4-H YD NEWS

January 2027

St. Charles Parish 4-H Youth Development Newsletter







Upcoming Events

January

1: LSU AgCenter Office closed
1: 4-H Photo Contest due
8: Louisiana 4-H Night with the New Orleans Pelicans
12: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest
18: LSU AgCenter Office closed

February

1: 4-H Photo Contest due
1: 4-H All-Around Style, Talent Show, and Pet Show Contest due
4-6: 4-H District Livestock Show
9: LSU AgCenter Office closed
16: 4-H Culinary Arts Contest
13-20: State 4-H Livestock Show
15: 4-H Scholarship due date
18-20: State 4-H Spark-Action-Change Summit

Check out our LSU AgCenter website and social media for additional opportunities.
For more information, contact your LSU AgCenter Extension Office

St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter
Physical Address:
453 Spruce Street, Norco, La.
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 557, Norco, LA 70079
Phone: 985-785-4473
Office Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
4-H Agent: Dr. Kali Zammit
Email: kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu
Website: www.lsuagcenter.com/stcharles

The LSU AgCenter provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. Find detailed information at www.lsuagcenter.com/eeo. Should you need any ADA accommodations, please contact Dr. Kali Zammit at 985-785-4473 no later than 10 days prior to the event.

Message from your 4-H Agent

Happy New Year, 4-H'ers! We hope that all of you are ready to start your new year by participating in the many opportunities that 4-H has to offer. Now is the time to try something new – a new contest, activity, or maybe even a new project club! Check out the newsletter for more details. Remember to mark those important dates on your new 2027 calendars at home!

- Dr. Kali Zammit, *St. Charles Parish 4-H Agent*



Pictured with new St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter vehicle

4-H Summer Overnight Opportunities: Applications, forms, and fees due April 1, 2027

During each summer, there are opportunities for youth to expand their 4-H experience by participating in statewide 4-H overnight opportunities. All applications, forms, and fees for the 3 major statewide 4-H events listed below will be due to our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office by **April 1, 2027**. Applications will be available on our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter website or may be requested through the St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office at 985-785-4473. Applications and more details will be available online by February 1, 2027.







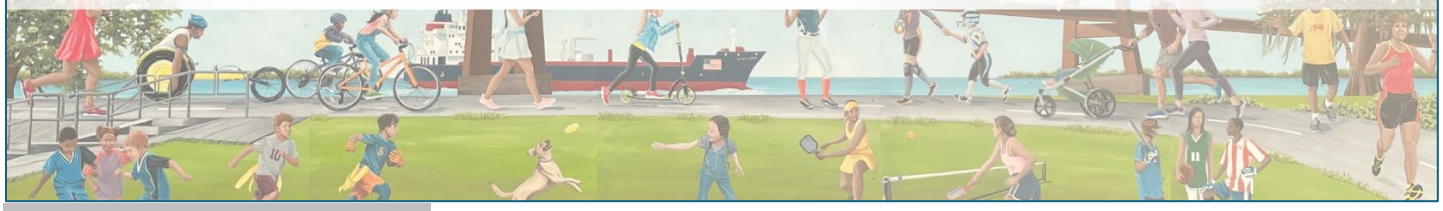
4-H University
Application Deadline:
April 1, 2027
Event Date:
June 22-25, 2027
Age Requirement:
For current 8th-12th graders
Event details:
4-day, 3-night statewide college-like experience on LSU campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

4-H Camp
Application Deadline:
April 1, 2027
Event Date:
TBA
Age Requirement:
For current 4th-6th graders
Event details:
4-day, 3-night statewide summer camp experience at Camp Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, Louisiana

4-H LOST Camp
Application Deadline:
April 1, 2027
Event Date:
July 29, 2027 – August 1, 2027
Age Requirement:
For current 7th-8th graders
Event details:
4-day, 3-night statewide summer camp experience at Camp Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, Louisiana

LEARN BY DOING

St. Charles Parish 4-H is BEYOND READY!



Beyond Ready Meter

Help to make our best even better! Everyone is encouraged to do your part to help our St. Charles Parish 4-H Program reach its Beyond Ready Goal, which includes the

Louisiana 4-H Fantastic 4 Principles.

Check out our monthly newsletters for ideas to reach our goal and highlights of our success. Use the Beyond Ready Meter below to learn how you can help our parish to achieve National 4-H Beyond Ready status again this year!



Beyond Ready METER

Enrollment

- **4-H Program Goal:** To increase school & community club membership
- **To do:** All 4-H Clubs are encouraged to increase enrollment by 1 new member. All 4-H Enrollment forms are due to the 4-H Office by **November 1**.

Leadership

- **4-H Program Goal:** To increase participation in 4-H Jr. Leader Club & enhanced leadership opportunities
- **Jr. Leader Club:** Students in 7th-12th grade may contact the 4-H Office to receive Jr. Leader Club information or visit our website for more leadership opportunities.

Civic Engagement

- **4-H Program Goal:** To increase club participation in service projects
- **To do:** Service is a major part of our 4-H program. Each club is encouraged to conduct at least 1 community service or service-learning project each year.

4-H Camp & 4-H University

- **4-H Program Goal:** To increase 4-H Camp attendance and to have at least 10 youth participate in 4-H University programs
- **To do:** Visit our website for updates.
- **Save the date:** 4-H University will be held **June 22-25, 2027**.

Explore St. Charles Parish 4-H on our Official Website

This year all of our programs, opportunities, contests, and more will be posted on our LSU AgCenter website. We encourage all 4-H'ers and families to explore our website for program information and updates throughout the year. Please visit our official websites for upcoming events and program updates:

LSU AgCenter Main page:
www.LSUAgCenter.com/StCharles

St. Charles Parish 4-H Main page:
www.LSUAgCenter.com/StCharles4H

What's New This Month?

Awards
This section includes 4-H award applications and announcements.

Camps and Events
Applications for 4-H Camp, LOST Camp, and 4-H University will be posted after February 1. Don't forget to visit the Louisiana 4-H Facebook page for additional statewide opportunities.

Clubs
Learn more about joining one of our many 4-H community project club by visiting the articles within this section of our website.

Contests
4-H Culinary Arts, Photography, All-Around Style, Virtual Talent Show, and Virtual Pet Show Contests will be happening this month. Visit this section for all contest rules and more.

4-H Newsletters
Our monthly 4-H newsletters are included in this section of our website.

Resources and More
This section includes additional resources and articles relevant to our 4-H program.

Additional Resources

For more information and opportunities, visit these social media outlets:
Parish Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/LSUAgCenterStCharlesParish
Louisiana 4-H Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/Louisiana4H
Stay updated with your 4-H Club Google Classroom for club updates.

Above and Beyond Partners

Thank you to our continued partners of the St. Charles Parish 4-H Program:

UNITED WAY St. Charles
ST. CHARLES PARISH
You and I ... We are

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4-H Experience Worksheet

A 4-H Youth Development Program of the LSU AgCenter

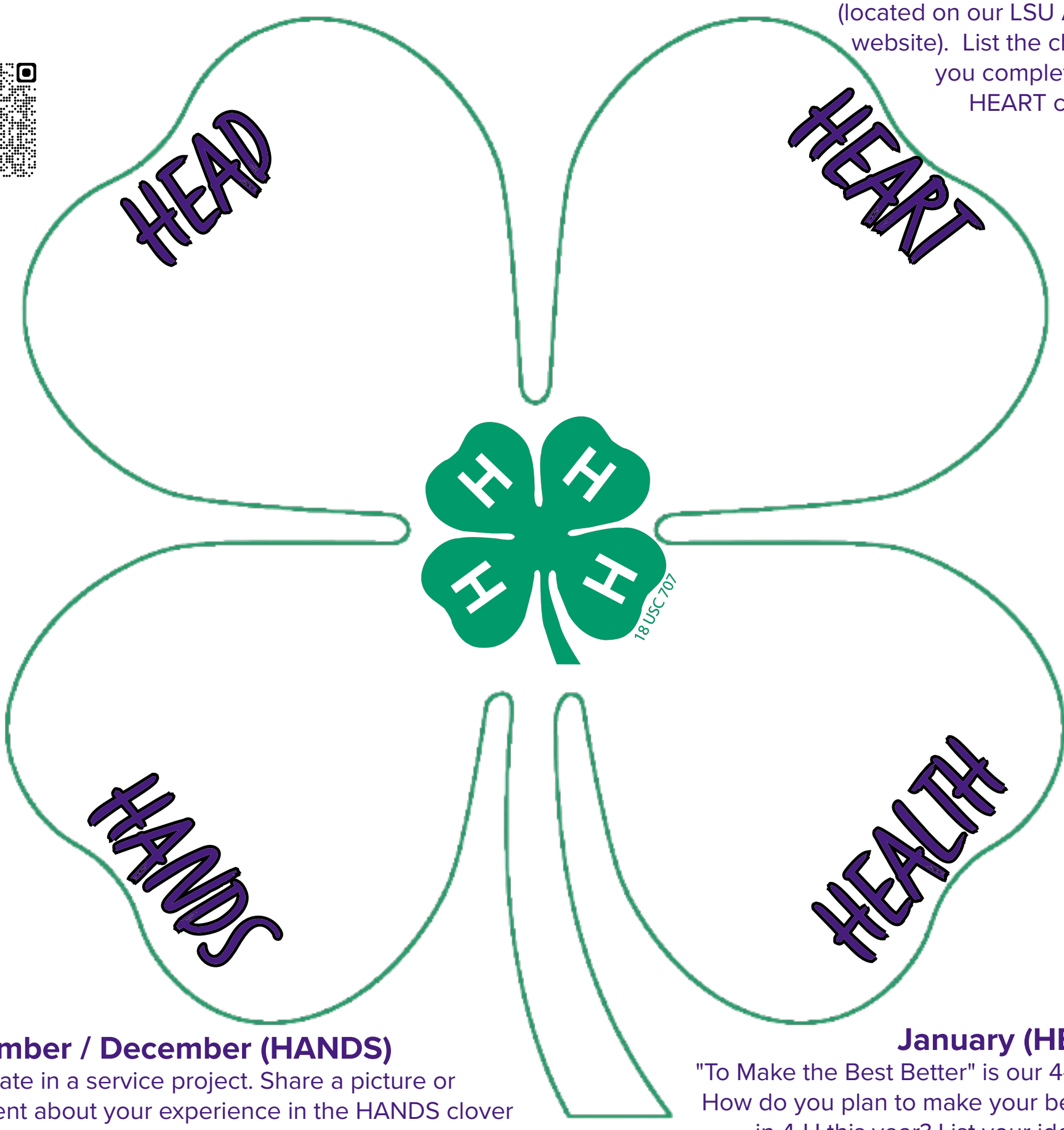
Name: _____ **4-H Club:** _____

September (HEAD)

Explore our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter website (www.lsuagcenter.com/stcharles). List what you learned about 4-H this month in the HEAD clover leaf below.

October (HEART)

The 4-H slogan is "Learn by doing." This month we would like for you to learn more about 4-H by participating in the National 4-H Week Challenge (located on our LSU AgCenter website). List the challenges you completed in the HEART clover leaf below.



November / December (HANDS)

Participate in a service project. Share a picture or statement about your experience in the HANDS clover leaf above.

January (HEALTH)

"To Make the Best Better" is our 4-H motto. How do you plan to make your best better in 4-H this year? List your ideas in the HEALTH clover leaf above.

BEYOND READY

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Name: _____ **4-H Club:** _____

February (CLUB, COMMUNITY, COUNTRY, WORLD)

Now is the time to start recording your activities, accomplishments, and achievements in your 4-H club, parish community, country, and world! Use the space below to help with record-keeping. If you have not yet participated in opportunities in each level, you still have time to try something new to gain leadership, civic engagement, and community experience and achievements.

Leadership

List your leadership experience.
List "4-H" in the title if it is a 4-H Leadership activity.
Examples: 4-H Secretary, Led Student Council Workshop

Citizenship & Community Service

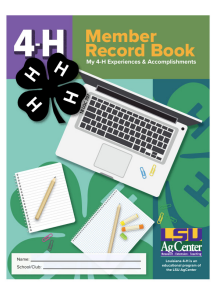
Describe your Community Service activities. List "4-H" in the title if it is a 4-H Citizenship or Community Service activity.
Example: Donated 5 canned goods to 4-H Food Drive

Awards & Recognition

List all Awards & Recognition that you received this year.
List "4-H" in the title if it is a 4-H Award or Recognition.
Examples: Student of the Month,
3rd place 4-H Photography Contest

4-H Project Work

Select one of the following 4-H Project Areas: Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, or STEM. List any projects or activities that you participated in this year within this project area.
Examples: STEM - Photography Contest; Civic Engagement - Any service project; Healthy Living - Cookery Contests



March (4-H RECORDS CONTEST)

Include the information you listed above and any additional experiences in your 4-H Member Record Book. Scan the QR code to download a digital version of the 4-H Member Record Book to enter the 4-H Record Book Contest. The parish 4-H contest is open to **4th - 12th grade 4-H members**. 4-H Record Books must be submitted to our St. Charles Parish LSU AgCenter Office by **April 1.**