

Vermilion 4-H Leader Update

October

- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 8 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30p.m.
 Courthouse, Abbeville
- 10 Alice Lancon Memorial
 Cooking Contest, 4-H
 Office (*See handout
 for contest rules*)
- 10-11 **No Cattle Festival
 Livestock Show this
 year**
- 17 Rice Festival Cookery
 Contest, Crowley
- 17 Deadline to turn in Pump-
 kin Clinic registration
- 21 Strawberry Clinic,
 6:00 p.m., 4-H Office
- 23 Officer Training Mtg.,
 4:30 p.m., Rene Rost
 Middle School, Kaplan
- 29 Pumpkin Workshop,
 6:00 p.m., Cecil
 McCrory Exhibit Bldg.
 Abbeville
- 21-Nov. 9 State Fair of La.,
 Shreveport

November

- 1 **Deadline for possession
 of Breeding Beef,
 Dairy, Sheep & Goats**
- 3 Deadline-Dog Care Work-
 shop registration
- 8 Dog Care Workshop, 9 a.m.
 Cecil McCrory Exhibit
 Building, Abbeville
- 13 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m.,
 4-H Office
- 14 Garments due at 4-H
 Office for Clothing
 Contest
- 20 Personal Development
 Contest. 6:00 p.m.,
 Abbeville High
- 20 Clothing Contest Dress
 Revue, 6 p.m., Abbeville
 High
- 24 Dog & Pet Show, Cecil
 McCrory Exhibit Bldg.,
 8:00 a.m., Abbeville
- 24 Bike Rodeo, Cecil McCrory
 Exhibit Bldg., 1:00 p.m.
 Abbeville
- 24 Rice & Sugar Cookery
 Contest, 4-H Office
- 25 Engineering Contest, Cecil
 McCrory Exhibit Bldg.,
 9:00 a.m., Abbeville
- 25 Jr. Leader Po-Boy Sale
- 27-28 **Thanksgiving Holiday
 4-H OFFICE CLOSED**



Officer Training Meeting



Club officers will be trained on Thursday, October 23rd from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., at Rene Rost Middle School in Kaplan. If possible, please elect your club officers prior to that meeting. We also need a list of their names, mailing addresses, and offices held so that a letter about this training meeting can be mailed to their homes. We will begin judging club meetings in November.

Please encourage your officers to attend. Junior Leader Club Officers will be presenting information on how to conduct a club meeting, suggestions for CRD activities, how to make your club meeting more exciting and much more!

National 4-H Week

October 5-11, 2008 has been designated as National 4-H Week. This would be a good time to publicize the parish theme, "Make the 4-H Connection!"

We'd like to encourage all of you to plan a few activities for your club during National 4-H Club Week. Publicity for 4-H and your local 4-H club can be obtained in many ways. Posters around school, teacher appreciation, green and white day or special school service projects do a world of good for club spirit and help get support for your club in the school. Have a 4-H Week celebration with your club.



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Welcome - New Leaders!

The following volunteers have signed on the be 4-H Organizational Leaders this year: **Monica Theriot**, Mt. Carmel; **Leah Touchet**, Erath Middle School; **Bridget Duhon**, Herod Elementary; **Valerie Dartez**, J. H. Williams; **Mara Bass**, J. H. Williams; **Richelle Marceaux**; Kaplan Elementary; and **Chantay Abshire**, Meaux Elementary.

Please join us in welcoming these new leaders to the Vermilion 4-H family.

Personal Development Contest

All 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Parish Personal Development Contest, which will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008**, at Abbeville High School at 6:00 p.m.

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Boys and girls will be judged separately in 4 divisions (4th, 5th, 6th, 7-8th grade) and they will compete together in 9-12th grade. Scoring will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with winners announced after the conclusion of the judging. Parents are also invited to attend. A special program is being planned for parents. Refreshments will be provided by the Vermilion Association for Family & Community Education.

Clothing Contest & Dress Revue

Encourage your interested students to start stitching up a garment now, because the contest will soon be here! They must bring their finished outfit to the 4-H Office no later than **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008**. **Appearance judging will be on Thursday, November 20th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Abbeville High School.**

Complete contest rules can be found in the October edition of the *Vermilion 4-H Cracklins* newsletter.



Parish Leader Training Review

We want to thank all of you who attended the Parish Leader Training Meeting on September 24th. Teachers, please thank your principal and Mr. Schexnayder for allowing you the opportunity to attend during school time. We hope you enjoyed the training sessions, and are receiving information useful to you and your 4-H club. We encourage you to make any suggestions on improving your future leader trainings. Also, take some time to think of any additional topics or areas in 4-H that you would like us to address at next year's training. Please write down your ideas and give them to us at one of your next 4-H meetings, give us a call at 898-4335, or email you suggestions to us. Again, thank you for your participation and your suggestions.



14th Annual Canned Food Challenge-New for 2008!

The high volume of food donated in recent years has presented a management and logistical problem. The 4-H advisory committee has proposed a solution that we will implement this year. We are still going to reward the club donating the most pounds of food donated with a pizza party.

However, this year, **clubs must weigh their food (either at school or at the drop off site) and call in your number of pounds to the 4-H office.** Some schools have used the scale in their school cafeteria successfully. The food pantries in each community count on our 4-H donations. In fact, our donations help sustain their stock throughout the year. We want you to continue collecting large volumes and make plans to bring them directly to the collection site in your community.



Utilize Junior Leaders

Our parish Junior Leader Club is comprised of 8-12th graders. These 4-H'ers participate in leadership and community service activities throughout the parish. As a leader, you should feel free to call upon some of these experienced 4-H members to assist with workshops, serve as guest speakers, or help with projects. Our officers are:

President - **Austin Mouton**, Erath High
 Vice-President - **Leah Delahoussaye**, Erath High
 Reporter - **Alex LeBlanc**, ARCH
 Secretary - **Laura Couvillon**, Kaplan High
 Treasurer - **Nicholas Broussard**, Abbeville High
 Parliamentarian - **Coy Prejean**, Kaplan High
 Service Learning Chair - **Hillarie Hebert**, Kaplan High
 Service Learning Chair - **Chelsie Luquette**, Erath High
 Historian - **Leah Broussard**, Abbeville High
 Technology Board - **Jamieson Dill**, ARCH and **Mary Beth Bourque**, Kaplan High



Citizenship is the focus of the club's service learning project this year. Many fun, interactive projects are planned.

We're Here to Help

Our goal as 4-H agents is to make your experience as a 4-H leader a positive one and to provide the resources you need to develop and maintain a strong 4-H program in your school and/or club.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning your 4-H club meeting or a 4-H activity you have planned. For your convenience, a meeting calendar for October is included with this letter. Please look over it carefully and let us know if there is a conflict with your scheduled meeting date and time.

We look forward to a great year and we'll see you at your next club meeting.

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