



**Welcome Back to 4-H!** We are ready for a new & exciting year! 4-H is a club for boys & girls ages 9 to 19. For detailed information & online enrollment instructions, please visit our website, [How Do I Join 4-H?](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in)

To enroll/re-enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

**The general 4-H enrollment fee for 2025-2026 is \$8.** Note: If a club is available at your school, please follow the school club leader's enrollment guidelines. If there isn't a club at your school or if you homeschool, you may still join 4-H as a Member-At-Large & participate in all 4-H activities. Just call or come by the 4-H office for details or enroll online! You can even pay your dues online now!

**Join the Ouachita 4-H Seaperch Team!** For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members, SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips students, educators, & parents with the resources they need to build an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) in an in- or out-of-school setting. **A parent meeting will be held September 16, 5:30-7pm** at the 4-H office. Practices are at 4pm on the following dates:

September 30  
October 7  
November 18  
December 2

January 6  
February 3  
February 24

Competitions: March 6 & 7



**The 2025 Ark-La-Miss Fair will be held September 26–October 5, 2025, at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center, 501 Mane Street in West Monroe.** Come by the 4-H office to pick up your fair book, tags, & forms for your fair entries. There are several projects available – from photography, baking, canning, to arts & crafts, & more! Livestock Lane & 4-H Petting Zoo will also be at the fair. The Ark-La-Miss Fair Livestock Show schedule can be found on the Fair Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/ArkLaMissFair>.



You can find us on Facebook so you don't miss any of the exciting things we have planned this year! We have 2 Facebook pages: **Ouachita 4-H** (our main page) & **Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports** (dedicated just to our Shooting Sports program). If you have any questions about anything you see on our Facebook pages, give us a call: 323-2251.

### The dates for the Tractor Supply Winter Paper Clover

**Campaign are November 28-December 14, 2025.** Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to prepare youth to be ready for work & life. The success of the Paper Clover campaign has raised more than \$24 million to impact local youth with the technical skills & life skills that prepare them for whatever comes their way. Head out to your local Tractor Supply store, located at 201 Mane Street in West Monroe, & buy a paper clover to help support your parish 4-H program!



### Mrs. Bethany Corona

has been a 4-H agent in Ouachita since 2023. She graduated from Farmerville High School & earned her bachelor's degree at ULM. She will cover Middle & High School clubs, Jr. Leaders, Livestock, Photography, & Robotics clubs!

**Ms. Lena Thornton** has been a 4-H agent in Ouachita since 2024. She graduated from Lasalle High School & earned her bachelor's degree at ULM. She will cover Elementary School clubs, Shooting Sports, & Zoo clubs!

*We are looking forward to a great year with Ouachita 4-H & You!*

**GET TO  
KNOW YOUR  
4-H AGENT!**

### Calendar of Events

**New Shooter Meeting:** Sept. 4  
**Zoo Club:** Sept. 6  
**NE Region Challenge Camp:** Sept. 7-9  
**Photography Club:** Sept. 9  
**Parent Meeting:** Sept. 16  
**SS Coach/Coordinator Training:** Sept. 20  
**Jr. Leaders Kick-Off:** Sept. 22  
**Robotics Club:** Sept. 23  
**Ark-La-Miss Fair:** Sept. 26-Oct. 5  
**Ouachita 4-H Talent Show:** Sept. 27  
**Black Bayou Hunting & Fishing Day:** Sept. 27  
**Seaperch Practice:** Sept. 30  
**Smiles & Stock Show:** Oct. 1  
**Dive Into the Sea of Ouachita 4-H:** Oct. 2  
**Showmanship Clinic:** Oct. 3  
**Ark-La-Miss Fair Livestock Show:** Oct. 4  
**National 4-H Week:** Oct. 5-11  
**eSports Practice:** Oct. 6  
**Seaperch Practice:** Oct. 7  
**The Great Pumpkin Drone Workshop:** Oct. 13  
**Robotics Club:** Oct. 13  
**Ouachita 4-H Festival:** Oct. 15  
**Zoo Club:** Oct. 16  
**Range Round Robin:** Oct. 19  
**Feathers & Fur:** Oct. 20  
**Jr. Leaders Meeting:** Oct. 23



## IMPORTANT

**National 4-H Week is October 5-11, 2025!** National 4-H Week, the first full week of October, is a week-long celebration of 4-H across the country. During National 4-H Week, promote 4-H in your school & community with fun activities. Some ideas include providing refreshments for school staff, placing 4-H signs on lockers of members, placing posters throughout the school, & having a 4-H member read a PSA each morning!

**#4HBeyondReady**



**Join the Ouachita 4-H eSports Team!** Any 4-H member grades 4-12 is welcome. Games include Rocket League, Smash Brothers, Mario Kart (Jr. only). There are monthly practices & regional competitions. **A parent meeting will be held September 16, 5:30-7pm** at the 4-H office. Practices will be the first Monday each month, 5-6pm on the following dates:

October 6	December 1	February 2	April 6
November 3	January 5	March 2	

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, come join Ouachita 4-H Jr. Leaders monthly for service-learning, leadership, food, & fun!** Come when you can – no pressure! We will meet 6-8pm each month at the 4-H office, so save the dates!

September 22	November 20	January 17	March 26-28 (retreat)
October 23	December 22	February 12	April 20

**Join Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports!** You must be 9 years old by January 1, 2026 & you must join 4-H. Shooting Sports registration fees are \$30 per child, with a family maximum of \$50. 4-H dues are \$8. Practice dates will be posted soon. Registration form can be found at [Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports](http://Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports) or go to our webpage at [lsuagcenter.com/Ouachita](http://lsuagcenter.com/Ouachita), click on 4-H, then click on Shooting Sports, then Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports.



**New Shooter Meeting:** September 4, 6pm, 4-H Office Auditorium

**Coordinator/Coach Training:** September 20, OPSO Range

**Round Robin:** October 19, 2-4pm, OPSO Range with experienced shooters helping coaches & coordinators

**Clays 4 Kids:** February 21, OPSO Range

**Regional SS Competition:** March 6-15, Shreveport

**State SS Competition:** April 10-19, Baton Rouge

**Fun Day with Awards/Recognitions:** May 3, 2-4pm, OPSO Range

**National SS Competition:** June 20-27, Grand Island, Nebraska

**4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, join our Afterschool Robotics Club** using the Lego Spike Prime System powered by Drax. Learn coding, engineering, & compete with other teams!

**A parent meeting will be held September 16, 5:30-7pm** at the 4-H office. For both beginners & advanced!

September 23: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm	January 27: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm
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October 13: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm	February 16: All 1-4pm
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November 24: Beg. 1-4pm	March 24: All 1-4pm
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November 25: Adv. 1-4pm	April 21: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm
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December 22: Beg. 4-5pm, Adv. 5-6pm
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**Competition: Saturday May 2, Beg. 9am-12pm, Adv. 1-4pm**



**Come join the Ouachita 4-H Zoo Club!** There will be a service project & educational program presented at each meeting (dress in comfortable clothes with closed toe shoes). Sign in & drop off/pick up location is just inside the zoo gate. We have some fun new surprises for the upcoming year! **Zoo Club will meet 9am-12pm at Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo** (1405 Bernstein Park Rd., Monroe).

September 6	December 6	March 23
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October 16	January 5	April 25
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November 22	February 7	May 25
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## IMPORTANT

**The Ouachita 4-H Bulletin will be distributed monthly at the school club meetings from September thru April.** It will also be available on our website, [https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our\\_offices/parishes/ouachita/features/4-h/newsletters](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/ouachita/features/4-h/newsletters)

If you have any questions about Ouachita Parish 4-H, give us a call at (318) 323-2251. The 4-H office is open Monday thru Friday, 8am-4:30pm.

Join our Ouachita 4-H Photography Club, led by **West Monroe Mayor, Staci Mitchell**, who was recently inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame! Join us each month at a different location to take photos & learn about photography. Join our GroupMe to stay in the loop. **Photography Club fee of \$20 includes a t-shirt & supplies for activities.** Learn from a pro, participate in monthly challenges & contests, meet new friends, win prizes, & display at Art Crawl! **For our first meeting, we will meet at Kiroli Park in West Monroe Tuesday, September 9, 4-5:30pm.**

## OUACHITA 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

### 4-H Pledge

*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.*



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