



St. John 4-H Clover Chronicle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022 EDITION

September

- 5:** Labor Day – 4-H Office Closed
- 17:** Bash on the Bayou
- 21:** Southeast Region Volunteer Training
- 23-26:** Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference

October

- 2-8:** National 4-H Week
- 3:** Jr. Leader Meeting
- 3:** Citizenship Washington Focus Registration Due
- 4:** Challenge Camp Registration Due
- 5-16:** Fall Paper Clover – Tractor Supply
- 6-9:** Volunteer Conference of Southern States
- 25-16:** State Fair of Louisiana - Shreveport
- 31:** Pumpkin Decorating Contest Judging
- 27:** Challenge Camp

November

- 3:** Veterans Day Cards Due
- 7:** Jr. Leader Meeting
- 7:** Validation/Possession Date for Livestock
- 8-9:** Challenge Camp – Amite, LA
- 12:** Fall Cookery Contest
- 12:** Pet Show
- 14:** Possession Date for Livestock
- 24-25:** Thanksgiving – 4-H Office Closed

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start" – Nido Qubein

MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H AGENT



I want to take the time to personally welcome each of you to the St. John the Baptist Parish 4-H Program. For the last three years, I have served as the 4-H Agent in East Feliciana Parish, and during the summer, I transition to continue my career in St. John Parish.

I look forward to getting to know each member and volunteer, as you will hear me often refer to this great organization as a family, as 4-H is more than a club.

The 4-H family spreads across parish lines, state lines, and even across the ocean to various international countries.

4-H has given me a lot. I have been to places I had never imagined I would be able to go; I have met people I would have never thought I would meet, and I have been involved in this organization on levels I would have never thought possible.

ST. JOHN 4-H HELPING YOUTH THRIVE

A spark is a passion for a self-identified interest or skill or a capacity that metaphorically lights a fire in your life, providing energy, joy, purpose, and direction. 4-H has a mission to help youth thrive.

From assisting youth find their spark to assisting in having academic and vocational success. With 30+ different projects to choose from, 4-H has something for you. So, join us this year and allow 4-H to help you thrive!



JOINING ST. JOHN 4-H



Beginning this 4-H year, all parishes across Louisiana will utilize 4-H Online as the official enrollment and event management system.

All 4-H members and 4-H volunteers must complete a profile to take full advantage of everything 4-H offers. Do you want to go to 4-H Summer Camp? Well, you'll have to be registered in 4-H Online. Would you like to go to 4-H University (8th-12th graders)? Well, you'll have to be registered in 4-H Online. Will you want to attend 4-H Achievement Day? Well, you'll have to be registered in 4-H Online.

To access 4-H online, visit v2.4honline.com or scan the QR Code. Check with your school club leader to see how much membership dues are this

Stay Connected with 4-H on Social Media

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The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in employment and programs. Should you need an ADA accommodation, please get in touch with the St. John 4-H Office at least two weeks before the event.



year. We do have traditional paper enrollment forms. Should you need any, contact your club leader or Mr. Xavier at Xbell@agcenter.lsu.edu.



LOUISIANA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BENEFIT



It's never too late to start saving! As members of St. John 4-H, members can open a Youth Savings Account from Louisiana Federal Credit Union!

So how can you take advantage of this benefit? Stop by the Louisiana FCU LaPlace branch or open your account online at www.louisianafcu.org. (Click on bank then youth accounts) A birth certificate and social security card are required, and mention you are a member of St. John Parish 4-H. If you have any questions, contact Sandi Lambert [at slambert@LouisianaFCU.org](mailto:slambert@LouisianaFCU.org).

BASH ON THE BAYOU

Bash on the Bayou, formally called 4-H Night with the Tigers, will be held Saturday, September 17, 2022. Join Louisiana 4-H'ers, FFA members, and the LSU College of Agriculture as LSU takes on SEC opponent Mississippi State.



The tailgate party will occur from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Parker Coliseum. Admission to the tailgate is \$5 per person. If you want to attend the game, you can purchase discounted tickets (\$38/ticket) at <https://fs8.formsite.com/laffa/loozdnjzmq/index.html> or scan the QR code.



SOUTHEAST REGION VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING



Whether a first-time 4-H Volunteer or a veteran 4-H Volunteer, the Southeast Region Volunteer & Leadership Training will allow you to network with other volunteers across the region, learn and prepare you to succeed this 4-H year.

During this training, you will have the opportunity to partake in the following workshops: 4-H 101, 4-H Online, school enrichment opportunities, creating an inclusive environment for youth, the State 4-H Service-learning focus, and more.

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: 4-H Mini Farm, LSU Campus

Registration Fee: FREE

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Open to both youth and adult 4-H volunteers. To register, visit https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5thpz8PPG0rmuDY or scan the QR code.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

4-H'ers in ages 14-19 can strengthen their communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level; understanding the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders; exchanging ideas, practicing respect, and



form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds, and experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's Capital City, Washington, D.C.

The St. John Parish 4-H Foundation will sponsor two (2) youth to participate in this experience. Citizenship Washington Focus will take place June 25-July 1, 2023, OR July 2-8, 2023. The deadline to submit your application is Monday, October 3, 2022.

For more information, visit

<https://lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1659982280270> or scan the QR Code



SOUTHEAST REGION CHALLENGE CAMP

Are you wondering what you can do next after attending 4-H Summer Camp? Well, the answer is to attend the Southeast Region Challenge Camp! This overnight camping opportunity is open to 7th and 8th-grade 4-H members. During this camp, participants will complete various challenges, enhancing their critical thinking and communication skills.

The 2022 Southeast Region 4-H Challenge Camp will be held Tuesday, **November 8 – Wednesday, November 9, 2022**, at the Lion King Retreat Center in Amite, LA. **The participation cost is \$20**, which covers lodging, meals, shirt, and transportation. Space is limited; therefore, spots will be given on a first come-first serve basis. You must complete your 4-H enrollment in 4-H Online and **submit your registration form by Tuesday, October 4, 2022.**

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit

https://lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/st%20john/features/4-h/camps-events/challenge-camp or scan the QR code



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: OPPORTUNITY4ALL

Join 4-H members, volunteers, and alums from across the country to celebrate being a part of the nation's largest youth development organization during National 4-H Week, **October 2nd – 8th, 2022**.

This year's theme for National 4-H Week is **Opportunity4All**. Talent is everywhere, but opportunities are not; therefore, we want to help make every kid's potential count.

Check out a challenge and contest being conducted right here in St. John Parish.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

- **Sunday, October 2 – Service Sunday:** How are you making a difference in your community? Conduct/participate in a service project.
- **Monday, October 3 – Marvelous Monday:** Share why you think 4-H is so "marvelous."
- **Tuesday, October 4 – Spark Tuesday:** What is your spark, and how has 4-H helped you find your spark?
- **Wednesday, October 5 – Wear Green Wednesday:** Wear your favorite 4-H or green shirt to show your 4-H Spirit.
- **Thursday, October 6 – Throwback Thursday:** Share your favorite 4-H memory
- **Friday, October 7 – Favorite Project Friday:** What 4-H project or event is your favorite?
- **Saturday, October 8 – Shoutout Saturday:** Thank someone who supported you or currently supports you in 4-H.

Post your pictures on social media and tag St. John 4-H!

4-H DISPLAY CONTEST

Celebrate National 4-H Week by displaying your 4-H pride around your schools. You can show your pride by decorating the front of the school, a bulletin board, a wall, or anything in between. Only one entry per school will be allowed. If your school plans to participate, complete the registration at https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8HczsUOUuGGyReu. All displays must be ready to showcase on Tuesday morning, October 4. The winning school will receive either ice cream or a cookie cake party.

PUMPKIN DECORATING/CARVING CONTEST



4-H'ers gather your paintbrushes or carving knives and participate in the St. John 4-H Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest.

This contest is open to all registered 4-H and Cloverbud members. Members can only submit one (1) painted pumpkin, or one (1) carved pumpkin.

Categories

- Scariest
- Animals
- Characters

- 4-H Spirit

All pumpkins will be judged at the youth's school on **Monday, October 31.**

For more information, visit

<https://lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1661400492314> or scan the

QR Code



THANK-A-VETERAN

On November 11 of each year, the nation honors all living military veterans. Veterans are men and women who have served in any branch of the United States Military, such as the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.



To honor the brave men and women who have fought for this country, the St. John Parish 4-H Program will ask 4-H members to write thank you cards to be delivered to the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve. See below guidelines for cards:

- Open to all 4-H members and Cloverbud members
- No glitter can be used
- Cannot use larger than an 8.5x11 in. sheet of paper

All cards will be picked up at each school on Thursday, November 3



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK

The 2022-2023 show season is upon us! Are you interested in participating in the 2022-23 St. John 4-H and FFA Livestock Program? Check the important dates below, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Xavier.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 7, 2022 – Validation for Commercial Beef, Dairy, Ewe & Doe, and Market Lam & Goat due to 4-H Office

November 7, 2022 – Possession date for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Exhibition Poultry

November 14, 2022 – Possession date for Mini Cattle

December 2, 2022 – Validation for Commercial & Market Hogs due to 4-H Office

December 2, 2022 – Possession Dates for Breeding Swine

December 2, 2022 – District Livestock Show Entry Forms Due to the 4-H Office

January 5, 2023 – Broiler Chick Pick Up

Complete the **interest form** online today and stay updated with information by visiting our **Livestock website.**