



St. John the Baptist Parish 4-H

Calendar of Events 2026-2027

Dates and events are subject to change, and additional programs and opportunities may be added throughout the year. For the most up-to-date information, check our monthly newsletter, local newspaper, social media accounts on Facebook (@stjohnparish4h), Instagram (@st.john4h), or visit our official website, www.lsuagcenter.com/stjohn4h.

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August 2026

- **1:** 2026-2027 4-H Year Begins
- **7-8:** Jr. Leader Retreat
- **14:** Steers Validation Date

September 2026

- **1:** Labor Day – 4-H Office Closed
- **12:** Bash on the Bayou – LSU vs LA Tech
- **17:** Southeast Region Volunteer Training
- **18-21:** Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLCL) – *Crossville, TN*
- **25:** 4-H Spirit Bookmark Contest Due
- **25:** Enrollment Drive Contest Due

October 2026

- **Oct. Meeting Dates:** Pumpkin Decorating Contest – *Judge at schools*
- **4 – 10:** National 4-H Week
- **5:** Beyond Ready: Go Green
- **6:** 4-H Display Contest Entries Due
- **8:** Beyond Ready: 4-H For Good
- **23:** Game on Self-Portrait Challenge Due

November 2026

- **3 – 4:** Southeast Region Challenge Camp – *Lion King Retreat Center – Amite, LA - *Open to 7th-8th graders*
- **9:** Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes, Market Goat & Commercial Does Validation Due
- **9:** Possession Date for Breeding Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, & Exhibition Poultry
- **13:** Thanksgiving Food Drive Items Due & Pick-Up
- **16:** Possession Date for Miniature Cattle
- **20:** Gratitude Photo Frame Contest
- **20:** Thankful 3x3 Grid Challenge Due

- **27 – 28:** 4-H Office Closed
- **27 – Dec. 1:** National 4-H Congress – *Atlanta, GA*

December 2026

- **1:** Market & Commercial Hog Validation Date
- **1:** Possession Date for Breeding Swine
- **4:** Holiday Wreath Decorating Contest Due
- **4:** Club Mascot Build Challenge Due
- **5:** Louisiana 4-H Day of Service
- **18:** Possession Date for Exhibition Rabbits
- **24 – Jan. 1:** 4-H Office Closed

January 2027

- **19:** Rabbit Meat Pens Validation Date
- **15:** Food and Fitness Camp – *Baton Rouge, LA*
- **15:** Fashion and Beyond on Tour – *Day Camp*
- **18:** MLK Day of Service
- **18:** 4-H Office Closed
- **22:** Leadership Locker Quote Contest Due
- **27 – 30:** South Central District Livestock Show – *Covington, LA*

February 2027

- **5:** 4-H Achievement Day Registration Due
- **5:** Beef Poster Contest Due
- **5:** Dairy Billboard Poster Contest Due
- **13 – 20:** LSU AgCenter State 4-H & FFA Livestock Show – *Gonzales, LA*
- **18-20:** Spark, Action, Change Summit – *Baton Rouge, LA*
- **26:** Creative Problem Solver Challenge Due
- **27:** All project books are due

March 2027

- **2:** Southern Region Food Challenge Competition

- **5 – 7:** Junior Leadership Conference – *Camp Grant Walker - *Open to members in grades 8th-12th*
- **12:** 4-H Achievement Day
- **13:** Southern SeaPerch Competition
- **14-20:** Southern Region Shooting Sports Match – *Ascension & WBR Parishes*
- **16 – 20:** AgMagic on the River – *Docville, LA*
- **16 – 21:** Ignite by 4-H – *Washington D.C.*

April 2027

- **5-11:** AgMagic – *Baton Rouge, LA*
- **16-24:** Louisiana 4-H State Shooting Sports Match
- **TBD:** Edible Book Contest – *In partnership with the St. John Library and National Library Week*

- **TBA:** Spring Cookery Contest

May 2027

- **11:** Southeast Region Culinary Arts Contest – *Amite, LA*

June & July 2027

- **June 22-25:** 4-H University – *LSU-Baton Rouge - *Open to 4-H'ers in grades 8 through 12*
- **TBA:** 4-H Summer Camp - **Open to 4th-6th grade students, both 4-H'ers, and non-4-H'ers*
- **TBA:** L.O.S.T. Camp – *Camp Grant Walker – Open to 7th – 8th graders*