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# Buzz

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

- 1: Caddo Extension Office closed
- 1-6: Christmas Break
- 2-3: Hunter's Ed
- 8: Jr. Leaders Meeting
- 10: 4-H Night at the Mudbugs
- 13: Deadline to register for Challenge Camp
- 20: Off for MLK, Jr. Day/ Caddo Extension Office closed
- 31: Toys due for toy drive contest
- TBD: Livestock Club

### February

- 6-7: Challenge Camp
- 11-18: LSU Livestock Show
- 14: Jr. Leaders Meeting
- 14: Valentine's Day / schools closed
- 14: Project Book Workshop
- 17: President's Day / schools closed
- 20-22: Spark, Action, Change Summit
- 22: State Hunting Skills Training
- 26: Mardi-Gras Masks due
- 28- March 8: Shooting Sports Northern Regionals
- TBD: Livestock Club

### March

- 2-8: Shooting Sports Regionals
- 10-14: Spring Break / schools closed
- 12: Food Challenge
- 14: Jr. Leader Meeting / service project
- 18: 4-H University Meeting

## CONTESTS!

See flyer for more details.

### January

- Toy Drive

### February

- Home-Made Mardi Gras Mask

### March

- Beef / Dairy Poster

## "Be Legendary" and join us at the 2025 Northwest Region 4-H Challenge Camp!

Join us for a 2-day event, where we help you learn some skills to be a LEGENDARY individual! Through the super fun activities that are planned, we will help you with problem solving, decision making, communication skills, conflict resolution, self-esteem, etiquette, community service, fashion, teambuilding, outdoor cooking, and STEM. Did I forget to mention S'MORES?!

If you are interested in attending, visit or call the Caddo office at (318) 226-6805 to have a 4-H agent start your registration.

The deadline to register is January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Who: 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H youth

When: February 6-7

Where: Clara Springs in Pelican, LA

Fee: \$75.00 paid by cash, check, or money order. May pay via PayPal for an additional fee; call the Caddo office for this option.

Fee includes a t-shirt!

## Keep Summer Camp and 4-H University on Your Mind

While we have a ways to go until Summer Camp (June 23-26) and 4-H University (June 16-20) get here, but now is the time to start thinking about attending, especially if you plan to attend 4-H University!

Summer Camp is an incredible experience for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers, where we stay in cabins and meet other 4-H'ers from all across Louisiana. During registration, you will choose a "track" that you will follow throughout your time at camp. The activities you will do at camp will be based on that "track."

4-H University is for 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers, where we go down to the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge and compete against other 4-H'ers from all across Louisiana. We will help you train in a competition of your choosing before attending, and we will have a great time!

We will also need Junior Counselors for Summer Camp and adult volunteers for both! If you are interested, please let us know!

Keep an eye out in January and February for more information!

## Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Winners

1<sup>st</sup>: Katy Reynolds

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tomeah Frazier

3<sup>rd</sup>: Ryan Rosenquist

## January's Contest: Toy Drive

We will be collecting new toys to donate to local children's hospitals! The toys are then used or donated to the children patients during their stay. Nothing expensive or big, please! Previously used items are not permitted. Candy, food, and drinks are not permitted.

Any donations are to be submitted to the Caddo Extension Office by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following chart is the suggestions for donations by age:

Birth – One	Two – Four	Five – Ten	Eleven – Eighteen
Rattles	Plastic Dolls	Jump Ropes	Card Games
Baby Music	Plastic Cars / Trucks	Balls	Journals / Diaries
Mobiles	Plastic Blocks	Art Supplies	Cool Writing Pens
Music Boxes	Books	Matchbox Cars	Scrap Booking Supplies
Hats	Stuffed Animals	Barbie Dolls	Books
Clothes	Balls	Action Figures	Crossword Puzzles
Mittens	Play Telephones	Baby Dolls	Word Finds
Lotion	Pop-Up Toys	Card Games	Model Cars / Airplanes
Bottles	Play Dough	Lego's	Pillows / Blankets
Pacifiers	Bubbles	Coloring Books	Slippers
Sippy Cups	Jumbo Crayons (8 pk)	Crayons	Jewelry Making Supplies
Spoons	Coloring Books	Color Pencils	Drawing Supplies
Bibs		Washable Markers	Handheld Games
Teething Rings			Footballs / Basketballs

## February's Contest: Home-made Mardi Gras Mask

This contest is as easy and fun as it seems! All you have to do is make a Mardi-Gras mask from scratch. You can purchase a blank mask or make one, then decorate it as you see fit! Masks are due at the Caddo Extension office by February 26. With your mask, please include your Name and school.

## Come join our Livestock Club!

Do you have rabbits, chickens, goats, lambs, or cows at home, or do you not have any livestock but are just interested? Are you a member of 4-H? Come to one of our Livestock Club meetings and get the scoop about upcoming opportunities, meet other youth who are involved in livestock, get some tips and tricks, and just have a great time! Call the Caddo Extension Office for more information!

### Shooting sports

- Rifle & Air Rifle
  - Practice is at Long Range Alley on Sundays from 2pm – 4pm
- Archery

### **Wanna stay informed about Caddo 4-H opportunities?**

- Follow us on Facebook: Caddo Parish 4-H
- Keep an eye out for emails from "RegMax"
  - This will go to the email on 4-H Online
- Look for your 4-H'er to bring home these newsletters!

### **4-H Pledge**

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
And my health to better living,  
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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4-H Grows Here!

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