



# THE 4-H CHATTERBOX

## MARCH 2024



*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.*

### MARCH 2024

- 1 – Horse Exhibitor Online Form Due
- 1 – 4-H Achievement Day Registration Forms Due
- 1-10 - Regional Shooting Sports Comp., Port Allen
- 3 – Parish Shooting Sports Competition
- 7 – SET Club Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.
- 7-9 – Jr. Leadership Conference, Pollock
- 8 – 4-H Project Book Records Due
- 18 – 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 22-23 – 4-H Achievement Day, Yambilee Bldg., Opelousas
- 25 – Four-Wheeler Raffle Tickets & Monies Due
- 27 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.
- 31 – Easter

### APRIL 2024

- 1 – Grade Horse Certificates Due & Horse Possession Date
- 2 – Camp Counselor Training, 4-H Office, 2:00-4:30 P.M.
- 4 – Regional 4-H Commodity Cookery Contest, Alexandria
- 12-21 – State Shooting Sports Comp., Shreveport
- 24 – Club Point Sheets & Treasurers Report Due, 4-H Office
- 24 – 4-H University Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:00 P.M.
- 24 – Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 5:00 P.M.

### MAY 2024

- 1 – SET Club Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.
- 14 – 4-H Award Banquet, Yambilee Bldg, Opelousas
- 15 – Junior Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30 P.M.

### 4-H RECORD BOOK TIME

Four-H Record Books are due at your March 4-H meeting or the 4-H Office, **Friday, March 8, 2024.**

### 4-H UNIVERSITY

4-H University will be held **June 18-21, 2024**, at LSU-Baton Rouge. Participants (whether in contest or clover college) must be in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2023-2024 year. 4-H University applications are due to the Extension Office by **April 1, 2024**. **Cost will be \$200.00 to attend.**

The first meeting for 2024 State 4-H University participants will be held **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, at 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.



### JUNIOR LEADER MEETING

The March meeting will be **Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.**

### 4-H PENNIES DRIVE

4-H Clubs that wish to participate in a penny drive for St. Landry 4-H Foundation can begin collecting pennies and/or other coins. Clubs can turn in what's been collected by the **due date of Monday, April 1, 2024. Please have them rolled in coin wrappers or submit a check for the amount collected made payable to St. Landry 4-H Foundation.** Trophies will be presented to the club(s) raising the most money. Each club participating will receive a certificate.



### CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members** can complete Camp Counselor Training (3 hours online & 3 hours in-person). An in-person camp counselor training will be held at the **4-H Office on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:30 pm.** To register to attend the training, scan the QR Code below.



**4-H'ers must also complete the online portion of the training and turn in the certificate of completion to Mrs. Lisa Benoit** prior to attending the in-person training.

### Use the following directions for online training.

1. Go to [learn.lsuagcenter.com](https://learn.lsuagcenter.com)
2. Log on using a google ID.
3. Click on 4-H.
4. Click on 4-H and then "Camp Counselor Training".
5. You will be prompted to enter a key which is LACCT.
6. Print out certificate & turn it in to the 4-H Office.

## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

This event will be held **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Yambilee Building in Opelousas.**

### Friday, March 22, 2024, Events

**Talent Contest:** 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Individual or team, 5 minutes or less, must bring own equipment and music. **Categories:** Musical Instrument, Vocal Music, Dance, Other. **The top acts in each category will perform Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the talent show.**

### Saturday, March 23, 2024, Events

**Assembly/Parade of Banners:** 9:00-9:30 A.M.

**Contests:** 9:30-11:00 A.M.

**Talent Show:** 11:00 A.M.

**Awards:** Immediately Following Talent Show

### Contests:

1. **Parade of 4-H Club Banners** – Each club can make a banner to carry during the opening assembly.
2. **Demonstration Contest** – Team of 1 or 2 individuals on any subject or topic, 15 minutes or less.
3. **Job Interview Contest** – Individual interviews for a job they can currently do at their age. Obtain resume form from 4-H Agent.
4. **4-H Club Community Service Project Presentation** – Team of 2-3 club members give an oral presentation, with project display board, featuring a service project their 4-H club conducted this year.
5. **Project Area Contest** – Take a written quiz/test. **Project Areas:** Discovering 4-H (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Only), Horticulture, Child Development, Ready to Wear (Clothing).
6. **Exhibits** – Individual, can enter 1 exhibit in each category. Label exhibits with name, grade, and school. **Categories:** Club Reporter Scrapbook, Recycled Art, LA Ag Commodity Informational Poster (Sweet Potato, Rice, Beef, Dairy, Crawfish, Soybean, etc.)

**Achievement Day pre-registration due March 1, 2024, for Demonstration, Job Interview, Talent, and 4-H Club Community Service Project.** No same day registrations.

## ST. LANDRY PARISH 4-H WEBSITE

The St. Landry Parish 4-H website has been redesigned and all content has been updated. Visit [https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our\\_offices/p\\_arishes/st%20landry](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/p_arishes/st%20landry) for newsletters, forms, etc.

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337-948-0561**

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.



## 4-H HORSE SHOWS



The 4-H Horse Shows will be rapidly approaching, and now is the time to begin preparing for the Parish, District and State Horse Shows. Exhibitors must have possession of their horses prior to **April 1, 2024.**

All registered horses must be officially registered in the name of the 4-H club member or an immediate family member **on or before April 1, 2024.** To show a **grade horse (non-registered horse)**, the 4-H'er must **submit a certificate of ownership to the St. Landry 4-H Office by April 1, 2024.** Grade horse certificates can be obtained from the 4-H Office.

**Complete the horse and livestock exhibitor online form by March 1, 2024, located by scanning the QR Code below, if you are planning to exhibit horses or livestock this year in 4-H.** Animals are not provided by 4-H. Families must purchase the animal(s) for 4-H'ers to show. Interested 4-H'ers should contact Megan Plattsmier at 337-948-0561 for more information.



## 4-H SUMMER CAMP

Do you want to swim, canoe, shoot archery, dance and hang out with friends this summer? Then you need to attend 4-H Summer Camp! **You must be in Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. St Landry Parish will attend camp June 3-6, 2024.**

The fee is \$245.00. A **\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (included in the fee) is due on March 18, 2024, along with your camp application.** Don't forget to have your 4-H Club Leader sign the application form as well.



## 4-H SEED OF THE MONTH PROJECT CLUB EVALUATION

The St. Landry Parish 4-H Agents would like the 4-H'ers that participated in the **4-H Seed of the Month Project Club to complete an evaluation.** Please use the **QR code below to access the evaluation.** We ask that you complete the evaluation by Monday, March 18, 2024.

