ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH 4-H
CLOVER CHRONICLE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS | **OCTOBER 2026 EDITION**

October
All Month: Pumpkin Decorating Contest
3: Jr. Leader Meeting
4-10: National 4-H Week
5: Beyond Ready: Go Green Day
6: 4-H Display Contest Entries Due
8: Beyond Ready: 4-H For Good Day
9: Challenge Camp Registration Due
16-18: Andouille Festival
31: Coach's Challenge Due

November
2: Fall Commodity Orders Due
3-4: 4-H Challenge Camp
6: Veteran Thank You Cards Due
14: Jr. Leader Meeting
9: Validation/Possession Date for Livestock
13: Thanksgiving Food Drive Items Due
16: Possession Date for Mini Cattle
27-28: Thanksgiving – 4-H Office Closed
30: 4-H Through My Lens Challenge Due
30: Coach's Challenge Due

December
1: Market & Commercial Hogs Validation Due
1: Breeding Swine Possession Date
4: Holiday Wreaths Due
4: Club Mascots Build Challenge Due
5: Louisiana 4-H Day of Service
18: Exhibition Rabbits Possession Date

HAPPY NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Beyond Ready

GAME ON: SKILLS FOR LIFE

National 4-H Week, October 4 – 10, 2026, is a week where 4-H Clubs across the country can showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people and highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to impact those around them positively. We all love 4-H for various reasons; during the week, let us know why we love 4-H.

How can you as 4-H members, families, community members, and alumni celebrate the week?

- **Monday, Oct. 5 – Go Green Day**: Show your 4-H spirit by going green! Wear green hats, shirts, accessories, face paint—anything green goes. Let's help paint the nation green in celebration of 4-H.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Display Contest**: Club leaders, be sure to submit your bulletin boards, classroom doors, hallway displays, or other creative exhibits for judging.
- **Thursday, Oct. 8 – Thankful Thursday**: Shine a light on all the mentors, educators, and volunteers who are making a positive impact in your life. Share who you're thankful for and celebrate how they are making a difference!
- **4-H Member: Share Your Story:** Celebrate the experiences, opportunities, and life skills you have gained through 4-H. 4-H members are invited to share their 4-H story with the community. Write a letter describing how 4-H has impacted your life or share a short video sharing your 4-H experience and submit online
- **4-H Alumni: Share Your Story:** Did 4-H help shape your future? We invite St. John Parish 4-H alumni to share how their 4-H experiences influenced their education, career, leadership journey, or personal growth. Your story can help inspire the next generation of 4-H members.

Submit your story or the display online at **https://www.lsuagcenter.com/articles/page1788361054065** or scan the QR Code

Help us grow 4-H in St. John Parish! Invite a friend to attend a club meeting, follow us on social media, or share your 4-H story during National 4-H Week.

24 – Jan. 1: 4-H Office Closed
31: Coach's Challenge Due

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Skill Spotlight: Decision-Making

Making good decisions is an important life skill. Every day, we make choices that affect our goals, relationships, and future opportunities. Strong decision-makers take time to think through options, consider consequences, and choose actions that align with their values and goals. In 4-H, decision-making helps youth become confident leaders who are prepared to take ownership of their future.

Game On Tip: Before making a big decision, pause and ask yourself: "Will this choice help me move closer to my goals?" Great players think ahead before making their next move.

Coach's Corner

Every champion faces choices. Some choices are easy, while others require courage, patience, and

CHALLENGE CAMP

Are you ready for a challenge? Southeast Region 4-H Challenge Camp is an exciting overnight experience for 7th and 8th grade 4-H members that combines leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and fun. Campers will build new friendships, take on challenges, and develop skills that will help them both in and out of 4-H.

Registration is due October 9. Visit the **Challenge Camp webpage** or scan the QR code for registration information, camp details, and required forms.

GAME ON SELF-PORTRAIT CHALLENGE

It's game time! Create a self-portrait that represents you as a player in the game of life. Using this year's theme, Game On: Skills for Life, showcase your interests, strengths, goals, personality, and the skills you're building through 4-H.

Get creative! Your design might feature sports, future career goals, hobbies, leadership experiences, or anything else that tells your story.

Every player has a unique story. Show us what makes you part of the team!

Entries are due October 23, 2026!

FALL COMMODITY FUNDRAISER



We are now accepting orders for our Fall Commodity Sale. All pecans and sweet potatoes sold are Louisiana-grown and can be great gifts during the holiday season or a great addition to your holiday meals. Your support during this fundraiser is much appreciated, as it provides support for transportation assistance, leadership development opportunities, educational resources, youth recognition, and hands-on learning experiences.

The deadline to place orders is November 2, 2026, with a pickup tentatively being the week of November 16. To access an order form, visit **https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/st%20john/features/4-h/foundation-fundraisers** or scan the following QR Code

VETERANS CARDS

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.



responsibility. This month, challenge yourself to think about the goals you want to achieve and the steps it will take to get there. Remember, success isn't determined by one big decision but by the small choices you make every day. Own your path, stay focused, and keep moving forward. The future is built one choice at a time.

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.

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

Cards will be collected from schools on November 6, 2026.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Join us in collecting items that will be donated to the St. John Ministry of Care as part of their Thanksgiving Food Drive. They have asked for specific non-perishable items that you can find below. All items will be picked up on **Friday, November 13, 2026**.

ITEMS TO COLLECT

Peanut Butter	Stovetop Stuffing	Cake Mix	Pancake Mix
Rice	Pasta	Cornbread	Beans

Other non-perishable items can be donated. Youth who donate a minimum of 5 items will be recognized. Participation will count towards the Service Award presented during 4-H Achievement Day.

CAMP CATCH PHRASE CONTEST

What's a good theme for the 2025 4-H Summer Camp? Camp Grant Walker is asking for 4-H members to send in their most creative ideas for a slogan -- in (7) words or less. An illustration must accompany the phrase and will be part of the contest. The winning slogan will be one that is brief and "catchy," capturing the spirit of 4-H Camp Grant Walker. The artwork and slogan will be used in its entirety or as the concept for the final artwork. The logo and slogan will be on all the publicity for the camp and the camp t-shirt. The winner will receive a cash award.

All Submission Must Include the Following:

Full Name & age of 4-H'er
St. John Parish 4-H/ School Name
Complete Mailing Address
Telephone Number

All submissions must be turned into the St. John 4-H Office by **Friday, November 13, 2026**

4-H THROUGH MY LENS CHALLENGE

Capture the moments that tell your story! The 4-H Through My Lens Challenge invites 4-H members to use photography to showcase the experiences, skills, and opportunities that help shape their lives. Through this challenge, youth can express their creativity, tell meaningful stories, and share their unique perspective.

Our first challenge theme is "Game On!" Show us where you're getting in the game through school activities, sports, clubs, service projects, hobbies,

agriculture, 4-H events, or other opportunities that help you learn, grow, and make a difference.

Fall Challenge entries are due November 30. Visit the challenge **webpage** for complete rules, submission information, and recognition opportunities.

FASHION AND BEYOND ON TOUR



The 4-H Fashion Board would like to invite 5th – 12th graders to come to experience the Fashion & Beyond on Tour. You will get a closer look at all aspects of the fashion world, from croque designs, color analysis, upcycling, service projects, to basic sewing fundamentals. You will engage in multiple activities planned by the fabulous fashion board.

January 18, 2027
10:00am – 3:00pm
Acadia Parish 4-H Office, Crowley, LA

OR

February 15, 2027
10:00am – 3:00pm
LSUA Dewitt Arena

The cost to participate is $35/person. There are a limited number of spots available for this event; therefore, if you are interested in participating, complete the registration in 4-H Online. Registration opens December 1, 2026, and will close January 5, 2027. Transportation may be provided but will be based on level of participation.

4-H NIGHT WITH THE PELICANS

The annual 4-H Night with the Pelicans will take place on **Friday, January 8, 2027**! This is an opportunity for 4-H'ers, their families, and friends to enjoy and cheer on the New Orleans Pelicans and get exclusive access to many perks.

GAME/TICKET INFORMATION

- **Opponent:** Orlando Magic
- **Tipoff:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Ticket Prices:** Ticket prices start at $35.00 plus fees total $38.00. There are a variety of seating options and price points available on the ticket link.
- **Parking:** $20.00 plus fees total of $22.00. Available in the when checking out. Bus parking is very limited.

Best seating is First Come First Served, Tickets available until January 8th or until sold out.

FAN EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Pregame Tailgate Party** – Enjoy the arena for pregame fun from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. **MUST HAVE A VALID TICKET PURCHASED THROUGH 4-H TO PARTICIPATE.**

- **Pregame Photo Op -** 4:30PM-5:00PM – Fans may arrive for a photo op with the PelsSquad, Pierre and King Cake Baby and receive their souvenir item. Enter at the North 100 Entrance. **NO SIGN UP REQUIRED BUT A GAME TICKET IS REQUIRED**
- **Pregame Warm-Ups** – 5:00PM-5:55PM - Fans will be directed to sit court side or in club seats to watch team warmups. **NO SIGN UP REQUIRED BUT A GAME TICKET IS REQUIRED**
- **Baseline Pelicans** – Select 4-H members will get an exclusive on-floor view of the Pelicans' pregame shoot-around. **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up form by December 18, 2026, to be entered into the drawing.**
- **Pregame Fan Tunnel** – Select members of 4-H will form a tunnel as the Pelicans team enters the court. You can high-five the pros! **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up by December 18, 2026, to be entered into the drawing.**
- **Anthem Buddies** – Twelve kids from 4-H will stand tall in front of the Pelicans basketball team during the National Anthem Performance. Must be 12 years or younger. **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up form by December 18, 2026, to be entered into the drawing.**
- **Game Ball Presentation -** One 4-H member will be recognized on the court at the start of the game while presenting the game ball with players from both teams. This is during the tip-off of the game. **Complete the Fan Experience sign-up form by December 18, 2026, to be entered into the drawing.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED WITH EACH TICKET PURCHASE

- Pelican promotion item on the night of the game
- Pelicans t-shirt – Given out to all 4-H Night ticket holders at the Pregame Tailgate Party 3:30pm-4:30pm and at the Group Sales Center outside of section 108 6:00PM until half time. Sizes based on availability.

To access the Fan Experience Sign-up form and order your tickets, visit 4-H Night with the Pelicans (lsuagcenter.com) or scan the QR Code below

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK

Interested in showing livestock this year? The 2026-2027 St. John Parish 4-H and FFA Livestock Program offers youth the opportunity to develop responsibility, animal science knowledge, recordkeeping skills, and leadership through exhibition projects. Check the important dates below, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Xavier.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 9, 2026 – Validation for Commercial Beef, Dairy, Ewe & Doe, and Market Lamb & Goat due to 4-H Office
Nov. 9, 2026 – Possession date for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Exhibition Poultry
Nov. 16, 2026 – Possession date for Mini Cattle
Dec 1, 2026 – Validation for Commercial & Market Hogs due to 4-H Office
Dec 1, 2026 – Possession Dates for Breeding Swine
Dec. 18, 2026 – Exhibition Rabbits

Jan 2027 – Broiler Chick Pick Up
Jan. 16, 2027 – Rabbit Meat Pens

Contact Mr. Xavier if you plan to show livestock in St. John Parish and stay updated with information by visiting our **Livestock website.**

COACH'S CHALLENGE

Complete the Challenge by **October 31, 2026,** for a chance to win a prize.

Submit a photo of your shoes in a place that is important to you and tell us why you like going to the place?

Visit **https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Hu9fr3fk4c5P14** or scan the QR Code to answer.