



## The Clover Journal

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Service-learning Focus

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Think 4-H Might be for You?

Here's how to **Join the Club**:

- Attend the 4-H Club meeting in your school.
- Review the 4-H materials given to you.
- Return the enrollment card to your club leader.
- Select a 4-H project book.
- Pay your **\$5 dues** at your school.



## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Louisiana

Charitable programs are unable to fully support those facing hunger. The combination of charity and government assistance programs are necessary to help bridge the meal gap.

SNAP, formerly food stamps, provides temporary help for people going through hard times - providing supplemental money to buy food until they can get back on their feet.

In Louisiana,

**44.9%**  
of households receiving SNAP  
benefits have  
**children**

\$1,214,657,938  
distributed through  
SNAP generated  
**\$2,064,918,495**  
in economic activity\*.

\*Economists estimate that every dollar a household redeems through SNAP generates about \$1.70 in economic activity.

**Food Insecurity** is our parish service-learning focus for the 2021-2022 year. Opportunities will be offered for you to participate in our statewide focus. Let's get busy making a difference in our community and state.

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### Upcoming Events

- Holiday Livestock Photo Contest – **December 17**
- 4-H Cookery Contest – **December 20**
- Ag Photography Contest – **December 20**
- State 4-H Art Contest – **January 3**
- 4-H Senior Honor Cords – **January 20**
- Valentine Card Contest – **February 9**
- Scott Foundation Scholarship – **March 1**
- Cooperative Enterprise Teen Leadership Conference – **March 24-26**
- 4-H Golden Clover Award – **April 1**
- 4-H Emerald Achievement Award – **April 1**

### Holiday Livestock Photo Contest



Calling all Louisiana 4-H'ers! Submit a photo for the statewide Holiday Livestock Photo Contest. Your photo could be featured on the LSU AgCenter's social media on Christmas Day. The rules are simple. Take a holiday themed photo with your livestock and submit the photo to [lucaspowell@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:lucaspowell@agcenter.lsu.edu) by 4:30 p.m. on **December 17**. Multiple entries will be accepted.

### 4-H Cookery Contest

The East Carroll Parish Cookery Contest will be held **Monday, December 20** with registration from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. and judging at 9:30 a.m. All 4-H



members may enter any or all categories. Only one dish per category, please. **Only one serving per contest entry is required. All entries must arrive on ice in a hard insulated ice chest-type carrier. Entries must be dropped off at the 4-H office between 8 and 9 a.m.**

Winners will be announced by the end of the school day. First place winners will compete in the Regional Cookery in Winnsboro, Louisiana. See your 4-H leader or Mrs. Powell for complete details.

### 4-H Comfort Closet

General Trass Senior High School 4-H Club

## COMFORT CLOSET TOILETRY DRIVE

The goal of the GTHS 4-H Club Comfort Closet is to offer hygiene products to students in need and promote a culture of giving in our community and among students. Items may be given to Mrs. Biaster George at General Trass High School or the East Carroll Parish 4-H Office.

*Items Needed:*

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Mouthwash
- Body Wash
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Lotion
- Flushable Wipes
- Shampoo

**Let's Make A Difference!**

The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in programs and employment. Should you ADA accommodation, please contact: Lekeisha Lucas-Powell at 318-559-1459 or by e-mail at [lucaspowell@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:lucaspowell@agcenter.lsu.edu).

The goal of the General Trass Senior High 4-H Club Comfort Closet Toiletry Drive is to offer hygiene products to students in need and to

promote a culture of giving in our community and among students. Donated items may be given to Mrs. Biaster George at GTHS or dropped off at the 4-H Office. Items needed: deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, mouthwash, body wash, feminine hygiene products, lotion, flushable wipes, shampoo

### Ag Photography Contest

Grab your camera and get to shootin'!

**Deadline is December 20.**

Rules and regulations:

- All photos must relate to agriculture.
- Photos must be taken by individual listed on entry label (get a label from your leader).
- Entry label must include name, parish, grade, and category.
- Photos entered must have been taken during 2021 and in Louisiana.
- All entries must be 8"x10" (color or black and white), no other sizes will be accepted.
- Each photo must include a one-line title.
- You are limited to enter only one photo in each of the categories listed.
- Entries cannot be duplicated.
- Ink jet prints acceptable.

Categories:

- I. Farm Animals
- II. Horticulture (flowers & gardens), Plants, or Crops
- III. Any Other Agriculture (like farm machinery, barns, silos, hen house, etc.)

### Louisiana State 4-H Art Contest



The Citizenship Board Service-learning Committee is holding an art contest for The Louisiana 4-H Day of Service. The theme for this contest is Mental Health. Include a short description of your artwork and how it applies to mental health.

Entries must be submitted by **January 3** to [llucaspowell@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:llucaspowell@agcenter.lsu.edu). Real and digital artworks will be accepted.

### 4-H Senior Honor Cords

The 4-H Honor Cord has the following requirements:

- Must be a graduating senior.
- Must have 3 years of 4-H club work in high school.
- Must have participated in at least one state sponsored 4-H program within the last 3 years.
- Must complete required application.



**Application due: January 20**

### Valentine Card Contest

Create a card to be given to residents at Shady Lake Nursing Home. **Deadline is February 9.**

Cooperative Enterprise Teen Leadership Conference

## COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE TEEN CONFERENCE 2022



WHO: 8TH- 12TH GRADERS  
WHEN: MARCH 24TH- 26TH  
WHERE: THE WESLEY CENTER  
WOODWORTH, LA.  
REGISTER HERE:  
[4-H Member Registration](#)  
[FFA Member Registration](#)

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to sharpen their marketing and financial management skills as they compete in teams to build and manage their own cooperative business at the 2022 Cooperative Enterprise Teen Leadership Conference. The conference will take place at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana, from Thursday, March 24 – Saturday, March 26. The fee is \$50. This event is generously sponsored by the Louisiana Council of Farmer Cooperatives. The **deadline to register is Friday, February 25.**

### Scott Foundation Scholarship

Scott Foundation Scholarship applications are due by **March 1**. Submit completed application by 4:30 p.m. to the 4-H Office.

### 4-H Golden Clover Award

Applications for the 4-H Golden Clover Award for Junior 4-H members will be **due on April 1**. A club member may win the award only one time.

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- Must be 14 years of age or under by January 1 of the club year application is made.
- Must have at least 2 years of 4-H club work, including award year.
- Must score at least 250 points on the application and scorecard.



### 4-H Emerald Achievement Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage project growth and to recognize a broad program of 4-H club members who have shown outstanding leadership ability in their club and parish. A club member may win the award only one time.

- Must be 15 years of age by January 1 of the year application is made.
- Must have 3 years of 4-H club work, including award year.
- Must have completed 1 year of active Junior Leadership work excluding award year.
- Must score at least 360 points on the application and scorecard.

### **Application due: April 1**

*If you require an ADA accommodation to participate in any 4-H activity, please contact the 4-H office at (318) 559-1459 at least two weeks prior to the activity. This newsletter is provided by: Lekeisha Lucas-Powell, 4-H Agent; LSU AgCenter, East Carroll Parish*

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