THE OUACHITA 4-H SCOOP

OCTOBER 2026



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? To enroll/re-enroll: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in The general 4-H enrollment fee for 2026-2027 is $10. 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!

Ouachita 4-H Photography Workshop: Join us to take photos & learn about photography! Led by West Monroe Mayor, Staci Mitchell, we will meet at Black Bayou Wildlife Refuge Tuesday, Nov. 3, 9-11 am. Call to register: 318-323-2251.





Ouachita 4-H Sewing Workshop: Come join us November 11, 9-11:30 am at the Ouachita 4-H Office. Learn basic sewing skills while meeting new friends & making holiday crafts. Call to register: 318-323-2251. For grades 4-12.

Fall Break Camps/Workshops!! Call 318-323-2251 to register.

- STEM Camp – Oct. 15, 9am, 4-H office (4th-6th grades only)
- Art Camp – Oct. 15, 1pm, 4-H office (4th-6th grades only)
- Cooking Workshop – Oct. 16, 4-H office
  - 4th-6th grades: 10am-12pm
  - 7th-12th grades: 2pm-4pm



Ouachita 4-H Fall Costume Ball! Come dressed in your Halloween costume or fall-themed outfits! Come prepared for a costume contest. For 4th-6th grade members. Friday, Oct. 23, 6pm-8:30pm at the 4-H office, 704 Cypress Street in West Monroe. Admission: $10. Concessions: $2 each. A parent or guardian must come inside to sign youth in & give emergency information, phone number, who is picking them up, etc. Email bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu with questions. Register with the QR code.

Ouachita 4-H Social Hours: Come hang out with friends during fall break at the 4-H Office, Oct. 14, 1-3pm! Stay the whole time or drop in for 15 minutes, we'll be happy to see you either way! Chill vibes, boardgames, puzzles & a place to hang. Flavored water bar provided, bring your own snacks!!



GET TO KNOW YOUR 4-H AGENT!

Mrs. Bethany Corona *has been a 4-H agent in Ouachita since 2023. She will cover Middle & High School clubs, Jr. Leaders, Livestock, Photography, & STEM clubs!*

Miss Sidney Spinks *has been a 4-H agent in Ouachita since August 2026. She will cover Elementary School clubs, Cloverbuds, Shooting Sports, & Zoo clubs!*

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

Calendar of Events

Ark-La-Miss Fair: Oct. 2-11
Archery & Info Table at Celtic Fest: Oct. 3
National 4-H Week: Oct. 4-10
Clover Kickoff: Oct. 6
Livestock Team Interest meeting: Oct. 9
Showmanship Clinic: Oct. 9
Ark-La-Miss Fair Livestock Show: Oct. 10
Zoo Club: Oct. 12
Cloverbuds Oct. meeting: Oct. 12
Social Hours: Oct. 14
Fall Break STEM Camp: Oct. 15
Fall Break Art Camp: Oct. 15
Fall Break Cooking Workshops: Oct. 16
Jr. Leaders: Oct. 22
Fall Costume Ball: Oct. 23
SS Coordinator/Coach Training: Oct. 24
Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Oct. 26
Ouachita Innovators: Oct. 27
Photography Workshop: Nov. 3
New Shooter meeting: Nov. 5
Range Round Robin: Nov. 8
Bayou Bunnies Club: Nov. 11
Cloverbuds Nov. meeting: Nov. 11
Sewing Workshop: Nov. 11
Zoo Club: Nov. 11
Ouachita Innovators: Nov. 17
Jr. Leaders: Nov. 19
Tractor Supply Paper Clover: Nov. 27-Dec. 13

IMPORTANT

National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2026! *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 Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports! You must be 9 years old in 4th grade by January 1, 2027 **&** you must join 4-H. Shooting Sports registration fees are $50 per child. 4-H dues are $10. Practice dates will be posted soon. Registration form can be found at Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports or go to our webpage at lsuagcenter.com/Ouachita, click on 4-H, then click on Shooting Sports, then Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports. This year we will offer **Archery, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, & Pistol.**

Archery & Info Table at Celtic Fest: Oct. 3, Lazarre Park, 10am-4pm
Coordinator/Coach Training: Oct. 24, OPSO Range
New Shooter Meeting: Nov. 5, 6-7:30 pm, 4-H Office Auditorium
Range Round Robin: Nov. 8, 2-4 pm, OPSO Range
Clays 4 Kids: Spring 2027, date TBD
Northern Regional SS Competition: April 2-11, location TBD
State SS Competition: April 16-25, location TBD
National SS Competition: June 19-26, Grand Island, Nebraska

Clover Creation Challenge: Fold your creativity into something amazing! Join our October Clover Creation Challenge & create an Origami Clover during National 4-H Week. Stop by the Creation Station, grab your supplies, & start folding!



Come join the Ouachita 4-H Zoo Club! Join us for an exciting day filled with animals, community service, & unforgettable memories! Zoo Club will meet at Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo (1405 Bernstein Park Rd., Monroe). Meeting point is right inside the front gate.

Oct. 12, 9am-12pm	Feb. 16, 9am-12pm
Nov. 11, 3-5pm	April 2, 9am-12pm
Dec. 11, 9am-12pm	May 21, 9am-12pm

Clover Kickoff - Discovering 4-H Tailgate! Join us Tuesday, October 6, 6-7:30 pm at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center. 4th-6th graders living/attending school in Ouachita Parish are invited. Explore robotics, livestock, food & fitness, service-learning, art, fashion, & shooting sports! Introduction meeting for parents & activities for kids! Wear your green! Sign up for our team! Fun! Hot dogs! Swag bags to the first 100 new members!

Ouachita Livestock Show Team Interest & Family Meeting! Join us Friday, October 9 at 5:30 pm at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center. Join us in the stands to hear team updates before joining us outside for our showmanship clinic, whether you have an animal or not! Come learn the basics & see what showing livestock is all about. We can't wait to welcome new & returning families for another great year! Ready to improve your showmanship skills? **Join us for a fun evening of learning during our Showmanship Clinic & Demonstration!** Friday, October 9, 6-7:30 pm, Show Rings at Ike Hamilton Expo Center. Bring your animal & supplies - or if you don't have one yet, come anyway! Everyone is welcome. This clinic is open to all species & is a great opportunity for both new & experienced exhibitors to build confidence before show season begins. We hope to see you there!

Bayou Bunnies Club! Join us each month to learn about rabbits & prepare for shows. Gain knowledge from other youth with experience. We will meet at the 4-H office on the following dates:

Nov. 11, 1-3pm Dec. 17, 5-6pm



Ouachita Innovators is the new name for our 4-H Stem Team this year. Monthly practices will be held for Juniors (grades 4-7) & Seniors (grades 8-12). On each of the practice dates below, Jr. eSports & Sr. Robotics will meet 4-5pm, & Jr. Robotics & Sr. eSports will meet 5-6pm. All practices will be held at the 4-H office auditorium (704 Cypress St., West Monroe).

Oct. 27	Jan. 19	April 20
Nov. 17	Feb. 16	
Dec. 21 (9am-12pm)	March 23	

Pumpkin Decorating Contest!
Pumpkins will be displayed at West Monroe City Hall. Decorated pumpkins are due Oct. 26; turn in at the 4-H office, 704 Cypress St.

Rules:

- Must be a fake pumpkin
- Must be appropriate
- No size or material restrictions

Categories of alike pumpkins will be created once all entries are submitted. Each category will have placings & prizes!

Ouachita 4-H Cloverbuds! A free club for students in Ouachita Parish ages 5-8 (as of Jan. 1, 2027). Learn about the 6 pillars of character & make a small craft! Located at the 4-H office (704 Cypress St., West Monroe), 1-2pm on the dates below.

Oct. 12	Dec. 11	April 2
Nov. 11	Feb. 16	May 21

6th-12th Graders, come join Ouachita 4-H Jr. Leaders monthly for service-learning, leadership, food, & fun! Come when you can – no pressure! We will meet each month at the 4-H office, so save the dates! 6th-8th grades meet 5-6:30pm & 9th-12th grades meet 6-7:30pm

Oct. 22	Jan. 16	April 24
Nov. 19	Feb. 12	May TBA
Dec. 17	March 22	



Trick Or Treat

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