# THE OUACHITA 4-H SCOOP

## NOVEMBER 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.

**Crochet Workshop!** Come join in the fun for an introductory session to crochet! **Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 1pm-3pm** at the 4-H office. Call 318-323-2251 or email sspinks@agcenter.lsu.edu to register.



**4 Farm Animals for 4-H Sketch Contest:** The winner will receive $20 & poster will be framed & displayed at the Ouachita 4-H office! **Due Dec. 2** at the 4-H office.

- Must be on any size piece of true sketch paper
- Crayons or colored pencils only
- Be creative & incorporate 4 different farm animals of your choice & a 4-H clover
- Include name, grade & school on back left corner

**Krewe of Clovers!** Become a Ouachita 4-H King, Queen, Prince, or Princess by collecting votes (donations) from now until the deadline. The Krewe Court is presented at a coronation ceremony (January 15) & will ride in the Krewe De Riviere Parade (January 30). See your club leader, call the 4-H office, or check our Facebook page for registration form, rules, & regulations!

- **Voting Deadline: December 10**
- 1 penny = 1 vote
- Divisions: 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th

***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!*

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

***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

**Photography Workshop:** Nov. 3
**New Shooter meeting:** Nov. 5
**Homeschool Co-op meeting:** Nov. 6
**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 Friendsgiving:** Nov. 19
**Crochet Workshop:** Nov. 24
**Tractor Supply Paper Clover:** Nov. 27-Dec. 13
**Fall Foods Fest Cookery Contest:** Nov. 30
**4 Farm Animals for 4-H deadline:** Dec. 2
**Homeschool Co-op meeting:** Dec. 4
**Krewe of Clovers deadline:** Dec. 10
**Zoo Club:** Dec. 11
**Cloverbuds Dec. meeting:** Dec. 11
**Christmas Cookie & Candy Carnival:** Dec. 17
**Jr. Leaders:** Dec. 17
**Ouachita Innovators:** Dec. 21
**Christmas Pajama Party:** Dec. 21
**Bayou Bunnies Club:** Dec. 21
**No-Sew T-shirt Workshop:** Dec. 22

## COOKERY CONTEST!



**Fall Foods Fest Cookery Contest: Monday, November 30, 2026, 704 Cypress St., West Monroe.** Check in: 5:15-5:30 pm. Awards Begin: 7 pm. Members bring a prepared dish on ice, & garnish, to be judged for prizes! **Dish Categories: Chicken, Corn, Egg, Main Dish Beef, Pecan, Quick-N-Easy Ground Beef, Rice Any Other, Rice Main Dish, & Sweet Potato.** Members can choose 1 category or all 9, but only 1 dish per category. 4-H'ers with winning dishes will compete against other parishes in the Area 4-H Commodity Cookery Contest February 11, 2027 in Winnsboro. Category specific rules are posted on our website: https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/ouachita/features/4-h/awards under Awards & Contests.

**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.**

- **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:** Start getting into the holiday spirit one stitch at a time! This month's Sewing for Service project is creating Christmas Trees for nursing home residents. Your handmade gift can brighten someone's season.

**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.



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



**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. 21, 5-6pm

**Christmas Pajama Party:** 4th-8th graders, join us for a festive & cozy Christmas Pajama Party. Wear your favorite PJs, grab some hot cocoa, & get ready for an afternoon of holiday games & fun! **Monday, December 21, 1-4pm!** Email questions to bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu



**Storytime in Kiroli Park!** For **children ages 3-6** with a focus on agriculture & animals. Located at the Caboose Shelter on the following dates & times:

- Nov. 12, 12:30-1:30pm
- Nov. 23, 3-4pm

**Upcycled T-Shirt Pillow Workshop!** Come & make an upcycled T-shirt pillow! No sewing required! We have some t-shirts available (supplies limited) or bring your own t-shirt to upcycle. **December 22, 2026, 3-4pm.** Please RSVP to the 4-H office (318-323-2251). Questions can be emailed to sspinks@agcenter.lsu.edu

**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).

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

**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.

Nov. 11
Dec. 11
Feb. 16
April 2
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. **Join us for our Friendsgiving activities in November.** Bring a sponsored item!

Nov. 19
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Jan. 16
Feb. 12
March 22
April 24
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