

Avoyelles Parish **CLOVER PARLE**

September
2023



Dates to Remember

September

- 5 Fashion Board & Livestock Ambassador meetings
- 9 Livestock Exhibitor Day & Back to School Dance
- 11 Junior Leader Fun Day
- 12 Gardening Club
- 17 Shooting sports enrollment meeting
- 25 Teen Chef Sushi Night
- 26 Officer Training Day

October

- 2 Fashion Board meeting & Gardening Club meeting
- 9 Chef Club, Livestock Ambassador, & Junior Leader meetings
- 16 Clover bud painting workshop & 4-H member Pet Show
- 26 Trunk-or-Treat

JOIN THE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CLUB!

This club is open to all 7th-12th grade 4-H members. Junior Leaders have fun helping younger 4-H'ers with their project work and assisting the less fortunate in their communities. This club also participates in numerous activities where members meet and make friends with other teenagers throughout the state. **Our Junior Leader Fun Night will be held at 5:00pm on Monday, September 11 at the 4-H Office. This free event is open to all 7th-12th grade 4-H members. Bring a Friend! Our first official meeting will be October 9th at 5:30. Dues are \$20.00 to become a Junior Leader, payable until November 13!**

SHOOTING SPORTS ENROLLMENT MEETING-SEPT. 17

This program combines classroom education with shooting classes to teach safe and responsible use of firearms including decision-making, self-discipline, concentration, and social responsibility. The youth must commit to practice on the range with their instructor for a minimum of 9 hours and to complete a Hunter's Safety course through LDWF. Youth must be a paid 4-H member before joining the shooting sports program. The 4-H shooting sports program is run by a dedicated, trained group of volunteers. The volunteers are all certified in specific disciplines. An Enrollment Meeting for Shooting Sports will be held **Sunday, September 17 1:00 pm at the 4-H Office**. Fees for Shooting Sports will be \$30.00. Deadline to join shooting sports is January 1.



PARISH SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADORS

We are looking for shooting sports members in grades 8th-12th to serve as parish Shooting Sports Ambassadors. To apply, you will need to fill out an application and complete an interview. Applications are available at the 4-H Office or by emailing aaandrus@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Applications are due on September 22– NO EXCEPTIONS!

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR DAY

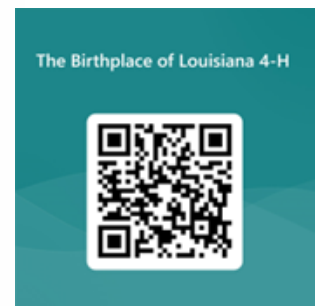
Avoyelles Parish Livestock Ambassadors will be hosting an exhibitor day, **September 9**, at the Avoyelles Parish School Board Barn from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for all 4-H families interested in showing livestock but not sure where to begin. These livestock ambassadors will be out to answer any questions you may have about how to feed, proper maintenance, how to exhibit your animal, and so much more. Any 4-H family interested in showing livestock this year should join us for this extremely informative morning. Follow us on Facebook! More information concerning this event will be posted as it becomes available.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OUTDOOR DISPLAY CONTEST

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2023. Let's show your community how much 4-H means to you and your school. Your club can participate in the National 4-H Week Outdoor Display Contest. School clubs work on 4-H displays to place in front of your school to promote National 4-H Week. Pictures of displays should be sent to the 4-H Office by 4:30 on **October 10**. The winning school club will receive an ice cream party at their November club meeting. Please email your 4-H display photos to Ms. Ann at asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu

PARISH PRIDE SHIRTS

Did you know that Avoyelles Parish was the first parish in Louisiana to have a 4-H club? Originally called the Corn Club, the first club began in 1908 at Avoyelles High School. 116 years later, our clubs are still going strong! Show your parish pride with an Avoyelles Parish 4-H t-shirt. The shirts will be gray with white writing and green clovers. Funds raised will be used to offset the cost of youth participation in regional & state events. Use the QR code or <https://forms.office.com/r/UKK7mrEQEU> to order today. **Deadline for ordering is 10/27/23.**



PET SHOW

There will be a pet show **Monday, October 16 at 5:30** at the 4-H Office. There will be four divisions: dogs, cats, rabbits, and any pets! No large farm animals or wild animals are allowed to enter. All pets must be owned by the 4-H'er entering the animal. All animals must be on a leash or in a cage while at the show. Please make sure all animals are in good health.

Pet Show Categories: Best Dressed, Team Spirit Theme, Most Creative Hair Style, Pet with the Best Trick, Owner and Pet Look Alike, Show and Tell, and Best Costume.

For Show and Tell, each participant will walk or present their pet in front of the judges while talking about their pet. For instance, share the animal's name, breed, unique traits about pet or breed, tricks pet can do, and share a favorite memory of your pet.

Please Note: Categories and characteristics to be judged in the pet show will vary. We may add or delete categories depending on the number of pets registered. It is not required to pre-register; however, I have provided a QR Code. This registration is simply to provide your agents with an idea of number of possible participants.



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Teen Chef Culinary Club

We are excited to announce another year of our Teen Chef Culinary Club. Join Mrs. Jennifer Duhon and Mrs. Amy Andrus for chopping, cooking, and, of course, tasting. Applicants must be in grades 6th - 12th for the 23-24 school year. There is a \$25 fee to join. This fee includes a minimum of 4 classes and 1 service project. Those who excel in the classes will be chosen to compete in the State Food Challenge. Applications are available at the 4-H office, through your club leader, or by emailing aaandrus@agcenter.lsu.edu. Completed applications must be emailed or turned into the 4-H Office in Mansura by **September 19th**. We will contact the members who are chosen to participate by **September 25th**.

Teen Chef Sushi Night

Sushi night, anyone? Students in grades 7th-12th for the 23-24 school year will learn how to make sushi. You will leave with new skills and your own tools to make sushi at home. Join us for this delicious experience. The workshop will be held at the LSU Ag Center in Mansura on 9/25 from 4-6pm. Cost is \$20 per person, with a maximum of 20 participants. **Deadline to sign up is 9/12/23**. Mail in the form and payment to sign up.

Student name _____
Parent name and number _____
Food allergies _____
Mail, along with \$20 payment, to
Avoyelles 4-H Foundation, 8592 Hwy 1, Mansura, LA 71350

AVOYELLES 4-H GARDENING CLUB

Have you ever thought about gardening? Join us monthly at the 4-H office for a slow peaceful session on planting and caring for your outdoor vegetable garden. You will leave every meeting with seeds to feed your soul. There is a one-time non-refundable registration fee of \$10.00. The first garden club meeting will be September 12th at 5:30 pm. Reserve your spot by clicking on the QR Code or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/dDRheSiVWc>



BACK TO SCHOOL GLOW DANCE

Celebrate back-to-school with your friends at the 4-H office. We are hosting a GLOW dance on September 9th at 6pm-9pm. This event is open to all 5th-8th grade students with a cost of \$5 at the door. Concessions and fun glow items will also be sold. For safety, all youth must be signed in and out by an adult. So grab a friend, dress for fun and come dance the night away at the Avoyelles 4-H office.

Halloween Clover Bud Painting Party

Avoyelles 4-H is hosting a Halloween painting party Monday, October 16 from 8:30 am- 10:00 am for ALL 3rd Grade Clover Buds. Each attending will use their painting skills and imagination to paint their very own Halloween masterpiece.

Call the Avoyelles 4-H Office at (318) 964-2245 to reserve your spot with a non-refundable payment of \$5.00. Space is limited.

TRUNK-A-TREAT

Join us for a safe night of fun at the Avoyelles 4-H office on October 26th 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Come dressed in your Halloween costume and collect candy and treats from our parish 4-H clubs and local businesses. This is a family friendly event, open to all.

You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested call Avoyelles 4-H Office at (318) 964-2245 to reserve your trunk spot.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OWNERSHIP OF LIVESTOCK PROJECT:

1. Animals must be in continuous possession of exhibitor from time of validation until the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.
2. Validation will consist of ear tagging animal and pulling a hair sample; hair sample should be placed in a properly identified validation envelope for each animal validated. Validation envelope must be returned to local LSU AgCenter office with validation fee by specified deadline.
3. The responsibility of tagging animals and collecting DNA/hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Animals must be validated in either the exhibitors name or in family name (Family consist of parents, legal guardians, brothers, and sisters.). **When official entry forms are turned in at the parish level animals validated in family name must be entered in the name of the exhibitor that will show the animal at the District and State Livestock Shows.**
4. Exhibitors should request validation kits and turn in kits to the Avoyelles 4-H Office by the following dates:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Return Validation Kits and Fees Deadline to 4-H Office</u>
Exhibition Poultry	November 6
Market, Breeding, and Commercial Sheep	November 6
Market, Breeding, and Commercial Goats	November 6
Beef Breeding and Commercial Heifers	November 6
Commercial Dairy Heifers	November 6
Rabbit	December 1
Market, Commercial Gilts	December 6

Membership and participation in activities and events are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, veteran status, or disability. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation for your participation in an activity, please contact us at 318-964-2245.

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