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Clover Clippings

November 2026

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November
3rd Validation Market & Commercial animals, Dewitt Barn, 3-6p
6th Deadline for Commodity Fundraiser Orders
10th Deadline: Holiday Workshop
10th Challenge Camp, Zoo of Alexandria
11th Garden Club Meeting, 1-3p
11th Culinary Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30
21st Showmanship Clinic & YQCA
23rd Commodity Pickup, 12-4:30 at the 4-H office
24th Holiday Workshop, 9-11:30, at the Evac
18th-19th AgMagic Cenla, Evac

December
1st Registration opens for Fashion & Beyond on Tour
21st Jr. Leader Meeting 4-6
21st Garden Club Meeting, 1-3p

January
11th Jr. Leader Meeting, 5p
19th Possession Date Rabbits

February
1st-2nd Parish Livestock Show
3rd-6th District Livestock Show
14th-21st State Livestock Show
15th Fashion & Beyond Tour
18th-20th Spark, Action, Change
26th
27th Central Region Esports Tournament

March
6th Central Region Esports Competition
5th-7th Jr. Leadership Conference
8th Garden Club Meeting, 1-3p
8th Jr. Leader Meeting, 5p
22nd Regional Cookery, Evac 12-3p
24th-25th Annual Ag Day Field Trip

April
1st Beef & Dairy Billboard Due
2-11 SS Northern Regional Match
16-25 State Shooting Sports Match

May
24th-27th Camp Grant Walker Summer Camp (tentative)
22nd-25th 4-H University



Save the Date for Summer Camp 😊

Mark your calendars, folks. Rapides 4-H is going to Camp Grant Walker! **May 24th-27th** for Members in **Grades 4-6**



Camp Fee: **$265** (covers lodging, meals, & activities). Full payment due: March 31st.
Bed Deposit: $75 (non-refundable) due by February 1st. Do not wait until the deadline. Camp spots will be full.
Additional Cost: Camp Store, T-shirts, & photos are extra.
Transportation: Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from Camp Grant Walker.
Reminders: Make sure your registration is completed on v2.4honline if you want a spot for camp. Membership dues are $10 for parish and state. Clubs may assess an additional fee for supplies. (varies by school).

7th-8th we have not forgotten you! LOST Camp at Grant Walker will be July 29th-Aug 1st.

8th-12th 4-H University June 22-25th @ LSU, Baton Rouge

Spark Action Change Summit is a 3-day leadership experience for 7th-8th Grade 4-H members interested in:

- **Civic Engagement**
- **Community Service**
- **Personal Growth**

Dates: February 18-20, 2027
Location: LSU Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Registration Fee: $125 per participant. *Transportation to and from Baton Rouge is not included.* **Registration includes** lodging, meals, educational experiences



Holiday Workshop will take place on **Tuesday, November 24th** at the Evacuation Shelter on Hwy 71. Youth participating will engage in holiday themed activities, gift & snack making! Register by **November 10th** through v2.4honline, EVENTS. Fee: $20
On the day of the workshop, participants arrive at 9am. Pick up is at **12 noon**.

Fundraising



Support a Louisiana Farmer and our 4-H program!
Orders due **November 6th**. Pickup on **November 23rd** is just in time for Thanksgiving. 12:00-4:30 at the 4H office.
Order online with QR Code, or Make checks payable to Rapides 4-H. (Online orders will add .50 per item to cover processing fees)

Jr. Leader Meeting, November 9th, 5p 4-H office Grades 7-12 If you are not registered for the Jr. Leader Project Club but would like to join, come to the meeting. Dues are $10 **Register for Jr. Leaders through the EVENTS tab in 4-H online.**

Livestock

IMPORTANT DATES:

Rapides Parish Livestock Show is **Monday-Tuesday, February 1st-2nd** at the Dewitt Livestock Facility.
Central District Livestock Show is **Wednesday-Saturday, February 3rd-6th** at the Dewitt Livestock Facility.
Registration information & Show Schedules will be shared soon.



Interested in showing livestock? New to the livestock project? Experienced and want to share your knowledge? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Central Region Showmanship Clinic is open to you. This is a free event to learn the basics of showing livestock. Lunch is provided.

For more information about the livestock project, contact the 4-H office.

YQCA is required for all exhibitors registering for the District or State Livestock Show. An in-person course will be offered at 1pm at the Show Clinic. Prior registration through YQCA-Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. The fee is $3 and should be paid online when registering w/YQCA

Validation Information

Validation opportunity for Market & Commercial Animals: **November 3rd, 3-6p** at the Dewitt barn. Validation Deadlines are non-negotiable. If you cannot attend, contact the 4-H office. Validation fee: $7 (only market and commercial animals).

2027 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show Possession Dates

November 9, 2026: Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy Breeding, and Exhibition Poultry.
November 16, 2026: Miniature Cattle
December 1, 2026: Market Hogs and Swine Breeding
December 18, 2026: Exhibition Rabbits
****DNA envelopes are only required for market and commercial animals****



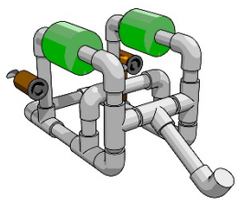
STEM Opportunities in 4-H

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Invention Convention is open to youth in grades K-12. Projects can be worked on independently or with a club, camp, or school. The state contest date is Saturday, February 27, 2026. Details TBA. For more information go to the website. LSUAgCenter.com/Invention Education

2027 SeaPerch Challenge: Discover the Unknown



SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics project and competition for Middle & High School Students. Teams of 2-5 members design, build, & pilot an ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) through underwater challenges. The contest also consists of an interview & engineering design report. There are 2 opportunities to compete.
Friday, February 26th at Peabody Magnet High School, Alexandria LA or **Saturday, March 13th** in Baton Rouge. Winning teams will receive an invitation to the Internation SeaPerch Competition at the University of Maryland. 4-H Teams that receive an invitation will be awarded funds to attend.

4-H Robotics (Vex V5) 4-H University offers a Robotics Competition for members in Grades 8-12. Members interested in robotics should contact the 4-H office. 7th grade members are welcome to join the robotics club but will not be eligible to compete. Interested? Email your agent: aelnaggar@agcenter.lsu.edu. More information will be announced soon.



Esports

LOUISIANA 4-H ESPORTS

Who: 4-H Members, Grades 4-12
What: Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Rocket League, Just Dance
When: February 27, 2027
Where: Avoyelles 4-H Office, Mansura
How: Contact your agent to register. You must know your teammates' names.
Cost: $5 per player & $5 per title: **Junior Division (Grades 4-7)/Senior Division (Grades 8-12)**
Mario Kart 8 Deluxe **(Team of 4)**
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate **(Team of 3)**
Rocket League **(Team of 3)**
Just Dance **(team requirements TBA)**

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