to the first (20) 4-H'ers that register. **Register for this workshop through your 4-H Online account under event registration – 2025 St. Landry 4-H Robotics Workshop.**

Registration fee is \$15.00 and can be paid online when you register, if you choose. If you don't pay online, check or money order need to be made payable to St. Landry 4-H and mailed to the St. Landry 4-H Office no later than Friday, October 3, 2025. In the check memo line please identify the child's name.

HORSE & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

To exhibit horses or livestock (beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits), contact Megan Plattsmier at 948-0561. A *virtual Microsoft Teams informational meeting about the livestock program will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

St. Landry Parish 4-H follows two show programs, the LSU State Show & the Southern University Livestock Show. Possession dates (date you acquire the animal at your home) are listed below:

ANIMAL SPECIE	LSU	SOUTHERN
Steers	8/15/25	10/1/25
Comm Does/Ewes	11/10/25	
Beef/Dairy		
Miniature Cattle	11/17/25	
Beef/Dairy Breeding	11/10/25	11/1/25
Market Lamb/Goat	11/10/25	11/1/25
Breeding Sheep/Goat	11/10/25	
Market Swine	12/1/25	12/1/25
Exhibition Chickens	11/10/25	
Rabbits	12/1/25	
Horse	4/1/26	

If you are planning to exhibit horses or livestock this year in 4-H, you need to log into your 4-H Online account. Once in your 4-H Online account and your profile you will need to add St. Landry 4-H Livestock and/or Horse Project Club under your clubs selected. If your 4-H enrollment has already been approved in 4-H Online get in touch with Mrs. Megan Plattsmier to add you to the club. Animals are not provided by 4-H. Families must purchase the animal(s) for 4-H’ers to show.



LSU AgCenter- Cooperative Extension Service
St. Landry Parish Extension Office
1065 Hwy 749, Suite A
Opelousas, LA 70570
337-948-0561

St. Landry Parish LSU AgCenter Website:

https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_office/s/parishes/st%20landry

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.

FALL ACTIVITY DAY

This event will be held *Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at the Ag Arena in Opelousas (Behind the Yambilee Building on Hwy. 190).* Registration begins at 4:00 P.M. and Contest Judging begins at 4:30 P.M.



PET CONTEST RULES – 1 pet per 4-H’er

- **Pet Categories**
 1. Dog – must be on a leash, have rabies tag and be tame.
 2. Cat – must be on a leash or in a pet carrier.
 3. Bird – in a cage (no chickens, turkeys, ducks, or geese).
 4. Rabbit – in a cage.
 5. Reptile – in a cage.
 6. Rodent – in a cage
- Only pets in the pet categories listed can be exhibited. DO NOT bring livestock animals.
- **Awards to be given in each category:** Most Colorful, Most 4-H Spirited, Best Behaved, Best Groomed, Pet & Owner Look-A-Likes

POSTER CONTEST RULES – 1 poster per 4-H’er

- **Theme: “4-H-The Future is in Your Hands”**
- Use standard size poster, any color, make creative use of theme. **(No Glitter)**
- Information needed on back of poster are Child’s Name, School and Grade

PUMPKIN CONTEST RULES – 1 per 4-H’er

- Each 4-H member may enter ONLY one pumpkin.
- Needs to promote 4-H and be created by the 4-H member.
- Acceptable decorations: carving, paint, markers, clothes, etc. (No Glitter)



SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB



Participation in this Outdoor Skills Program is not limited by skill or physical abilities and is open to youth in 4th-12th grade. Disciplines offered are Shotgun and Archery, dependent upon facility and instructor availability. A *virtual Microsoft Teams informational meeting about the program will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.*

To sign up for the Shooting Sports Club you will need to log into your 4-H Online account. Registration will be through 4-H Online under events – 2025-2026 St. Landry Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Club. The registration fee is \$25.00 and can be paid online if you choose. If you don’t pay online, checks or money order need to be made payable to St. Landry 4-H and mailed to the St. Landry 4-H Office no later than Friday, October 31, 2025. In the check memo line please identify the child’s name.