



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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION

### August

- 1:** 2023-2024 4-H Year Begin
- 14:** Steers Validation Date
- 19:** Jr. Leader Retreat

### September

- 4:** Labor Day – 4-H Office Closed
- 16:** Tractor Supply Pet Appreciation Event
- 21:** Southeast Region Volunteer Training
- 28-Oct. 1:** Volunteer Conference of the Southern States

### October

- All Month:** Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- 1-7:** National 4-H Week
- 3:** 4-H Display Contest Due
- 4:** Challenge Camp Registration Due
- 4-15:** Fall Paper Clover – Tractor Supply
- 6:** 4-H Officer Training
- 17:** 4-H Camp & LOST Camp Theme Contest Due
- 21:** 4-H & FFA Bash on the Bayou – LSU vs. Army
- 26-Nov. 12:** State Fair of Louisiana - Shreveport

### November

- 1-2:** Challenge Camp – Amite, LA
- 6:** Thanksgiving Food Drive Pick-Up
- 6:** Validation/Possession Date for Livestock
- 7:** Veterans Day Cards Due
- 13:** Possession Date for Livestock

## MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H AGENT



The 2023-2024 is upon us, and I am excited about what's in store for this program year! This year's program theme is Reimagine 4-H. So, what does that mean? 4-H has been around for more than 100 years. The needs and interests of youth have changed, and the organization has evolved to encompass more project areas that fit the interests of youth.

4-H offers a wide array of programs, projects, and events youth can participate in, and as we continue to grow and build this program, I encourage you to reimagine what 4-H can be for you. So, check out each monthly newsletter, social media platforms, and website for the latest information.



## ENROLLING IN 4-H

The 2023-2024 enrollment process is underway. All youth and volunteers who wish to participate in our programs must complete a 4-H Enrollment Form. Only by completing that form can youth participate in events such as 4-H Achievement Day, 4-H Summer Camp, 4-H University, or any other trips, conferences, or camps St. John 4-H will host.

A successful enrolled 4-H member is a youth who has turned in their enrollment form and has paid their membership dues. Club dues vary across each school, so please get in touch with your club leader. If you participate in the parish-wide community club, contact Mr. Xavier.

## SUMMER 2023 IN REVIEW



23-24: Thanksgiving –  
4-H Office Closed

### Stay Connected with 4-H on Social Media

**Facebook:**

@stjohnparish4h

**Instagram:**

@st.john4h

**Twitter:**

@stjohn4h

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accommodation, please  
get in touch with the St.  
John 4-H Office at least  
two weeks before the  
event.



Summer is always a busy and fun time for 4-H. This summer, we had 11 youth, two (2) counselors, and one (1) adult attend 4-H Summer Camp, nine (9) youth attend 4-H University, and two (2) youth travel to Washington D.C. to participate in National 4-H Council's Citizenship Washington Focus.

While at 4-H University, Amaya W. (**WSJH**) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Tiger Tank Entrepreneurship Contest.

We thank all the youth who participated in the various summer events held and we look forward to having you be a part of next summer's events.

## ST. JOHN 4-H JR. LEADERS

Youth in 8th-12th grade, do you want an avenue to enhance your leadership and communications skills and make a difference in your community? The 4-H Jr. Leaders Club is for you. This is a great way to take the



next step in your leadership journey. This club will meet monthly at various places within St. John Parish and surrounding areas. Join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Pizza House in LaPlace.** Pizza will be provided.

Meeting schedule for the year

Sept. 2	Oct. 14	Nov. 4	Dec. TBD
Jan. TBD	Feb. 17	Mar. TBD	Apr. 17

## PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



4-H'ers gather your paintbrushes and participate in the St. John 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

This contest is open to all registered 4-H and Cloverbud members. Members can only submit one (1) pumpkin.

### Categories

- 4-H Theme
- Movie/TV Character
- Spooky

All pumpkins will be judged during their October Club Meeting.

**Ascension of Our Lord**  
Oct. 19

**East St. John High**  
Oct. 19

**East St. John Prep**  
TBD

<b>Emily C. Watkins</b> Oct. 3	<b>Fifth Ward</b> Oct. 25	<b>Garyville/Mt. Airy</b> Oct. 19
<b>John L. Ory</b> Oct. 26	<b>Lake Pontchartrain</b> Oct. 18	<b>LaPlace Elem.</b> Oct. 31
<b>Riverside Academy</b> Oct. 20	<b>St. Joan of Arc</b> Oct. 4	<b>St. Peter</b> TBD
<b>St. John STEM Magnet</b> Oct. 31	<b>West St. John High</b> Oct. 4	<b>West St. John Elem</b> Oct. 30

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: I ♥ 4-H

Join 4-H members, volunteers, and alums from across the country to celebrate being a part of the nation's largest youth development organization during National 4-H Week, **October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

This year's theme for National 4-H Week is **I ♥ 4-H**.

## 4-H DISPLAY CONTEST

Celebrate National 4-H Week by displaying your 4-H pride around your schools. You can show your pride by decorating the front of the school, a bulletin board, a wall, or anything in between. Only one entry per school will be allowed. If your school plans to participate, complete the registration at [https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6mqWPN0GhkUfPzU](https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6mqWPN0GhkUfPzU). All displays must be submitted by **Tuesday, October 3**, as judging will begin on Oct. 4. The winning school will receive a cookie cake party during their October club meeting.

## SOUTHEAST REGION CHALLENGE CAMP

What can you do next after attending 4-H Summer Camp? Well, the answer is to attend the Southeast Region Challenge Camp! This overnight camping opportunity is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade 4-H members. Participants will complete various challenges during this camp, enhancing their critical thinking and communication skills.

The 2023 Southeast Region 4-H Challenge Camp will be held **Wednesday, November 1 – Thursday, November 2, 2023**, at the Lion King Retreat Center in Amite, LA. **The participation cost is \$30**, which covers lodging, meals, shirt, and transportation. Space is limited; therefore, spots will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis. The deadline to register for this event is **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**.

## FALL PAPER CLOVER



Tractor Supply proudly began our partnership with 4-H in 2010, and we have since helped raise over \$14 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 69,000 youth by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement projects.

100% of funds raised through our two Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% support national 4-H programming.

The Fall 2022 Paper Clover fundraiser will occur from **October 4, 2023, to October 15, 2023**. To support the St. John Parish 4-H Program, visit Tractor Supply in LaPlace at 2335 West Airline Hwy, LaPlace, LA 70068. At check out, ask to purchase a \$1 Paper Clover.

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## BASH ON THE BAYOU

Bash on the Bayou, formally called 4-H Night with the Tigers, will be held **Saturday, October 21, 2023**. Join Louisiana 4-H'ers, FFA members, and the LSU College of Agriculture as LSU takes on Army.



The tailgate party and discount game ticket information will be announced once it has been released.

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## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK

The 2023-2024 show season is upon us! Are you interested in participating in the 2023-24 St. John 4-H and FFA Livestock Program? Check the important dates below, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Xavier.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Nov. 6, 2023** – Validation for Commercial Beef, Dairy, Ewe & Doe, and Market Lamb & Goat due to 4-H Office

**Nov. 6, 2023** – Possession date for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Exhibition Poultry

**Nov. 13, 2023** – Possession date for Mini Cattle

**Dec 4, 2023** – Validation for Commercial & Market Hogs due to 4-H Office

**Dec 3, 2023** – Possession Dates for Breeding Swine

**Jan 2024** – Broiler Chick Pick Up

Complete the [interest form](#) online today and stay updated with information by visiting our [Livestock website](#).

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## ST. JOHN 4-H BRAND AMBASSADORS



4-H members play a huge part in growing our brand and 4-H here in St. John Parish. The St. John 4-H Brand Ambassadors will assist with promoting, highlighting, and telling the story of 4-H right here in our parish. This program

is open to ALL 4-H members (4th-12th graders). During the program, ambassadors will learn about branding, marketing, storytelling, and so much more.

All interested youth must complete the **online application** in its entirety by **September 29, 2023**.