



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 6 Last date to validate market and commercial beef, sheep, and goats.
- 6 Garments due at Farm Bureau Office Meeting Room for Clothing Contest, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Abbeville
- 6 **Deadline for possession of breeding, market, and commercial cattle, sheep and goats.**
- 9 Junior Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville
- 11 Archery Clinic 9-11 a.m.- Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville. **Must have pre-registered to attend.**
- 11 Archery Clinic 1-3 p.m.-Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville. **Must have pre-registered to attend.**
- 16 Personal Development Contest. 6:00 p.m., Abbeville High
- 16 Fashion Show, 6:00 p.m., Abbeville High
- 17 **Deadline - Electric Clinic Registration**
- 20 Dog & Pet Show, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building 8:30 a.m., Abbeville
- 20 Bike Rodeo, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, 12:30 p.m. Abbeville
- 20 Rice & Ground Beef Cookery Contest, 9:00 a.m., Farm Bureau Meeting Room, Abbeville
- 21 Engineering Contest, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, 9:30 a.m., Abbeville
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
4-H OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for 4-H Enrollment
- 4 **Deadline for possession & entry of breeding & market Swine**
- 14 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Science Camp, 9-11:30 a.m. Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville
- 20 4-H Electric Clinic 6:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 25 **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS- 4-H Office Closed Dec. 25-Jan. 2**

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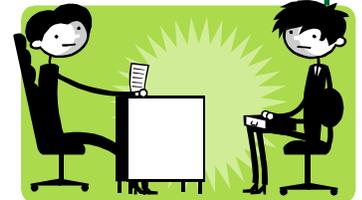
November 2017

Personal Development Contest

All 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Parish Personal Development Contest, which will be held on **Thursday, November 16, 2017**, at Abbeville High School at 6:00 p.m. 4-H'ers should be well groomed and dressed nicely. Each 4-H'er will be interviewed and should exhibit good manners, a friend-

ly personality and be at ease with the judges. You will be scored on posture, poise, manners, ability to converse with adults and overall appearance.

Refreshments will be provided by the Vermilion Volunteers for Family and Community, Inc.



Key Club and Award of Excellence

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

Key Club applicants must be **15 years of age by January 1, 2018**.

Award of Excellence applicants must be **14 years old or under as of January 1, 2018**.

See application forms for complete requirements.

The application form must be completed and **submitted to the parish office by 4:30 p.m. on January 9, 2018**. Applications may be picked up at the 4-H Office at 401 S. St. Charles Street in Abbeville or from your school's 4-H leader. A 4-H'er may only win each award one time. Awards will be presented at 4-H Achievement Day on March 17, 2018.

Recognition for Graduates - Honor Cords!

In an effort to recognize 4-H members who are graduating, Louisiana 4-H will offer a special "4-H Honor Cord."

For 4-H youth to receive the 4-H Honor Cord they must meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Must be an enrolled 4-H member in good standing
- ◆ Must be a graduating senior
- ◆ Must have been enrolled in 4-H for 3 years of their high school career
- ◆ Must have participated in at least one state sponsored 4-H program in the last 3 years
- ◆ Must fill out the application form and turn in to their parish office by the deadline date

All forms are due to the 4-H Office by January 9, 2018. Contact the Vermilion 4-H office at 898-4335, for an application form and more information. This award is sponsored by the State 4-H Foundation.

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Engineering Day Contests - Tractor, Compact Tractor and ATV

The best drivers in the parish will be determined at the 4-H Engineering Contest to be held at the 4-H Office on **Tuesday, November 21**, at 9:30 a.m. This contest is open to any 4-H club member who is at least 13 years old for tractor, compact tractor and ATV. If you would like more information on this contest, call Mr. Hilton at 898-4335.

Tractor and Compact Tractor Contests are 4-H University qualifying contests for 9-12th grade members. In the ATV Contest, 8-12th graders can qualify.



Parish Clothing Contest & Dress Revue

Reminder - the Parish Clothing Contest and Dress Revue will be held in November. Garments are due at the Farm Bureau Office on November 6 and appearance will be judged that day between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. **It is mandatory that all garments be brought on this day and time.** The address is 3139 Veterans Memorial Drive, Abbeville, LA. 70510

The Fashion Show will take place at 6:00 p.m., on November 16th at Abbeville High School. Participation in the Fashion Show is optional. Complete rules can be found in the October *Cracklins* newsletter.

Canned Food Challenge

Food for Families Food Drive will be held again this year. The Jr. Leader Club will sponsor a free pizza party for the club that donates the most pounds of food for the drive. Work with your club leader to organize your club's effort. **REMEMBER, donated food is to be delivered by your club to your local drop off point.**

Food for Families Food Drive is in December!



4-H ELECTRIC CLINIC

Wednesday, December 20th

6:00 p.m.

Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT:

FRIDAY, NOV. 17th!

MAIL TO: Electric Clinic, 401 S. St. Charles Street, Abbeville, LA. 70510

Include payment with form. Make checks payable to: Vermilion 4-H

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

I would like to make a:

_____ 15 ft. Cord @ \$17.00 each

_____ Lamp Kit @ \$15.00 each

Electric Clinic

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville

All 4-H Club members are invited to attend the 29th Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Electric Clinic. 4-H Club members will hear talks on electricity and be taught the basics of wiring. This year's projects will be either a heavy duty extension cord or a lamp kit. Cost will be \$17.00 for a 15 ft. cord. You should bring a phillips-head screwdriver. The lamps cost \$15.00 and you will need to bring a sharp pocket knife, screw driver, and an empty soft drink can. **The DEADLINE for turning in completed forms and money is, Friday, November 17.** Make checks payable to **Vermilion 4-H** and mail to the address on the form.



Vermilion 4-H Pet Show Rules

DATE: Monday, November 20, 2017

PLACE: Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, 1105 W. Port Street, Abbeville

REGISTRATION: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

SHOW BEGINS: 9:00 a.m. - until

Rules and Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be a Vermilion 4-H'er, but it is not necessary to be enrolled in the pet project.
2. All pets must be live, breathing animals.
3. There will be five classes.

CATS:

- a. Must be leashed or caged
- b. Will be judged on cleanliness, grooming, and conformation

MARINE:

- a. Must be restrained in an aquarium, cage, etc.
- b. This class will include fish, shellfish, reptiles, and amphibians
- c. The criteria for judging will be decided upon by the judges once the variety of the exhibits in the class has been viewed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Any pet not fitting into any of the previous categories will be placed in this category
- b. The criteria for judging will be decided upon by the judges once the variety of the exhibits in the class has been viewed

MOST UNUSUAL PET:

- a. All species will be judged in one class
- b. Dogs are not allowed in this competition
- c. Judging criteria will be based upon the variety of exhibits in the class
- d. Entries in this class must have been shown in one of the first three classes in the Pet Show Division

BEST DRESSED PET:

- a. All species will be judged in one class
- b. The criteria for judging will be based on final appearance and creativity
- c. Entries in this class must have been shown in one of the first three classes (cat, marine, or miscellaneous)
- d. Dogs are not allowed in this class

4. All pets must be owned either by the exhibitor or the exhibitor must care for the pet.
5. Any form of abuse applied to a pet may lead to disqualification.
6. All pets must be well behaved and under control at all times.
7. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
8. All entries must be in by 9:00 a.m., on contest day.
9. Ribbons will be given to the first 5 places in each category, in each division: 4-5th, 6-8th, 9-12th.

Livestock (beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, horses, and poultry) are not allowed in this competition.



Vermilion 4-H Dog Show Rules

DATE: Monday, November 20, 2017

PLACE: Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, 1105 W. Port Street, Abbeville

REGISTRATION: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

SHOW BEGINS: 9:00 a.m. - until

Rules and Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be a Vermilion 4-H'er, but it is not necessary to be enrolled in the dog project.
 2. All dogs must be on a leash while at the show.
 3. All dogs must be well behaved (no biting, excessive barking or lunging at people) and under control at all times. Disruptive dogs will be disqualified and removed from the building.
 4. All dogs must be either owned by or cared for by the exhibitor.
 5. An exhibitor may show one or more dogs, but can enter each class only once.
 6. Only dogs in good health may participate. Sick dogs or dogs with skin disorders may not participate. Proof of rabies vaccination (tags or certificate) must be shown at registration.
 7. Any form of abuse applied to a dog may lead to disqualification.
 8. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
 9. Ribbons will be given to the first five places in each class and in each division (4-5; 6-8; 9-12).
 10. Classes include:
 - Best Groomed Dog
 - Most Obedient Dog
 - Exhibitor-Dog-Look-A-Like Contest.
- * **THE SHOW SPONSORS AND ORGANIZERS ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY SUSTAINED BY EXHIBITORS, HANDLERS, OR TO ANY OF THEIR PETS OR PROPERTY.**
- * **CONTEST SPONSORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DISMISS ANY PET OR EXHIBITOR DEEMED UNFIT FOR COMPETITION**



4-H Bike Rodeo Rules

DATE: Monday, November 20, 2017

PLACE: Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, 1105 W. Port St., Abbeville

REGISTRATION: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

BIKE RODEO: 1:00 p.m.

The Bike Rodeo is open to any Vermilion Parish 4-H club member. A participant must compete in all obstacles to be eligible for a ribbon. It is suggested that you bring your own bike. The events are listed and explained below. Set them up at home and practice them for best results. Ribbons will be given to the champion in each division.

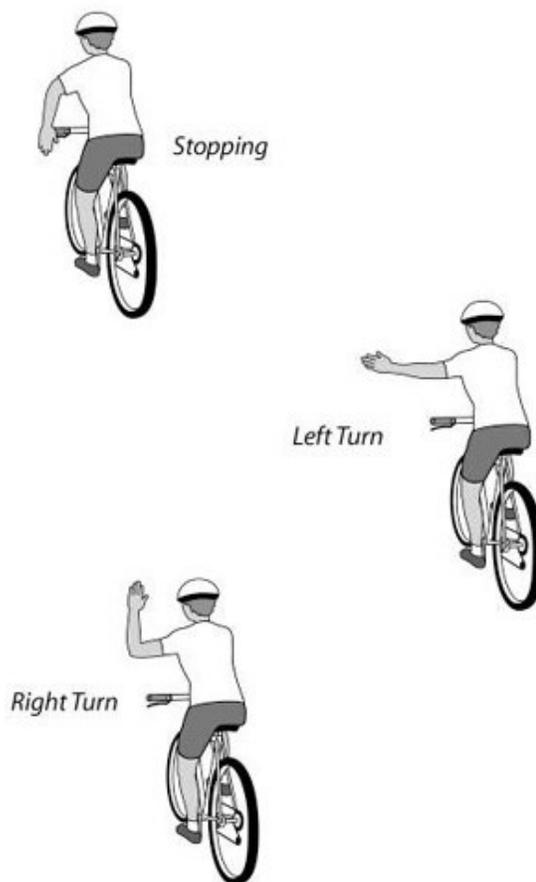
Divisions will be: 4-5th, 6-8th, and 9-12th grades.

Louisiana bicycling laws can be found online at <http://brgov.com/dept/planning/bike/lalaw.htm>

Below are a few of the laws related to bicycling.

- Traffic hand signals to be used by cyclists on Louisiana roads can be found to the right. **These hand signals should be used during the competition at the Bike Rodeo on November 20.**
- With regard to any bicycle used on a public roadway, public bicycle path, or other public right-of-way, no parent, guardian, or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of a child shall knowingly allow any of the following:
 - Such child under the age of twelve to operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle without wearing an approved helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet.
 - Such child who weighs less than forty pounds or is less than forty inches in height to be a passenger on a bicycle without being properly seated in and adequately secured to a restraining seat.

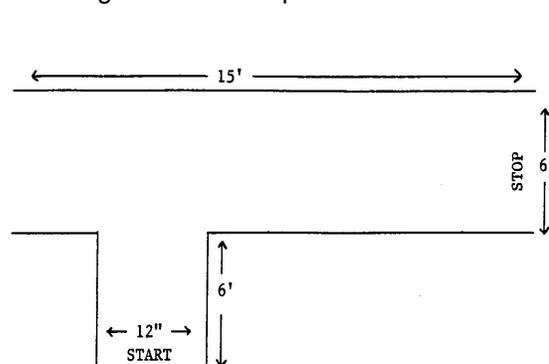
Make sure to log on to the website listed above for more information on laws governing bicycling in Louisiana.



Events are as follows:

INTERSECTION - Each contestant will enter the 12 inch lane, make a right turn and stop.

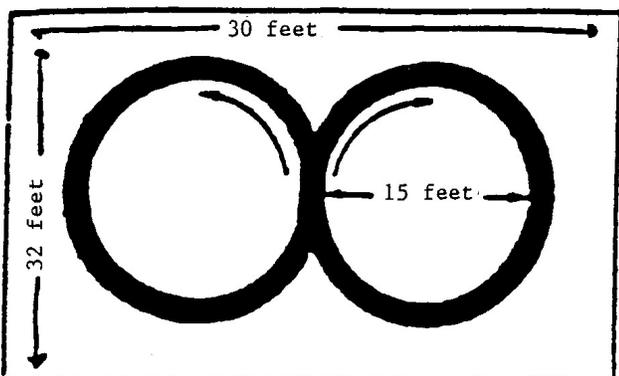
Scoring: One demerit each time a wheel touches any boundary lines. Five demerits for failing to give proper hand signals when turning and stopping. One demerit for each inch away from stop line.



4-H Bike Rodeo Rules (continued)

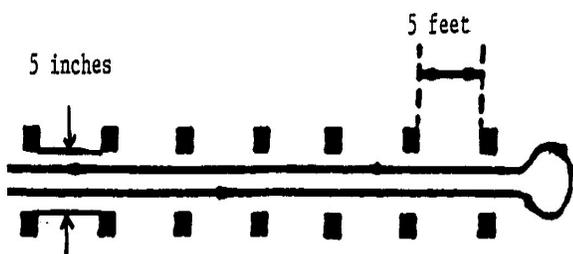
FIGURE EIGHT STEERING - The rider takes a moving start and makes 3 complete figure eights within the lane.

Scoring: Two demerits each time foot touches ground. Three demerits each time tire touches any border line. Ten demerits for breaking pattern.



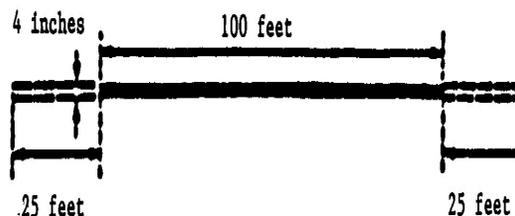
DOUBLE OBSTACLE—From a riding start, the rider maneuvers slowly, between the pairs of obstacles. When the rider has gone the entire distance, he or she turns and repeats the ride in the opposite direction.

Scoring: Two demerits each time foot touches ground. Two demerits each time tire touches obstacle. Ten demerits for not passing between every pair.



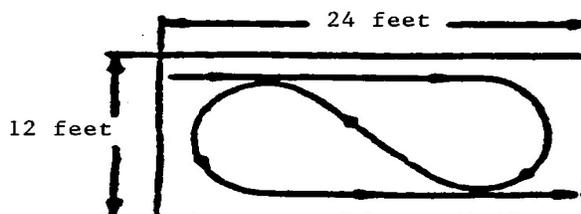
STRAIGHT-LINE — From a riding start, the rider travels the entire length of the line with both tires touching the line at all times.

Scoring: One demerit each time a tire leaves the line. Two demerits if foot touches ground. Five demerits for stopping.



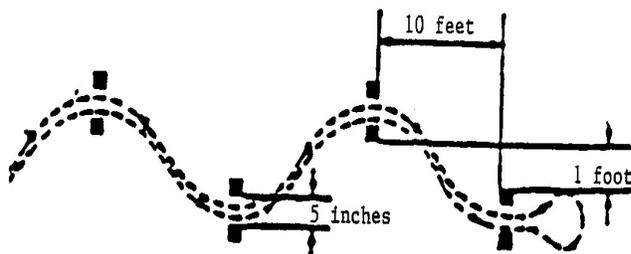
TURNING AROUND—The rider follows the pattern in the diagram giving proper turn signals for each turn.

Scoring: Two demerits each time foot touches ground. Five demerits for failing to give signal or for giving improper signals. Three demerits for touching border line with tires. Ten demerits for breaking pattern.



DOUBLE ZIG-ZAG OBSTACLE—From a riding start, the cyclist zig-zags between the pairs of obstacles. When the rider has traveled the entire distance, he or she turns and repeats the ride in the opposite direction.

Scoring: Two demerits for touching foot to ground. Two demerits each time a tire touches an obstacle. Ten demerits for not passing between every pair.



Rice and Ground Beef Cookery Contest

The Rice and Ground Beef Cookery Contest will be held on Monday, November 20 at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room. The Farm Bureau Office is located at 3139 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville. Registration of the dishes will be from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m., judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Contestants must be a current 4-H member. Dishes may be picked up once judging is complete, which should be around noon.

For Food Safety Concerns, after preparation, the food entry must be chilled to refrigerator temperature. Dishes must be transported on ice, in an ice chest to the contest. Even dishes that are not normally refrigerated, (cakes, cookies, etc.) must be turned in cold. Dishes not chilled and transported in this manner will not be eligible to place 1st. No recipe containing raw eggs will be accepted.

Only 4 servings of the dish are to be submitted - NOT the entire dish. **Point deductions will be given if the whole dish is entered.** No place-mats, flower arrangements, or additional decorative items will be allowed.

First Place in each category will be eligible to compete in the District Cookery Contest on March 19, 2018. **A member may enter only one dish in each category.**

RICE COOKERY CONTEST RULES

Categories:

- Rice Main Dish
- Rice Side Dish
- Rice Dessert

General Requirements

- * **Bring a prepared rice dish to the contest.** The dish must contain at least one (1) cup of cooked rice. Wild rice is not a cultivated rice in Louisiana and does not meet the requirement of 1 cup rice. Dishes containing rice products, such as rice cereal, rice flour, etc. must also contain cooked rice. Example: Traditional rice krispie treats do not meet the contest requirements.
- * **Bring one copy of the recipe to the contest.** The recipe must contain the name of the dish, how much rice it contains, and clear preparation instructions.
- * **ON BACK of recipe - please print child's name, school and grade.**
- * **REMEMBER!!!** Only bring 4 servings of the recipe to enter in the contest. **Do Not Bring the Whole Dish!** Points will be deducted if the whole dish is entered.



The Rice and Ground Beef Cookery Contest will be held on Monday, November 20, at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room in Abbeville.

*****REMEMBER*****

Enter only 4 servings of the recipe, not the entire dish. Point deductions will be given if the whole dish is entered.



Cooperative Extension Service

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BEEF COOKERY CONTEST RULES

Categories:

Note: For each category, a minimum of one (1) pound of **GROUND BEEF** must be used. **Only 4 servings of the dish are to be submitted - not the entire dish.**

1. **Low Calorie Main Dish** — The dish should have less than 300 calories per serving. Please indicate calories per serving on recipe.
 2. **Quick & Easy Main Dish** — The dish should be ready to serve in less than one (1) hour. The time for each step and for cooking or baking must be written on the recipe.
 3. **One Dish Meal** — The dish should provide foods from at least three of the five main food groups of the "My Plate" food guide. Write food groups on the recipe. Food groups include: grains, vegetable, fruit, protein and dairy.
- * **Bring one copy of the recipe to the contest.** The recipe must contain the name of the dish, how much ground beef it contains, list all ingredients, and clear preparation instructions.
 - * **ON BACK of recipe - please print child's name, school and grade.**
 - * **REMEMBER!!!** Only bring 4 servings of the recipe to enter in the contest.
 - * **Do Not Bring the Whole Dish!** Points will be deducted if the whole dish is entered.

4-H Science Day Camp (4-6th grade only)

Limited to first 40 members who turn in their form.

No registrations will be taken over the phone.

December 16, 2017

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building (4-H Barn)

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT of \$5.00

By December 1, 2017

MAIL TO: Science Day Camp, 401 S. St. Charles Street, Abbeville, LA 70510

Include payment with form. Make checks payable to:
Vermilion 4-H

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ GRADE _____

Science Day Camp for 4-6th Graders

Do you like to "learn by doing"? Does science seem more fun when you get to do experiments? Then you don't want to miss this fun morning full of science. The camp will be held at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building (4-H Barn) located at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville.

Mail your check or money order to: Science Day Camp, 401 S. St. Charles Street, Abbeville, LA. 70510. The deadline to register is December 1, 2017!



Sincerely,

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ATTENTION!!!

If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in any of our 4-H activities, please contact either Ms. Shannan or Mr. Hilton at 898-4335.