



# Clover Connect

February 2022



## 4-H Online Enrollment Information

If you need to enroll, please see our Facebook Page, "Ouachita 4-H" for the link, QR code, instructions, & tips!

## Ouachita 4-H Cookery Contest Winners!!

The parish cookery contest 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners are...

- Rice Any Other: Samantha Alexander - Homeschool
- Sweet Potato: Caroline Pankey - Ouachita Christian School
- Pecan: Samantha Shreve - Homeschool
- Egg: Taylor Atkins - GA Academy
- Chicken: Samantha Shreve - Homeschool
- Quick-n-Easy Ground Beef: Lexi Harper - East Ouachita Middle School
- Main Dish Beef: Lexi Harper - East Ouachita Middle School



Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. They will go on to compete soon in the Area Cookery Contest!

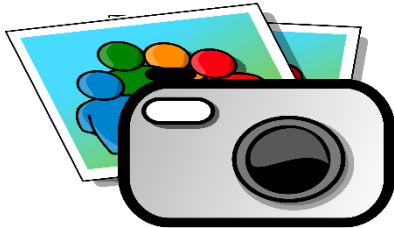
## Facebook, Instagram, & the 4-H Newsletter!

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook & Instagram... both pages are named **Ouachita 4-H**. The 4-H Newsletter is made available on our webpage, [lsuagcenter.com/Ouachita](https://lsuagcenter.com/Ouachita), as well as on our Facebook page. It is available within the first week of each month, September through April.

## February HYPE/Jr. Leader Meeting

**Open to 4-H'ers 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up - The Jr. Leader/HYPE meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the 4-H office auditorium.** Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 17 by emailing [tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu)

## Photography Club Meeting



**The next Photography Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the 4-H office auditorium, 704 Cypress Street, West Monroe.** Please RVSP by emailing [tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu) by **Thursday, February 17.**

## Junior Leader Conference (JLC)

**Open to all 4-H Members age 14 years & older, Junior Leadership Conference will be held March 10-11, 2022 & repeated on March 11-12, 2022. Both camps will be held at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, LA.** Participants may choose which camp they would like to attend.

**Theme:** This year's theme is "**Back to Leadership**". The session choices are: It's About Time; Today's Voices, Tomorrow's Futures; Returning to Responsibility; & Talking to the Past.

**Registration Form:** The registration form will be available on our Facebook Page, Ouachita 4-H, where participants will be able to view details, indicate which camp they would like to attend & rank their session choices. Drop off/Pick up information, etc., will be provided upon registration.

**Deadlines & Fees:** The Cost is \$65. Please make checks payable to Ouachita 4-H. **Please mail or drop off registration forms & fees to our office at 704 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA 71291 by February 4, 2022.**

## Cooperative Enterprise Teen Leadership Conference

8th-12th graders will have the opportunity to sharpen their marketing & financial management skills as they compete in teams to build & manage their own cooperative business at the **2022 Cooperative Enterprise Teen Leadership Conference. The conference will take place at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA from Thursday, March 24 - Saturday, March 26.** This event is generously sponsored by the Louisiana Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

To learn more about the cooperative business structure, check out the following link:

<https://ncbaclusa.coop/resources/what-is-a-co-op/>

The cost for the conference is \$50. Checks should be made payable to LCFC. The deadline to register is Friday, February 25! To register: 1. Complete the online registration at [Co-op Camp \(4-H\) \(formsite.com\)](https://formsite.com) 2. Mail registration fees & forms by February 26 to **Louisiana 4-H, Attn: Michelle Dry, 169 Knapp Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.** Details will be provided in the link above.

## 4-H Night with the Pelicans – March 4, 2022

**Pre-Game Party: 4:15PM - 5:45PM**

**Tip-Off: 7:00PM**

Your Package will include:

- 4-H Night Pre-Game Access
- 4-H Night Pelicans T-Shirt
- Lucky members have the opportunity to participate in on-court fan experiences
- Post-game photo on court with your 4-H club (for groups of 10+ only)

**The deadline to order tickets is February 11, 2022.** The registration link, along with important details & forms, will be available on our Facebook Page, Ouachita 4-H. Please read carefully through all of the information.

It is also important that everyone planning on attending is aware that the Mayor of New Orleans has stated that the Vaccine/Negative Covid Test to enter the New Orleans Arena will remain in place through Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras is on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The game is on Friday, March 4, 2022. We don't expect the vaccine/negative covid test will be lifted by the time of the game. Also for on-court participation you must be fully vaccinated (please see the on-court event participation agreement).

From the Pelicans: Important: As of December 2021, any student 12 years of age & older must provide proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine or negative PCR, molecular, or antigen test within 72 hours to enter the Smoothie King Center.



## Steven L. Hotard Scholarship



The Northeast Louisiana Master Gardener Association is pleased to announce the 2022 Steven L. Hotard Scholarship for Excellence. The Association will again award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior who has been accepted into an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or technical school & who is pursuing a degree in any of the applied or natural sciences. The student must be currently active in 4-H. Selection of the recipient will be based on 4-H project work, community service, demonstrated

leadership, & academic achievement. For more information, please contact Tara Garlington at 323-2251.

**Completed application & supporting documents are due by February 28, 2022.**

## Beef Poster Contest

The Louisiana Beef Industry Council Beef Poster Contest encourages participants to learn more about the beef industry, meat science, & nutrition while developing marketing, communication, organization, & research skills. The 2022 Beef Poster Contest Theme is **"All About Beef"**. Participants may compete in either the poster or digital competition! Details & rules will be available soon on our Facebook page, Ouachita 4-H. **Posters or digital entries are due to the Ouachita 4-H office by March 11, 2022.** This contest is open to 4-H & FFA members in grades 4-12!



Louisiana Beef Industry Council

### Divisions:

**Division I:** 4th – 6th grades

**Division II:** 7th – 9th grades

**Division III:** 10th – 12th grades

**Division DIGITAL:** Open division. All ages compete together

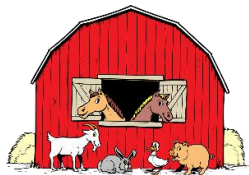
**Awards: All monetary awards are sponsored by the Louisiana Beef Industry Council.**

**First Place:** State winning posters in each division will receive \$200

**Second Place:** State winning posters in each division will receive \$100

**Third Place:** State winning posters in each division will receive \$50

## 4 Farm Animals for 4-H Poster Contest



Entries due to the Ouachita 4-H office by Friday, March 18.

- Use a 14"x17" piece of 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

The winner will receive \$20 & the poster will be framed & displayed at the Ouachita 4-H office!

## Louisiana 4-H Mental Health Retreat

### Mystery to the Safari Retreat: Taking A Look On The Inside

This workshop opportunity is available for 4-H members 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Registration will be granted on a first come first serve basis, so don't wait!! Register now! Take a break from the hustle & bustle of life & embark on an expedition into your own mind to discover the mysteries that await in the jungle of emotions. Journey through the valleys & mountains of feelings – the highs of joy, the lows of sadness, the raging rivers of anger, & much more. You will experience it all in the Louisiana 4-H Mental Health Retreat sponsored by the State Citizenship Board. **There is a \$10 registration fee & fees must be submitted in advance to complete registration. The registration deadline is March 1, 2022.** Additional information can be found on the registration site: <https://fs10.formsite.com/lsuagcenter/rd34s1brqu/index.html>

## College of Agriculture Visits

Have a high school student interested in LSU? Encourage them to visit the College of Agriculture. Visits are personalized & include a meeting with the recruitment team, a tour with a current student, & a faculty appointment. Students can schedule a campus visit at: <https://admissions.lsu.edu/portal/campus-tours>

## Louisiana Draw A Dairy Billboard Poster Contest

Promote the dairy industry by drawing a billboard encouraging or promoting the consumption of milk and/or milk products & their importance for health.

- Posters must be on 22"x28" poster board & must not contain any copyright materials.
- Do not attach anything to the poster that is more than 1/2" thick.
- A 4-H club member can win first place in each division only once.
- Include name, address, grade, school, & parish on back upper right-hand corner.



**Posters are due to the Ouachita 4-H office by April 11.** Ribbon awards will be given on the Parish Level. First Place Parish winning poster will move to the State Level. Winning posters at the State Level will receive cash prizes! Winning posters become the property of the Extension Service & will be displayed at statewide events.

Division I: 4th-6th grades

Division II: 7th-8th grades

Division III: 9th-12th grades

## Scholarship Opportunities!

Attention Seniors: Please be on the lookout for other Scholarship Opportunities! Information has been sent via email. If you have questions, please contact me at [tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu)

## 4-H Summer Camp Is Back!

4-H Camp at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock is back!! Summer Camp is for grades 4-6. Save the Date! Ouachita 4-H camp dates are July 4-7, 2022. More details will be available in our March newsletter.

## February & March are Demonstration Months!

A demonstration should consist of introduction, procedure, & summary. Don't forget your visual aid. Most importantly, practice your demonstration! 4-H'ers may pre-record their demonstrations & email to [tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu) by March 31. Videos should be no more than 5 minutes in length. Click the following link "[How to Demonstrate the 4-H Way](#)". Parish Contest: 1st Place winner will receive \$30, 2nd Place winner \$20, & 3rd Place winner \$10.

## Congratulations to our NELA Agriculture Photo Contest Winners!

Thank you to the Agribusiness Council for your continued support & sponsorship!

### Junior Division (4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>)

#### Farm Animal

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Eva Grace Jones - Union

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jordan Clark - Franklin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Reed Aulds – Richland

#### Horticulture/Plants/Crops

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Reed Aulds - Richland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jordan Clark – Franklin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – John Aubrey Chisum - Franklin

#### Any Other Agriculture

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jackson Jones – Franklin

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Chisum - Franklin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Eva Grace Jones – Union

### Senior Division (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

#### Farm Animal

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lillie Graves - Morehouse

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lexi Harper - Ouachita

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Matthew Kramer - Franklin

#### Horticulture/Plants/Crops

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lexi Harper – Ouachita

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Amelia White - Ouachita

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Melissa Roach - Ouachita

#### Any Other Agriculture

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lexi Harper - Ouachita

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Melissa Roach – Ouachita

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Lillie Graves - Morehouse

\*\*Best of Show – Lexi Harper - Ouachita

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