



THE 4-H CHATTERBOX

FEBRUARY 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.

FEBRUARY 2024

3 – Teen Chef Camp, 4-H Office, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
10-17 – State Livestock Show, Gonzales
13 – Mardi Gras Holiday
19 – Scott Truck & Tractor Scholarship Applications Due
19 – Louisiana 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
22-23 – 4-H Challenge Camp, Louisiana Lions Camp
28 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:30-6:00 P.M.

MARCH 2024

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

APRIL 2024

1 – Grade Horse Certificates Due & Horse Possession Date
12-21 – State Shooting Sports Comp., Port Allen
24 – 4-H University Meeting, 4-H Office, 4:00 P.M.
24 – Jr. Leader Meeting, 4-H Office, 5:00 P.M.

SENIOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Scott Truck and Tractor Company is sponsoring one (1) \$500.00 scholarship to one deserving senior 4-H member in St. Landry Parish. **The recipient does not have to live on a farm.** Applications and letter of recommendation from a school advisor must be submitted to the St. Landry Parish Extension Office by **February 19, 2024**, by those interested. An application can be obtained from a 4-H Agent.

ALSO

Louisiana 4-H Foundation offers scholarships. Fill out a Louisiana 4-H Scholarship Application which can be obtained from a 4-H Agent.



JUNIOR LEADER MEETING

The February meeting will be **Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.**

4-H RECORD BOOK TIME

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

4th, 5th, & 6th Grades: 4-H members are to turn in their project books. If you have more than one project, put your books in a binder that will keep them together. Put your name, grade, and school on the outside cover of your project book. Be sure to complete as many pages as you can. The story page is most important.

7th-12th: Submit 4-H Portfolio plus project books in a binder. Turn in your best effort.

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 4th-6th.**

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.**



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.



4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

This event will be held **Friday, March 22nd 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 23rd 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 (4th-6th 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/parishes/st%20landry for newsletters, forms, etc.

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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 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 8th-12th grades for the 2023-2024 year. 4-H University applications are due to the Extension Office by **April 1, 2024.** **Approximate 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 Extension Office.

