



Vermilion 4-H Leader Update



Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for 4-H Enrollment
- 1 Deadline for possession & entry of breeding & market Swine
- 1 Start Jr. Beef Grazing Project
- 10 Food for Families Food Drive
- 10 4-H Electric Workshop, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 19 Parents Night Out, 6-9p.m. Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 23 Computer & Demonstration Workshop, 1-3 p.m., School Board Technology Center, Abbeville
- 23 Jr. Leader Po-Boy Sale
- 24 **MERRY CHRISTMAS - Office Closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1**

JANUARY

- 5 Key Club & Award of Excellence Applications due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 8 Honey Bee Essay due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 8 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 19 **Martin Luther King Holiday, 4-H Office-CLOSED!!**
- 22 Parish Livestock & Poultry Judging Contest, 6:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 23-24 Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 31 Demonstration Day, Kaplan High
- 31 Beef & Seafood Cookery Contest, Kaplan High

FEBRUARY

- 4-7 Acadiana District Livestock Show, Blackham Coliseum, Lafayette
- 12 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Abbeville
- 14-21 State Livestock Show-Gonzales
- 24 **Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**

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4-H Portfolios

We are available to conduct Record Book/Portfolio workshops for any interested clubs. There are also several volunteer leaders and Jr. Leaders who have offered to help with workshops. Our portfolio form will be made available to all 4-H'ers and leaders during January and February. Parish books are due in the 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009.

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Junior Award of Excellence

This award is given to junior 4-H members under 14 years of age on January 1, 2009. 4-H'ers must have at least two years of 4-H club work including award years and score 100 points on the application and score card. Completed applications are due at the 4-H office in Abbeville by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009. Winners receive a gold finished medallion and certificate at Achievement Day. Forms were given out at November Club Meetings. They can also be found on our website <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/parish/vermilion/>

4-H Key Club Award

This award gives recognition to 4-H members who have shown outstanding leadership ability in their club and parish.

The object of the program is to encourage project growth, a broad base of 4-H activities and the ultimate development of outstanding citizens. To be eligible for this award, a 4-H'er must be 16 years old by January 1, 2009, have three years of 4-H club work including award year, completed one year of active junior leadership work, and score 140 points on the application/score card. Completed applications are due at the 4-H office in Abbeville by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009. Winners will receive a gold finished pin and a certificate at Achievement Day. Forms were given out at November Club Meetings. They can also be found on our website <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/parish/vermilion/>

Demonstration Day

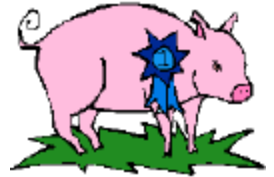
Demonstration Day and the Beef and Seafood Cookery Contest will be held January 31, 2009, at Kaplan High School. We will be handing out rules for these contests at January Club meetings. They may also be found on the Vermilion Parish website.



Parish Livestock Judging Contest

There will be a Parish Livestock Judging Contest on **Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. Come learn how to judge beef, sheep, swine, and poultry, while learning valuable decision making and communication skills.

This is a 4-H University qualifying contest for 9-12th graders. See you there!



*"All 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Parish Livestock Judging Contest on **Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. "*

Driving Safety

Don't be one of these statistics:

Car crashes are the number-one cause of death among teens and young adults. National Highway Transportation Safety Administration research shows that, on average, more than 300,000 teens are injured in car crashes each year, nearly 8,000 are involved in fatal crashes, and more than 3,500 are killed. A study conducted by AAA also shows that teen drivers are involved in more than five times as many fatal crashes as adults are. Young drivers are more likely to speed, run red lights, make illegal turns, and die in SUV rollovers.

In 2006 an estimated 17,602 people died in alcohol related traffic crashes -3 of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash in their life time



Food Drive Reminder!

Please call or email us with the number of pounds of food your club has collected.

The Pizza Party for the club that places first will be awarded in January.



2009 4-H Camp June 1-5th!



The dates for our 2009 4-H Camp have been assigned and Vermilion Parish will be going the week of June 1 - 5, 2009.

The camp is for 4-6th grader members and you must turn in an "Application for Awards" by April 8, 2009. This date is after Achievement Day which is scheduled for March 28, 2009. The applications will be given out at March club meetings or can be downloaded at http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/Forms_Applications/ if you'd like a copy now.

Computer & Demonstration Workshop

Register now for this upcoming workshop where 4-6th graders will learn computer skills and demonstration techniques. The workshop will be held Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the Vermilion Parish School Board Technology Center (220 S. Jefferson St.) in **ABBEVILLE** and will last from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The first 60 people to register will be assured spots. Participants will work on computers to improve computer skills and will learn how to present a simple demonstration that could be used at 4-H Demonstration Day. There is no cost for this workshop.

Registration forms can be found in the December Cracklins.



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