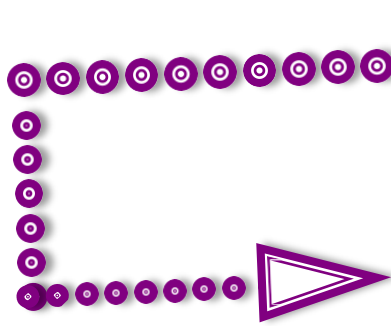




Avoyelles **CLOVER PARLE**

August/September
2026



Dates to Remember

August

- 3 Parish Livestock
Advisory 5:30 - 6:00 pm
- 28 Parish Livestock
Ambassador applications due
- 28 Junior Ag Leadership
applications due (9th-12th)

September

- 10 Livestock
Ambassador Interviews 5:00
- 11 Club Officer/Leader
Training 8:30 - 10:30
- 13 Shooting Sports
enrollment meeting 2:00-4:00
- 14 Culinary Club
meeting 3:30 -6:00
- 15 Livestock
Ambassador Meeting 4:30
- 16 Advance Culinary
Club meeting 4:30 - 7:00
- 21 Junior Leader Fun
Day 4:30-6:00
- 16 & 30 Jr. Master
Gardener Club Meeting 5:00
- 26 Livestock/4H Day
9:00
- 28 Jr. Leader Officer/
Chair Meeting 3:30 - 4:30

WHO MAY JOIN 4-H?

Any youth who is 9 years old by January 1st of the current school year through the 12th grade and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible for membership.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF 4-H?

4-H helps youth grow into strong citizens through club and community activities; congenial neighbors through wholesome companionship in club and community; skilled and responsible adults through project work; well-trained individuals through wise guidance in varied experiences; and cooperative family members through 4-H family events.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO JOIN?

You will pay \$20.00 for the entire year to the Avoyelles Parish 4-H Office. This is collected online when you sign up and join. The dues you pay to the Parish 4-H Office assist with programs and awards and expenses for your school club, and Parish and State 4-H Programs. www.v2.4honline.com
See the attached flyer to sign up for Avoyelles 4-H.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER 4-H PROGRAMS?

Camping, recreation, demonstrations, trips, fairs, parish contests, 4-H University, Fall, Winter, and Spring workshops. Achievement Day and many other programs are offered through 4-H. Going places and doing things in 4-H helps to teach youth to enjoy working together. These programs add interest to the 4-H project by offering additional fun-type educational opportunities that promote the ideals of 4-H.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We love volunteers. Volunteer parents and youth make every program, contest, and camp a success. We couldn't do it without you! Please consider lending a hand at the livestock show, a workshop, or by being an officer at your school club. Parents, please consider being an overnight chaperone, a leader at a workshop, or let us know of a special talent or gift that you can share with this program. Every club has a special person who helps organize meetings and provides their services as a link between the 4-H office and the club. These club leaders make each club run and we never can have enough leaders. If you are a parent and want to help by being a volunteer, please contact the 4-H office to let us know. www.v2.4honline.com

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 4:30pm – 6:30pm on Monday, September 21st at the 4-H Office. This free event is open to all 7th-12th grade 4-H members. Bring a Friend! There will be water kickball, water balloon volleyball, human ring toss, corn hole, and many more fun exciting activities. The 4-H will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and cold drinks. Our first official meeting will be October 5th at 5:30. Dues are \$20.00 to become a Junior Leader, payable until November 9th! www.v2.4honline.com

SHOOTING SPORTS ENROLLMENT MEETING-SEPT. 13th

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. The program offers the opportunity to participate in parish, district, state, and national competitions in shotgun/rifle/archery marksmanship. Youth must be a paid 4-H member at their school 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 was held **Sunday, September 13th 2:00 pm at the 4-H Office**. Fees for Shooting Sports will be \$30.00. Deadline to join shooting sports is December 20th. www.v2.4honline.com



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

You have been elected to serve your club as a club officer; do you know your role? Being a club officer is a rewarding opportunity but serving in that role can be hard. No worries, there will be club officer training on September 11th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Avoyelles 4-H Office. Please let your club leader know that you are interested in attending. www.v2.4honline.com



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - OCTOBER 2nd - 8th

We would love to see all clubs participate in activities such as making treats for teachers, hanging signs or banners around school, or have green and white dress up day, etc. Take the time to celebrate your wonderful club organization! 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 16th**. 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

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 16th at 5:00 pm. www.v2.4honline.com



Join the NEW Avoyelles 4-H STEM Club!

Do you love science, technology, engineering, and robotics? The Avoyelles 4-H STEM Club is the perfect place to explore, create, and discover! Members will participate in hands-on activities such as coding, drones, robotics, engineering challenges, and other exciting STEM projects while building skills for the future. First Club meeting will be September 23rd 4:30 – 6:00. Open to Avoyelles Parish 4-H members in grades 7th – 12th. Come learn, innovate, and have fun with us! There is a one-time club fee of \$20.00.

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For more information, contact the Avoyelles 4-H Office at 318-964-2245.





☀️ Join the Central Region Junior Ag Leadership Program! ☀️

Are you a high school 4-H member passionate about agriculture and ready to lead the future? Our program offers hands-on experiences, leadership training, and networking opportunities with industry experts. 🌱 👩🏫 👨🏫

Why Join?

- **Develop Leadership Skills:** Learn from the best and become a leader in the ag community.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Get real-world experience in various agricultural fields.
- **Network:** Connect with peers and professionals who share your passion.

How to Apply?

- See Mrs. Ann for an application. asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu
- Applications are due by August 28th.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow, lead, and make a difference! ☀️

Apply Now! 🚜

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 asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu

Applications are due on October 2nd – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Culinary Club

I am excited to announce another year of our Teen Culinary Club. Join Mrs. Jennifer Duhon and Mrs. Ann Soileau for chopping, cooking, and, of course, tasting. Applicants must be in grades 4th - 12th for the 26-27 school year. There is a \$25 fee to join. This fee includes 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 asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu. Completed applications must be emailed to asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu or turned into the 4-H Office in Mansura by **September 10th**. We will contact the members who are chosen to participate.

Advance Culinary Club

I am excited to announce a new project club beginning this year. Join Mrs. Brandy Lemoine-Hoyt and Mrs. Ann Soileau for advance chopping, cooking, and, of course, tasting. Applicants must have been in Culinary Club for 2 years and be entering 7th – 12th grade 26-27 school year. There is a \$25 fee to join. This fee includes 5 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 asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu. Completed applications must be emailed to asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu or turned into the 4-H Office in Mansura by **September 10th**. We will contact the members who are chosen to participate.

Parish Livestock Ambassadors

We are looking for livestock members in grades 7th-12th to serve on the Parish Livestock Advisory Board. To apply, you will need to fill out an application and complete an interview. Applications are available at the 4-H Office. **Applications are due on August 28– NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you have any questions or concerns, please email

Ms. Ann Soileau at asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu or call 318-964-2245.



NEW LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

If this is your first year showing livestock in Avoyelles Parish or you have not shown for a while, please contact the 4-H Office as soon as possible and let us know you are interested so that you may be added to the livestock mailing list. You can email asoileau@agcenter.lsu.edu to be added to the email list.

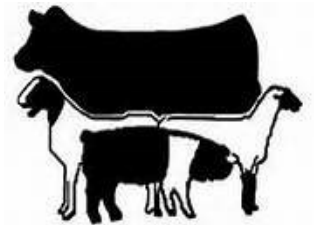
LIVESTOCK/4-H EXHIBITOR DAY & STICK HORSE RODEO

Avoyelles Parish Livestock Ambassadors will be hosting a 4-H exhibitor day **Saturday, September 26** at the Avoyelles 4-H Office from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for all 4-H families interested in showing livestock but not sure where to begin. The 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. There will also be a fun stick horse rodeo hosted by your parish livestock ambassadors. Follow us on Facebook! More information concerning this event will be posted as it becomes available.



EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OWNERSHIP OF THE LIVESTOCK PROJECT:

1. Animals must be in continuous possession of exhibitor from time of validation until the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show. See rules in 2026-27 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show catalog or consult the livestock show manager for specific possession rules.
2. Exhibitors should request validation kits from agents and FFA advisors as per parish guidelines. Each parish LSU AgCenter 4-H office will supply validation kits to exhibitors upon request.
3. Validation will consist of:
 - a. Ear tagging animal.
 - b. Collecting hair sample and/or DNA sample; hair sample should be placed in a properly identified validation envelope for each animal validated. Validation envelopes must be returned to local LSU AgCenter office with validation fee by specified deadline.
 - c. **Exhibitors enter animal information into the 4-H Online system on or before deadline.**



*The responsibility of entering animal info into 4-H online, ear tagging animals, and collecting DNA and/or hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers **MUST** be present and can assist.*

4. Animals previously tagged for the 2026 Louisiana State Fair may utilize the State Fair TAG to complete LSU AgCenter State Show validations. New DNA samples **must** be submitted to LSU AgCenter for all animals previously validated for the State Fair.
5. Animals must be validated in either the exhibitor's name or in the 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.**
6. Exhibitors should request validation kits and turn in kits to the Avoyelles 4-H Office by the following dates:

STATE POSSESSION DEADLINES

Steers.....	August 15
Exhibition Birds.....	November 9
Beef Breeding	November 9
Miniature Beef.....	November 9
Market Lambs	November 9
Breeding Sheep	November 9
Dairy Cattle.....	November 9
Commercial Ewes	November 9
Market Goat	November 9
Commercial Doe	November 9
Breeding Goat	November 9
Breeding Swine.....	December 1
Market Swine.....	December 1



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. **COVID NOTES:** *We are planning this year to the best of our ability. Please be aware that events may be postponed, transitioned to a virtual format, or cancelled as health needs change*

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