Ouachita 4-H Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

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October

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Name the Newsletter!

Turn in your ideas for a newsletter name to your 4-H Leader or email entries to rmiller@agcenter.lsu.edu. **All entries due by October 25.** Winner will receive $20.00. Limit one entry per 4-H'er. Put name & school on entries.

Discover the World of Ouachita 4-H!

Explore robotics, livestock, food & fitness, service-learning, art, fashion, wetlands, & shooting sports! Intro meeting for parents & activities for kids! Call to register by October 1: (318) 323-2251

Thursday, October 3, 6-7:30 PM, Ike Hamilton Expo Center, 4th-6th Graders

Join Our Team!

Is your child 9 or older by 1/1/2025 & interested in showing/owning an animal? Scan the QR code or visit the link to receive an introduction email about the team & resources to get you started!

Scavenger Hunt

Hunt begins October 7 & ends October 11! Register at 4-H office in person or over the phone & receive a scavenger hunt form! **Go Hunting** & fill your form! Take pics as you go & tag Ouachita 4-H on Facebook! **Turn the form in** at 4-H office or email to bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu by the end of Friday, October 11! Multiple winners will be selected. Prizes available while supplies last!

Hands To Larger Service Workshop

October 10, 5-6:30 pm, 704 Cypress St., West Monroe. Join us as we build & paint a produce pantry for the Children's Coalition & learns what service-learning is! Wear something that can get paint on it!

Robotics Club

4th-12th graders, join our afterschool Robotics Club using the Lego Spike Prime System. Learn coding, engineering, & compete with other teams! Parent & youth must sign waiver upon arrival.

Beginner club: 4-5 PM **Advanced club: 5-6 PM**

August 27	**January 21**
September 24	**February 18**
October 22	**March 18**
November 19	**April 15**
December 17	**May 13**

Competition: Tuesday, May 13

Join Ouachita Shooting Sports

Must be 9 years old by January 1, 2025. **4-H dues are $8. Shooting Sports registration fees are $30 per child, with a family maximum of $50.** Email bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu for registration forms or questions!

Returning shooter registration: September 16-30
New shooter registration: October 1-17
New Shooter Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 6-7:30 PM, 704 Cypress Street, West Monroe
Range Round Robin: Sunday, October 20, 2-4 PM, 357 Sheriff Fewell Road, West Monroe

Ouachita 4-H Photography Club

Join our monthly club, led by West Monroe Mayor Staci Mitchell, for hands-on lessons and activities, service projects, & fun! Each month at a new location! Compete in photography contests, portfolios, Art Crawl, & a 4-H art showcase! Participate regularly to earn a photography rewards trip!

Photography Club Registration: $20

Save the Dates!!

September 23: Black Bayou
October 21: Indian Village
November 12: NELA Veterans Home
December 16: West Monroe City Hall
January 10 & 12: Ike Hamilton Expo
February 17: Photo Camp at Kiroli
March 11: Biedenharn Museum
April 3: Art Crawl, 4-H Art Show

Ouachita Livestock Show Team Presents Livestock Lane

At the Ark-La-Miss Fair! Livestock Exhibit (Petting Zoo) inside the Ike Hamilton Expo Center.

October 3 & 4, 5-9 PM … October 5 & 6, 1-8 PM

Jr. Leaders!

7th-12th graders: Join Jr. Leaders monthly for service-learning, leadership, food, and fun! Come when you can, no pressure! Thursdays, 6-8 PM each month! Email questions to bcorona@agcenter.lsu.edu

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April TBA
May 29-31

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Due at the 4-H office Friday October 25. Only rules: must use a fake pumpkin. Must be appropriate. Categories will be broken out once all entries are in. Those that are alike will be judged & awarded. Things we are looking for: creativity & artistic skill. Pumpkins will be displayed the following week at City Hall.

Food & Fitness Day Camp

Monday, October 14 at Kiroli Park, 9am-12pm. $5 entry fee. Grades 4-8 are welcome! Space is limited. Call (318) 323-2251 to register.

Ouachita Livestock Show Team Showmanship Clinic

Show Rings at Ike Hamilton Expo Center. Bring your animal & supplies. If you don't have yours yet, come anyways!

October 4, 5:30-7:30 PM at the Ark-La-Miss Fair!

National 4-H Week

To celebrate National 4-H Week, let's **Paint the Parish Green on Friday, October 11!** 4-H Members & Supporters: Wear green or 4-H attire. Distribute clover ribbons from the 4-H office! To enter, post a photo of your outfit in the comments of the Facebook post on Friday! Businesses/Offices: Create a green/4-H display in your window, lobby, or front yard! To register, email us by October 8! Judging will take place on Friday.

Fall Foods Fest – Cookery Contest

Monday, November 18. Check in: 5:15-5:30 pm. Awards Begin: 7 pm. Members bring a prepared dish on ice, & garnish, to be judged for prizes!
Dish Categories: Rice Main Dish, Rice Any Other, Pecan, Sweet Potato, Egg, Chicken, Quick-N-East Ground Beef, Heart Healthy Ground Beef, & Corn. Members can choose 1 category or all 9, but only 1 dish per category. 4-H'ers with winning dishes will compete against other parishes in the Northeast Region Cookery on February 6, 2025. Category specific rules are posted on our website: https://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/ouachita/features/4-h under Contests & Awards.