



Acadia Parish 4-H



The Clover Leaf

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Acadia Parish Extension Office

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Office Hours: M-F 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM

October

- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 4 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30 PM
- 7 Sewing Club Meeting 5:00 PM
- 8 Achievement Day Themes Due
- 8 Coloring Contest Sheets Due
- 11 Informational Shooting Sports Meeting 5:30 PM
- 15 Deadline to let 4-H office know you are showing livestock
- 21 4-H Ambassador & Shooting Sports Ambassador applications due
- 21 Sewing Club Meeting 5:00 PM
- 25 4-H Ambassador & Shooting Sports Ambassador Interviews 3:30 PM

November

- 1 Jr. Leader Meeting 5:30 PM
- 4 Duct Tape entries due
- 4 Challenge Camp registration due
- 4 Sewing Club Meeting 5:00 PM
- 5 Validation due for Beef, Dairy, Sheep, & Goat/ Exhibition Poultry possession date
- 9 Applications due for journey into jobs & demonstrations
- 9 Deadline to join Shooting Sports w/o late fee
- 16 Absolute Deadline to join Shooting Sports w/ late fee
- 18 Sewing Club Meeting 5:00 PM
- 22 ATV Safety Clinic
- 22 Mental Health Awareness Workshop
- 23 Commodity Cookery Contest Extravaganza

What is 4-H?

4-H is the largest youth organization in the United States! Louisiana's 4-H program has thousands of members who take part in 4-H meetings and activities year-round. It's all about you really. You can even create a project focus of your own. 4-H covers a wide range of projects to do on your own or with your friends and family members! Follow your passion and see how far it will take you!

What does it cost to join?

You will only pay dues at the beginning of each school year. Each school club has their own fee, so ask your leader the cost. **Sign up during National 4-H Week (October 3-9) and save \$3!**

Learn it!

4-H develops life skills! Life skills are tools we use for making important decisions that can enhance the quality of our lives. Youth practice leadership, communication, teamwork and decision-making that help them become productive members of society.

Join it!

Any boy or girl, who is 9 years old by January 1st of the current school year through the 12th grade and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards, is eligible for membership. **This year you can join 4-H Online! To join 4-H Online, visit <https://v2.4honline.com> or scan the QR code on the right.**

What are some other 4-H programs?

Camping, shooting sports, sewing, parish contests, 4-H University, pet show, Achievement Day and many other programs are offered through 4-H. Going places and doing things in 4-H helps to teach boys and girls to enjoy working together. These programs add interest to the 4-H project by offering additional fun-type educational opportunities that promote the ideals of 4-H.

Achievement Day Theme

Do you enjoy drawing and expressing yourself artistically? If you said yes, then the Achievement Day Theme contest is for you! **Open to all 4th-12th graders!** All you need to do is come up with a catchy slogan and a colorful picture. Draw your creation on regular 8 1/2" X 11" typing paper and turn it into your school. Entries relating to the advertisement of cigarettes or alcohol will not be accepted. **Entries are due on October 8th.** Be sure to include your name, school, and grade on the back of the entry. Multiple entries per participant will be accepted. No computer-generated themes will be accepted! Winner will receive a cash prize!



National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is **October 3-9!** We would like to see all clubs participate in activities such as making treats for teachers, hanging signs or banners around school or have green and white dress up day, etc. Take the time to celebrate your wonderful club organization. **Remember we are having a school display picture club contest!** Must be an outside school display! Due via email to Mrs. Mary Beth at mleonards@agcenter.lsu.edu on **October 7th.**

Sewing Club

Learn how to sew and make your own quilt! This club is open to all 6th-12th grade 4-H members. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:00 PM starting October 7th at our office. No experience needed! To join this club or for more information, sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/4HQuiltClub>

New and Returning Livestock Exhibitors

We are asking that all Livestock Exhibitors fill out the short survey below by October 15th. This will enable us to make sure that we prepare for next year's show accordingly and ensure that you receive all of the proper communication necessary. <https://tinyurl.com/AcadiaLivestock>

Join the Jr. Leadership Club!

This club is open to all 7th-12th grade 4-H members. Junior Leaders have fun helping younger 4-H'ers with their project work and assisting in their communities. This club participates in numerous activities where members meet and make friends with other teenagers throughout the parish and state. They also attend an educational

awards trip each summer as a reward for their participation throughout the year. **Meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 PM** at the Acadia Parish Extension Office. **October's meeting (October 4) has been moved to Mr. Gattis in Crowley.** To join the Jr. Leadership Club, sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/AcadiaJL> by **December 1, 2021.**

4-H Ambassadors

We are looking for dedicated 4-H members in grades 8th-12th to promote 4-H in Acadia Parish. The Ambassadors will be expected to promote 4-H through attending civic organizational meetings, presenting radio spots, encouraging others to join 4-H and completing community service activities. To apply, you will need to fill out an application and complete an interview. Applications can be found at (<https://tinyurl.com/AcadiaAmbassador>). Applications are due on October 21, 2021! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Interviews will be held at the 4-H office on October 25, 2021, beginning at 3:30 PM. All those who submit applications must be present at interviews in order to be selected.

Shooting Sports Ambassadors

The Shooting Sports program is looking for dedicated 4-H members in grades 8th-12th to promote the Shooting Sports program in Acadia Parish. The Shooting Sports Ambassadors will be expected to promote Shooting Sports through attending civic organizational meetings, presenting radio spots and encouraging others to join the program. To apply, you will need to fill out an application and complete an interview. Applications can be found at

<https://tinyurl.com/SSAmbassador>.

Applications are due on October 21, 2021! NO EXCEPTIONS! Interviews will be held at the 4-H office on **October 25, 2021**, beginning at 3:30 PM. All those who submit applications must be present at interviews in order to be selected.

Holiday Commodity Sale

The Acadia Parish 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring a holiday sale, offering rice, sweet potatoes, shelled pecans and gourmet pecans. This fundraiser provides funds for parish scholarships, Achievement Day activities and club meeting activities. All of the commodities are Louisiana grown. Rice and sweet potatoes are from Garber Farms in Iota and pecans are from Point Coupee Pecans. **Deadline to place orders is October 29, 2021.** You can place an order online via this link <https://acadia-4-h-foundation.square.site/>

Duct Tape Contest

Participate in our annual 4-H Duct Tape Contest. Youth in grades 4th-8th will now compete at the parish level. **This contest is now open to ALL youth in Acadia Parish!!** Projects should be student created. You **CANNOT** duct tape on top of a pre-existing item. You may use cardboard, wire and clips **ONLY**. Categories: Clothing :(belts, vest, hats, shoes) Accessories: (Wallets, purses, hair bows, key chains, etc.) Room Decorations: (photo frame, flower arrangement, etc.). Each participant may enter **ONE** item per category. You may not re-enter an item that was already entered in the previous year's contest. **All duct tape entries are due to the 4-H Extension Office by November 4, 2021.**

Commodity Cookery & Contests Extravaganza

This is the biggest contest day that we will be offering this year! The Commodity Cookery & Contests Extravaganza will be held on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**, at the 4-H office. Registration for the cookery begins at 8:30 AM. Judging and other contests will begin at 9:00 AM. Once judging begins, no late dishes will be accepted. The contests for the Commodity Cookery and Contests Extravaganza are the Commodity Cookery, Demonstrations, Journey into Jobs, Meat ID and Poultry ID. The Commodity Cookery categories are Beef: low calorie, quick and easy, one-dish meal; Seafood: shrimp, crawfish, oyster, fish, crab; Sugar: baked, non-baked; Rice: main dish, side dish, dessert; Bento.

Journey into Jobs: This contest will help you prepare for future job interviews and applications. Contestants must pre-register by filling out an application found on our website under contests/events. Applications must be turned into your club leader. Applications are division-specific based on grade (Division I: grades 4-6, Division II: grades 7-8, Division III: grades 9-12). Contestants will be interviewed, and asked questions related to a present or future career or job. All contestants are expected to dress nice and neat to best present themselves to the judges. Questions asked by judges will be division specific. More information can be found on our website.

Demonstrations: Open to all 4-H members. You can do a demonstration individually or as a team of two. Please see your club leader to register for this contest. Members of a team demonstration

can be from different clubs and different grades but will compete in the oldest team member's grade division. All demonstrations must be practiced and prepared prior to the contest. There is a limit of no more than two demonstrations per 4-H member and one entry per category.

Meat ID & Poultry ID: open to youth in 4th-12th grades. Youth will identify cuts of meat along with meat and poultry judging practices. Visit our website for all the rules, regulations, study guides, and forms can be found on our website, <https://tinyurl.com/Acadia4HEvents>.

Challenge Camp

Are you ready for Challenge Camp? Come join us as we develop leaders in times of challenges on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**. 4-H Challenge camp this year will be a day camp from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Rock 'n Bowl in Lafayette (905 Jefferson Street Lafayette, LA 70501). 4-H Challenge Camp is designed to support Louisiana State Standards, and this is for 7th and 8th graders ONLY. This camp will be full of activities that will increase self-confidence and self-reliance in young people while following all COVID-19 guidelines. Youth participants will be excused from school on this day. Parents will pick up and drop off youth at Rock 'n Bowl. To sign up to attend this camp, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/4HChallengeCamp>. Payment and registration are due to the 4-H Office no later than **Friday, November 4, 2021**. The cost of the camp is \$30.00, and this includes snacks, lunch, and T-Shirt. Money is non-refundable. You may attend even if you already attended in the past. 4-H Challenge Camp is one of the most valuable encounters a young person can have.

Registration is first come first serve and only 13 spots are available.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop

Isaac Temple, 4-H Citizenship State Board Member, is hosting a Mental Health Awareness Workshop in conjunction with Louisiana Spirit on **November 22, 2021**, from 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM at the Jeff Davis Parish Fairground Multipurpose Building. Students in grades 4th-8th are encouraged to attend. The day will be filled with fun activities and crafts that focus on students' overall health. Lunch will be provided (hot dogs and hamburgers), but students are welcome to provide their own lunch as well. There are only 20 spots available and there are no fees for this event. To register, please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4HMentalHealth>. Deadline to register is **November 5, 2021**.

ATV Safety Clinic

We are hosting an ATV Safety Clinic Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Acadia Parish Rice Arena in Crowley. You are invited to get into gear and learn more about ATV safety. The ATV Safety Clinic is open to all 4-H youth ages 9 to 13. We will have two separate sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. After registration closes, we will determine who does what session. All materials and equipment will be provided at the clinic. Please **do not** bring an ATV. You must wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Space is limited. To register for the event, go here <https://acadia-4-h-foundation.square.site/> **registration closes on November 8, 2021**, so do not delay register today!

Livestock Validation & Possession Dates!

Animals must be in exhibitor's possession and validated by the following dates below. All animals can be validated by the exhibitor or parent on their own premise. The responsibility of tagging and collecting DNA hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Exhibitors should request a validation kit from the extension office. The validation will consist of ear tagging, pulling a hair sample & placing it in the envelope provided. **Validation envelopes must be returned to the 4-H Office with the \$7 fee by the deadline stated below.**

<https://tinyurl.com/AcadiaPLivestock>

Animals validated must be in the exhibitor's name or family name. Animals tagged for the 2021 LA State Fair may utilize the State Fair tag but must still pull hair to complete the LSU AgCenter State Show validations.

Validation and Possession Dates:
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Com. Does, Market Goats, Com. Lambs, Market Lambs, Com. Heifers and Com. Dairy Heifers: **November 5, 2021, by 4:30 P.M.**

Market Swine and Commercial Gilts: **December 2, 2021, by 4:30 P.M.**

Hunter Safety Class

We are hosting a Hunter Education course for shooting sports participants on **October 23-24, 2021**, at the Acadia Parish 4-H office from 8 AM to 3 PM on Saturday and 8 AM-12 Pm on Sunday. This class is ONLY being offered for youth who are participating in shooting sports in Acadia Parish this year. Seating is limited. To register please contact Mrs. Melissa Fusilier at 337-581-3017 with the following information: Youth First, Middle & Last Name, Suffix (if applicable), Youth Gender, Youth Ethnicity, Youth Date of Birth, Email address, Phone Number, Mobile Number, Physical Address, Mailing Address Also, lunch **WILL NOT** be provided. Youth will have to pack their own

lunch, drinks and snacks. Youth will need to bring their own mask, highlighter, pencil and eye protection as well. *Youth that are 9 years old will receive an attendance certificate only and will have to retake the course after they turn 10 years old.

Shooting Sports

This year we will have an informational meeting on October 11, 2021, at 5:30 PM at the 4-H office. All parents/guardians and youth are encouraged to attend. We are pushing back the deadline to join shooting sports. **The new deadline without a late fee is November 9th and the absolute deadline to join with a \$10 late fee is November 16th.** Last year's members should have received the registration packet in the mail. You can find registration and forms and information on our website, <https://tinyurl.com/Acadia4HShooting> or to simply join, you can join here <https://tinyurl.com/ShootSport>



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Remind Text (text @4-halerts to 81010 to stay up to date with deadlines and new events)

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 337-788-8821.