



Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



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, 6-9 p.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

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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Bicycle Safety

Remember these **Road**

Rules.

- ➔ Know your hand signals
- ➔ Hands on the handlebars
- ➔ Always stop and check
- ➔ Cross and Walk at intersections. Stop at all stop signs
- ➔ Ride on the right-hand side of the street
- ➔ Pay Attention
- ➔ Never ride against Traffic
- ➔ Use bike lanes or designated routes
- ➔ Don't ride too close to parked cars
- ➔ Obey street lights



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!



Honey Bee Essay Contest

The Louisiana Beekeepers Association and Louisiana 4-H Foundation are once again sponsoring the 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest. The state winning essay is then submitted to the National competition. **Essays are due at the 4-H Office by Thursday, January 8, 2009.**

CONTEST RULES:

- ◆ The contest is open to 4-H'ers who have not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the national level, or 1st place in the Louisiana Contest.
- ◆ Typed or computer generated, double-spaced, 12 pt. (Times or similar type style), on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.

◆ **Essay must be written on designated subject only!**

This year's topic is "**The Dance Language of Bees**". **Essays written on any other topic will be disqualified!**

- ◆ All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- ◆ A **HONEY BEE ESSAY COVER SHEET** and brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.

- ◆ Length-the essay should be 750-1000 words. The word count includes on the body of the essay.
- ◆ Essays will be judged on: (A) scope of research, 40%; (B) accuracy, 30%; (C) creativity, 10%; (D) conciseness, 10%; and (E) logical development of the topic, 10%.

For more information on the contest, contact Mr. Hilton at 898-4335, or visit the office at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville.



Key Club and Award of Excellence Applications

These state awards are presented to 4-H'ers in recognition of outstanding leadership and community service.

Key Club applicants must be **16 years old by January 1, 2009**.

Award of Excellence applicants must be **less**

than 14 years old.

A simple one page application form must be completed and submitted to the parish office by **January 5, 2009**. Applications may be picked up at the 4-H Office or from your school's 4-H leader. A 4-H'er may only win

each award one time.

Applications must be turned in at the 4-H Office in Abbeville, by 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Awards will be presented at 4-H Achievement Day on March 28th.



DEMONSTRATION DAY

DATE:

Saturday
January 31, 2009

PLACE:

Kaplan High School

REGISTRATION

8:30-9:00 a.m.

DEMONSTRATIONS

9:00 a.m. - until

Demonstration Day

All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in Demonstration Day. For 8-12th graders, most of the categories are 4-H University qualifying

events. The rules for Demonstration Day are in a separate packet, handed out at club meetings. They may also be found online at http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/Contest_Rules/.



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A demonstration has 3 main parts.

The **INTRODUCTION**, this introduces the subject. Try a catchy title and theme to get the attention of the audience. Like "Hooked on Fishing" instead of "Baiting a Hook." The introduction should cover 3-5 points

that the demonstration will cover.

The **BODY** of the demonstration. The 3-5 points will be covered in detail. For example if the demonstration is "Hooked on Fishing" it could cover the history of fishing, equipment and materials, show how to bait the

hook, other possible baits and safety tips.

The final part is called the **SUMMARY**. Wrap up the demonstration by reviewing the points of the demonstration. This is also the part where references are cited and time is allowed for questions.

Parent's Night Out

The Junior Leader Club is sponsoring a "Parent's Night Out". This event is open to 4-H families. On Friday, December 19th, parents who have pre-registered, may drop off their children (ages 4-12) at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building (behind the 4-H Office in Abbeville). Drop off time is 6:00 p.m. and pick up time is 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per child and that includes a meal.

Throughout the 3 hour period, children will be grouped by ages and will rotate through four major

areas. The areas include: a petting zoo, craft corner, snack shack and recreation room. All children will have an opportunity to visit all areas. Jr. Leader members, along with adult volunteers, will serve as chaperones and group leaders. Jr. Leaders will feature their 4-H project work and interact with the children to insure a good experience for all.

Interested parents must complete and return the attached registration form and submit with pay-

ment by Wednesday, December 17th. The first 100 registrants will be accepted.



Parent's Night Out Registration Form

Mail with check to: (by Dec 17th)

**Shannan Z. Waits
1105 W. Port St.
Abbeville, LA 70510**

**Make checks payable to:
4-H Jr. Leader Club**

___ children @\$15.00/child = ___

List name of child and age:(add additional names as needed)

1) Name _____

Age: _____

2) Name _____

Age: _____

Phone(day) _____

Phone(that night) _____



Parish Livestock Show

The 35th Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 23-24, 2009 at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. Sheep and swine will be judged Friday and beef on Saturday morning. The animals that qualify will go to the Acadiana District Livestock Show in Lafayette at Blackham Coliseum on February 4-7th. The State Livestock Show will be held in Gonzales, at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Feb. 14-17th for sheep, long-haired cattle, goats, commercial heifers, market steers and exhibition poultry and Feb. 18-21st for short-haired beef cattle, swine, dairy cattle, and broilers.



4-8th Grade Beef Premier Exhibitor Winners (L to R)-5th, Brittany Goutierrez, 4th, Andre' Lanie; 3rd, Keisha Marceaux; 2nd, Alysse Hebert; 1st Leah Broussard.



9-12th Grade Beef Premier Exhibitor Winners- 1st, Foster Lanie; 2nd, Brett Broussard; 3rd, Nicholas Broussard; 4th, Cade Marceaux.



4-8th Grade Sheep Premier Exhibitor Winners (R to L)-1st Lane Hebert; 2nd, Jessica Deshotel; 3rd, Sydney Zaunbrecher; 4th, Amelia Zaunbrecher.



9-12th Grade Sheep Premier Exhibitor Winners(R to L)-1st, Matthew Greene, 2nd, Emily Trahan; 3rd, Emily Soirez, 4th, Ross Zaunbrecher, 5th, Drey Marceaux.



4-8th Grade Swine Premier Exhibitor Winners-1st Trey Toups; 2nd, Austin Gaspard; 3rd, Lyle Winch; 4th, Adam Gaspard; 5th, Mary Beth Bourque.



9-12th Grade Swine Premier Exhibitor Winners (R to L)1st, Laura McLain, 2nd, Jordan Rost; 3rd, Leah Delahoussaye; 4th, Katie Thibodeaux, and 5th, Adam Primeaux.



Drive Safely

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

Remember these tips:
 -Scanning helps you to identify potential problems and properly react to or avoid them.
 -Driving within the speed limit is not only safe, it's the law.

4-H Camp - Dates for 2009 and 2010 are Set!

The dates for our 2009 4-H Camp have been assigned and Vermilion Parish will be going the week of June 1-5, 2009 and July 19-23, 2010.

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.

Sincerely,

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Computer and 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 demonstra-

tion that could be used at 4-H Demonstration Day. There is no cost for this workshop.



4-H COMPUTER & DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Return by: Tuesday, December 16, 2008

TO: Shannan Z. Waits
 Vermilion 4-H Office
 1105 W. Port Street
 Abbeville, LA 70510

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Grade _____

School _____

email address: _____