



4-H YD NEWS

St. Charles Parish 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

February 2026



Upcoming Events

February

5-7: 4-H District Livestock Show
10: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest,
 4-H Jr. Leader & CHEF Meetings
14-21: 4-H State Livestock Show
15: 4-H Scholarship due date
16: Parish 4-H Workshop Day
17: LSU AgCenter Office closed
19-21: State 4-H Spark-Action-
 Change Summit

March

6-8: 4-H State Jr. Leadership
 Conference
10: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest,
 4-H Jr. Leader & CHEF Meetings
21-31: 4-H Regional Shooting
 Sports Match

**Check out our LSU AgCenter
 website and social media for
 additional opportunities.**

For more information, contact your
 LSU AgCenter Extension Office



St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter

Physical Address:
 453 Spruce Street, Norco, La.
 Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 557, Norco, LA 70079
 Phone: 985-785-4473

Office Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

4-H Agent: Dr. Kali Zammit

Email: kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu

Website: www.lsuagcenter.com/stcharles

*The LSU AgCenter and LSU provides equal
 opportunities in employment and programs.
 Should you need an ADA accommodation, please
 contact the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office
 at least two weeks prior to the event.*

Message from your 4-H Agent



**Dr. Zammit pictured with 4-H'ers at St. Charles Parish 4-H MLK Day of Service Event.*

Take time this month to try something new to
 make your best even better! Check out our
 upcoming 4-H activities that encourage you to
 use your head to clearer thinking, your heart to
 greater loyalty, your hands for larger service, and
 your health for better living. There is something
 for everyone in 4-H, so venture out and try
 something new today!

-Dr. Kali Zammit, St. Charles Parish 4-H Agent

4-H Summer Overnight Opportunities:

Applications, forms, and fees due April 1, 2026

During each summer, there are opportunities for youth to expand their 4-H experience by
 participating in statewide 4-H overnight opportunities. All applications, forms, and fees for
 the 3 major statewide 4-H events listed below will be due to our St. Charles Parish LSU
 AgCenter Office by **April 1, 2026**. Applications will be available on 4-H Club Google
 Classrooms, our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter website, or may be requested through your
 4-H Agent at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu.



4-H University

Application Deadline:

April 1, 2026

Event Date:

June 23-26, 2026

Age Requirement:

For current 8th-12th graders

Event details:

*4-day, 3-night statewide
 college-like experience on
 LSU campus in
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana*



4-H Camp

Application Deadline:

April 1, 2026

Event Date:

May 25-28, 2026

Age Requirement:

For current 4th-6th graders

Event details:

*4-day, 3-night statewide summer
 camp experience at Camp Grant
 Walker Educational Center in
 Pollock, Louisiana*



4-H LOST Camp

Application Deadline:

April 1, 2026

Event Date:

July 30, 2026 – August 2, 2026

Age Requirement:

For current 7th-8th graders

Event details:

*4-day, 3-night statewide
 summer camp experience at
 Camp Grant Walker Educational
 Center in Pollock, Louisiana*



WE ARE BEYOND READY

St. Charles Parish 4-H Beyond Ready Achievement

Beyond Ready Meter

Help to make our best even better!
Everyone is encouraged to do your part
to help our St. Charles Parish 4-H
Program reach its Beyond Ready Goal,
which includes the

Louisiana 4-H

Fantastic 4 Principles.

Check out our monthly newsletters for
ideas to reach our goal and highlights
of our success. Clubs who achieve their
goal will receive recognition and
awards. Tune in each month to see our
progress and check out your 4-H
Google Classroom for status updates.



Beyond Ready METER

Enrollment

112% Achieved

Leadership

82% Achieved

Civic Engagement

55% Achieved

4-H Camp & 4-H University

Achievement
pending reporting

Enrollment

Goal: To increase school & community club membership

Spotlight: 4-H Club Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following 4-H clubs who have met their 4-H Enrollment Goal:

- Ethel Schoeffner Elementary
- Lakewood Elementary
- Norco Elementary
- R. K. Smith Middle School
- St. Charles Borromeo (4th grade)
- St. Charles Borromeo (5th-7th grade)
- 4-H CHEF Club
- 4-H Fashion Club
- 4-H Home School Community Club
- 4-H Jr. Leader Club
- 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Award Incentive: Each club who increases by at least 1 member will receive support for a 4-H club party and/or awards for the club's 4-H members and 4-H Leaders. **Clubs have until March 1, 2026, to reach their goal.**

Leadership

Goal: To increase participation in 4-H Jr. Leaders & enhanced leadership opportunities

Spotlight: Enhanced Leadership Opportunities

Contact your 4-H Agent for more information on any of the following enhanced leadership opportunities:

- Parish 4-H Jr. Leader Club (7th-12th grade)
- 4-H University (8th-12th grade)
- State 4-H Boards & Ambassadors (8th-11th grade)
- 4-H Camp Counselor (9th-12th grade)



Civic Engagement

Goal: For every club to participate in a community service or service-learning project

Spotlight: 4-H Club Leaders

Thank you to all of our St. Charles Parish 4-H Club Leaders who continue to volunteer their time and effort to engaging our 4-H members in their community throughout the year. 4-H Club Leaders are asked to check their emails for information on reporting their club's 4-H community service or service-learning projects from this year.

Award Incentive: Every club who **reports** participating in at least 1 service-learning cycle/project and/or 3 community service projects **by March 15** will receive an award.

4-H Camp & 4-H University

Goal: To increase attendance at 4-H Camp and to have at least 10 youth participate in 4-H University contests or Clover College program

Spotlight: Krewe de 4-H U

4-H University is a premium, statewide 4-H conference for 8th-12th graders. Enjoy a guided college-life experience on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge by staying in campus dorms, attending interactive classes, and competing in state contests to win premium awards. To learn more, complete the [4-H U Interest Survey](#).

2026 Event Dates: 4-H Camp (May 25-28) and 4-H University (June 23-26)

4-H Camp, LOST Camp, and 4-H U Applications are due April 1, 2026. See Page 4 for details.





*For the latest information on our
St. Charles Parish 4-H Program,
check out the following:*



St. Charles Parish
LSU AgCenter Website
www.lsuagcenter.com/stcharles



St. Charles 4-H Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/scp4h



St. Charles 4-H Instagram
@scp4h



Google Classroom

Many school clubs will use Google Classroom to communicate with their 4-H'ers. See your 4-H club leader for information on how to access their communication tools.

To participate in the 4-H Culinary Arts Contest, 4-H members need to complete the [4-H Culinary Arts Registration Form](#) by the submission date. 4-H members also need to bring 2 servings of their dish, **cold and on ice**, in a sealed, non-returnable container on the submission date for each contest between **9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** at the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office, located at 453 Spruce Street in Norco, La. See online form for all rules.

Upcoming 4-H Culinary Arts Contest Submission Dates:

Tuesday, February 10, 2026: Beef

Tuesday, March 10, 2026: Seafood



To participate in this contest, complete the [4-H Photography Contest Online Form](#) by the dates listed below. Official rules are listed in the online form. Contest submissions may be submitted early. No late submissions will be accepted.

Upcoming 4-H Photography Contest Dates:

March 1, 2026: Still Life Photos



The theme for this year's beef poster contest is: **Raising the Steaks**. This contest is open to K-12th grade 4-H members. Only 4th-12th grade students are eligible to move on to the state level. **All entries are due to the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office by March 1, 2026.** Visit the [Louisiana 4-H Beef Poster Contest online article](#) for contest rules.



This contest is open to K-12th grade 4-H members. Only 4th-12th grade students are eligible to move on to the state level. Entries are due to the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office by **April 1, 2026**. Visit the [4-H Dairy Poster Contest web article](#) for rules.



To participate in this contest, 4-H'ers complete a 4-H Records Portfolio and submit it to our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office in **one** of the following ways:

- **Google Classroom Assignment Submission**
- **4-H Records Online Submission**
- **Print & Delivery Submission**



For contest and submission details, read the [4-H Records Contest Online Form](#). All entries are due **April 1, 2026**. No late submissions will be accepted.

This contest is designed to put your creativity and knowledge to use by having you create your own LEGO design. This year's LEGO challenge is: **Beyond Ready for Work! Beyond Ready for Life! Create a LEGO scene and/or object representing a career of your choice.** Complete the [4-H STEM LEGO Design Challenge Contest Form](#) by **April 1, 2026**. Contest submissions may be submitted early. No late submissions will be accepted.



**Note: To receive awards or recognition for parish 4-H contests, the 4-H member must be registered and approved through 4-H Online. Contest results will be posted on our social media or websites.*

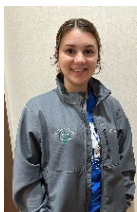
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ABOVE & BEYOND

Regional, State, & National 4-H Opportunities

Parish and State 4-H Senior Awards (12th grade)



Graduating senior 4-H members are encouraged to apply for the following awards:

- **Parish 4-H Senior Jacket** – Parish application due date: February 1, 2026
- **State 4-H Honor Cord** – Parish application due date: February 1, 2026
- **State & Parish 4-H Scholarships** – Parish application due date: February 15, 2026

Note: Contact your 4-H Agent at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu at least 1 week prior to due dates for an application, rules, and eligibility requirements.



4-H University (8th-12th grade)

State 4-H Summer Event Alert! - This **Louisiana State 4-H** adventure (4-days, 3-nights) is for **current 8th-12th grade 4-H members**. This experience will be held **June 23-26, 2026**, on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, La. Experience the college life by staying in campus dorms, attending interactive classes, and competing in state contests for a chance to win premium awards, including out-of-state trips. Complete the [4-H University Interest Form](#) to receive more information about attending 4-H University. Applications for 4-H University will be posted to 4-H Club Google Classrooms and our LSU AgCenter website.

Parish Application Due Date: April 1, 2026



4-H Camp (4th-6th grade) and LOST Camp (7th-8th grade)

State 4-H Summer Event Alert! – Both of these **Louisiana State 4-H** adventures (4-days, 3-nights) are an overnight summer camp experience for 4-H members at 4-H Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, La. **4-H Camp** is for current 4th-6th grade members and will be held **May 25-28, 2026**. **LOST Camp** is for current 7th-8th grade members and will be held **July 30, 2026 – August 2, 2026**. Spaces to attend are limited. The basic cost for each camp is \$200 with the option to purchase additional items. Scholarships and financial plans are available. Applications will be posted to 4-H Google Classrooms and our LSU AgCenter website. See applications for additional details.

Parish Application Due Date: April 1, 2026



4-H Golden Clover and Emerald Achievement Award

These award applications are state-level awards to recognize 4-H members for their participation in Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Programming. The 4-H Golden Clover Award is for youth 14 years old or younger by January 1, and the 4-H Emerald Achievement Award is for youth 15 years of age or older by January 1. Applicants must achieve a specified point range listed on the application in order to qualify for the award. Contact your 4-H Agent at kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu for an application. **Application deadline: March 15, 2026**

Above and Beyond Partners

We would like to thank our continued partners of the St. Charles Parish 4-H Youth Development Program:



You and I ...
We are





4-H LOCAL FEATURE

Parish Monthly Clover Highlight



St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Advisory Process



Each year our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter meets with leaders within our community to help identify needs within our community that our LSU AgCenter may address through educational programs, such as our 4-H Youth Development Program. Thank you to our community partners for their continued partnership and support.



St. Charles Parish 4-H Youth Advisory Survey

Now it's your turn! We want to hear from you – our 4-H members! We hope that you have enjoyed participating in your 4-H club program throughout this year. We are asking 4-H members to complete our 4-H Youth Advisory Survey to help us address community needs and continue to improve our positive youth development program. This is an optional, voluntary survey. 4-H'ers who would like to participate should complete the [4-H Advisory Youth Survey](#) by **March 1, 2026**. We greatly appreciate your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions.



St. Charles Parish 4-H Spotlight

Here are some highlights of our 4-H members embracing our 4-H slogan – Learn by doing!





4-H CLUB MEETING

Monthly Program, Resources, & Reminders



4-H Program Topic: Building Your Resume

Whether you are applying for a job or an award, many organizations and businesses require candidates to submit a resume – a document that showcases your skills, experience, and accomplishments relative to that job or award. Participating in and keeping track of leadership activities, community service projects, or awards is key to building your resume. Below is an example list of some activities that you may have done or may have the opportunity to do in 4-H and outside of 4-H. Next to each activity, list its category – either **Leadership**, **Community Service**, or **Awards**.

<i>4-H Day of Service Project</i>	<i>All-Star Baseball Team</i>	<i>Volunteered at Alligator Festival</i>
<i>Student of the Month Award</i>	<i>Talented Art Program</i>	<i>4-H University Blue Ribbon</i>
<i>Student Council Secretary</i>	<i>1st place 4-H Photo Contest</i>	<i>Beta Club</i>
<i>4-H Reporter</i>	<i>Church Choir</i>	<i>School Academic Award</i>
<i>School Dance Team</i>	<i>4-H Jr. Leader</i>	<i>4-H CHEF Club</i>
<i>Principal's List Award</i>	<i>4-H Camp</i>	<i>3rd place 4-H Beef Cookery</i>
<i>School Spirit Award</i>	<i>4-H Service-Learning Project</i>	<i>Recreation Sports</i>
<i>Food Drive Donation</i>	<i>School Band Performance</i>	<i>4-H Community Club</i>

Career Connection Activity: 4-H Records Portfolio

This month take time to work on your **4-H Records Portfolio**. This document helps to organize all of your 4-H and non-4-H experience and accomplishments. You can also submit this 4-H Records Portfolio as part of a parish 4-H contest. Some eligible entries may qualify to be submitted for the State 4-H Records contest for judging.

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LSU Agriculture Career Opportunities

High school and college students have opportunities to engage in various experiences and achievements offered through LSU and the LSU AgCenter.



College of
Agriculture

For more information on any of these opportunities, contact your 4-H Agent.

- **Parish and State 4-H Scholarships**
- **Career Academy Program through Sunshine**
www.lsuagcenter.com/JDAcademy
- **College Summer Internship through LSU AgCenter**
www.lsuagcenter.com/extintern

For more information on LSU College of Agriculture, visit: <https://www.lsu.edu/agriculture/>

Meeting Ideas

Here are a few ideas that you can do at your next 4-H club meeting:

4-H Record Book Day:

Take time at club meetings to work in 4-H Record Books. Try a service project that you can add to your 4-H Portfolios. Record Books are due to the LSU AgCenter Office or must be submitted online by **April 1**. See your 4-H Club Google Classroom for details.

4-H Contests:

Take time at club meetings for members to participate in parish 4-H contests. There are several online contests listed in the newsletter this month.

4-H Service Projects:

4-H Clubs can plan to do service-learning and/or community service projects at 4-H club meetings. Plan time to meet your club service goal.

Meeting Reminders

Here are reminders for this month:

4-H Enrollment Forms – All 4-H

Enrollment Forms should have been received by our 4-H Agent by November 1. If you would still like to enroll in the 4-H program or have not already submitted your enrollment form for this year, please contact our LSU AgCenter Office.

Note: 4-H members must submit a new enrollment form each year.

Parish 4-H Programs:

Don't forget to participate in the Parish 4-H Contests listed throughout the newsletter this month. 4-H members who complete these 4-H activities will receive points toward our 4-H Achievement Program.

Newsletters & Google Classroom:

Show your parents/guardians the monthly 4-H newsletters and your club's Google Classroom for 4-H updates and reminders.