

Avoyelles Parish **CLOVER PARLE**

December 2022/January 2023



Dates to Remember

December

- 1 Commodity Cookery
- 3 Mansura Parade
- 5 Jr. Leader Meeting
- 15 Camp Counselor training
- 16-18 Shooting sports camp
- 17 Leather workshop
Dupont Parade
- 19 Christmas with State
Police

January

- 3 Vet Day - Chickens &
Hooved animals
- 7 Rabbit Vet Day
Barn Clean up
- 9-12 Premier Exhibitor Test
- 16 Service Workshop
- 20-21 Livestock Show
- 30 Clover Award
Applications due



Honor Cord

The 4-H Honor Cord Award recognizes 4-H members who are graduating seniors. For 4-H youth to receive the 4-H Honor Cord, they must meet the following requirements:

Be a currently enrolled 4-H member and in good standing

Must be a graduating senior

Must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 3 years of their high school career

Must have participated in at least one state sponsored 4-H program in the past 3 years, or demonstrated exemplary parish-level program involvement.

Must complete the application form by the state deadline of February 17, 2023.

Scan the QR code to fill out the 2023 Louisiana 4-H Honor Cord application.



2023 Scott Truck & Tractor Scholarship

The Scott Foundation, over the past 32 years has awarded scholarships in 75 parishes and counties in Louisiana and Arkansas. The Scott Truck & Tractor Scholarship can be awarded up to \$500 depending on the number of applications submitted. 4-H offers a wide array of activities, and this scholarship can be awarded to any eligible 4-H member. The application can be accessed through https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/avoyelles/features/4-h/forms_applications. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2023.

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD

The 4-H Golden Clover Award is for 4-H members who are under the age of 14 by January 1 of the year application is made, have at least two years of 4-H club work, and score a 250 or better on the score card. A club member may win the award only one time. For an application, go to www.lsuagcenter.com/avoyelles. Applications can be dropped off via the drop box, brought to the office or emailed and are due to the 4-H office by January 30, 2023.

EMERALD CLOVER AWARD

This award recognizes 4-H Club members who have shown outstanding leadership ability in their club and in their parish. A club member may win the award only one time. Award Requirements: Must be at least 15 years of age by January 1 of the year application is made; Must have three years of 4-H club work, including award year; Must have completed one year of active Junior Leadership work, excluding award year; Must score at least 360 points on the application and scorecard. For an application, go to www.lsuagcenter.com/avoyelles. Applications can be dropped off via the drop box, brought to the office or emailed and are due to the 4-H office by January 30, 2023.

Interested in being a
camp counselor?

Students in grades
9-12 are eligible to serve
as camp counselors during
the Spring and Summer
camps.

Training will take place
on 12/15 @ 5:30pm at
the 4-H office.

Email
aaandrus@agcenter.lsu.edu
to register.



SHOOTING SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS



To stay up to date on shooting sports announcements, text @avoyelles4 to 81010. Shooting sports practice is held at the 4-H office each Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00. This program offers the opportunity to participate in competitions in shotgun/rifle/archery marksmanship. Youth must be a paid 4-H member and enrolled in 4-H online before joining the shooting sports program. Fees for Shooting Sports will be \$30.00. Deadline to join shooting sports is January 1. Email aaandrus@agcenter.lsu.edu for more information.

4-H LEATHER BRANDING WORKSHOP



Come join us at the Avoyelles 4-H office Saturday, December 17th, 9:30-11:30 for a fun hands-on experience at leather branding. You will leave with knowledge of how branding leather is done. You will also leave with your leather item you branded. The cost for this exciting workshop is \$15.00. This event is open to registered 4-H members in grades 6-12. To register for the event, fill out the form questions below. Mail \$15.00 check or money order, made payable to the Avoyelles 4-H Foundation, or call the office to pay with a card. **No Refunds.** Please register by December 15. <https://forms.office.com/r/w37mRY3SBY>

Reap the Awards of 4-H Portfolios

Don't forget to keep working on your project book/portfolio. They will be due to the 4-H office May 31. You can download a copy of the Portfolio at https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/kids_teens/projects/4-h-portfolio or request an agent to email it to you. We encourage all youth to begin working in your portfolios in order to have them completed by the parish due date. Completing a portfolio on the parish level will allow you to compete on the state level where you can reap the awards of all your hard work by receiving trips and even monetary prizes.

4-H DRAW-A-DAIRY BILLBOARD CONTEST

4 H club members are to draw a billboard that encourages or promotes the consumption of milk and milk products from Dairy Cattle Only and their importance for health.

1. Billboard design must be made on 22" x 28" regular poster board size only.
2. DO NOT ATTACH anything to the poster that is more than 1/2" thick.
3. Do not use the commercial brand names of products on the poster. Do not use jingles, slogans, signs or pictures that are trademark or copyright protected on the poster.
4. BE SURE to print name, address, grade in school and parish on back of the poster in the upper right hand corner. Please fill out the reporting form completely.
5. A 4 H club member is allowed to win first place in each division ONLY ONCE.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY MARCH 31.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Fair Entry is now open for registration! You can access the Avoyelles Fair Entry directly by going to <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/17761>. If you are not able to register, please call the 4H office and I can help you register. **Avoyelles Parish Livestock Registration will close January 6, 2023 no exceptions.** Remember, before you can register for the livestock show you must first have your animals and all their paperwork entered on 4H online through <https://v2.4honline.com>, second complete YQCA Youth for the Quality Care of Animals YQCA (yqcaprogram.org). I know this is new and you may have many questions. PLEASE call or come by the 4-H office if any assistance is needed.

Premier Exhibitor dates and times, along with other important Avoyelles Parish Livestock dates and information, can be found on the Fair Entry sign in page.

The Avoyelles Parish Livestock Show Schedule can be access through https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/avoyelles/features/4-h/livestock.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

SERVICE FOCUS

Our Avoyelles Parish 4-H clubs have been focused on helping others in our community. Our projects for December and January center around animal welfare and hospitalized children.

We have created homemade dog toys for Atchafalya River Rescue. We are continuing to accept donations of blankets for the abandoned animals who are living outside during these upcoming winter months. Please consider dropping off old blankets at our office to be given to local animal shelters.

We have also partnered with Louisiana State Police to provide Christmas gifts to children in our local hospitals on Christmas Eve. We are requesting donations of unwrapped toys to be dropped off at our office by December 16th. On December 19th, State Troopers will be visiting our office for Junior Leader Club members to sort and wrap gifts based on age groups.



A DAY OF SERVICE

To celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we are hosting a "Day of Service" workshop. This hands-on event will take place January 16, 2023 at the Avoyelles 4-H Office. **It is open to all youth, regardless of 4-H membership.** Participants will be creating items to be donated to animal shelters and fosters throughout the parish. During the service workshop, youth will rotate through four stations: baking dog treats, making cat toys, creating dog toys, and constructing beds for both cats and dogs. 4th-6th graders can sign up for our 9:30am-12pm workshop. 7th-12th graders can sign up for our 1pm-3:30pm workshop. Cost for 4-H members is a \$6 and non-members is \$12. Make payment over the phone by calling 318-964-2245 or mail payment, made out to Avoyelles 4-H Foundation, to Avoyelles 4-H, 8592 Highway 1, Mansura, LA 71350. **No Refunds.** Scan the QR or type in the link below to sign up by January 10th.



<https://forms.office.com/r/pX7S9Kucpq>



www.lsuagcenter.com/avoyelles



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 at 318-964-2245. **COVID NOTES: We are planning this year to the best of our ability. Please be aware that events may be postponed, transitioned to a virtual format, or cancelled as health needs change.**

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