



# Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



**Dates to Remember:**

**September**

- 4 Labor Day - 4-H Office Is closed!!!
- 14 Jr. Leader Mtg., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Performing Arts Board Auditions, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 22 Sugarcane Festival Livestock Show, SugArena, New Iberia
- 23 Vermilion Fair and Festival Beef Show, Kaplan
- 26 Rice Posters Due - bring posters to 4-H Office located at 401 S. St. Charles St., Abbeville before 4:30 p.m.
- 29 Deadline to register for Fishing Clinic
- 30 4-H Day at LSU Game—LSU vs. Troy

**SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RICE MONTH!**

**OCTOBER**

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 7 CCA Fishing Clinic, 9 a.m. Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville
- 12 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building
- 20 Pumpkin Workshop Registration due
- 20 Rice Festival Cookery Contest, LSU AgCenter Extension Office, Crowley
- 25 Officer Training Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Rene Rost Middle School, Kaplan
- 26-Nov. 12 State Fair of La., Shreveport
- 30 Pumpkin Workshop, 6:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building
- 31 Catch Phrase for Camp Contest Deadline

**NOVEMBER**

- 6 Turn in garments for Clothing Contest at Farm Bureau Meeting Room, Abbeville
- 16 Personal Development Contest, Abbeville High School, 6:00 p.m.

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## 4-H Office - Temporary Location

Just a reminder that our temporary office location is 401 S. Saint Charles Street in Abbeville (the Old Health Unit). Our office on West Port Street flooded last August and has been demolished. We are waiting on construction of our new building to begin soon.

Our current Abbeville location is not big enough to house all of our activities, so please check the "Vermilion 4-H Cracklins" newsletter for the date, place and time of all upcoming activities. All Enrollment cards will be distributed during school club meetings which will begin in September.

We appreciate your continued patience.

## 4-H Is For Everyone

4-H represents groups of young people in all parts of Vermilion Parish having fun together and "Learning By Doing".

4-H Clubs offer a world of opportunities for boys and girls to learn new things, go new places and meet new people. A 4-H club is an organized group of boys and girls; the members elect their own officers and operate as a democracy in action. 4-H Clubs hold monthly meetings in their local school.

Once a student completes the enrollment card and pays the dues, they will be added to the club list. Members will then have the opportunity to attend and participate in

monthly club meetings. Club meetings are held at school during the school day. Members are excused from class to participate in this co-curricular activity. Monthly newsletters are handed out at each meeting which give information about upcoming events.

Each club elects officers giving leadership opportunities to members. Those officers conduct a business meeting each month with the help of the adult leader.

More information on the Vermilion Parish 4-H program can be found on our website: [http://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our\\_offices/parishes/vermilion/features/4-h](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/our_offices/parishes/vermilion/features/4-h)

## 4-H Club 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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## How Do I Join 4-H?

1. Attend the 4-H club meeting in your school at the beginning of the school year.
2. Read carefully over 4-H material given to you.
3. Select a 4-H project book to work on.
4. Enroll in 4-H at September or October meetings.
5. **Pay your dues at your school.**

Email questions to :

[swaits@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:swaits@agcenter.lsu.edu) or  
[hwaits@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:hwaits@agcenter.lsu.edu)

**PHONE:** 898-4335

### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

Vermilion 4-H  
401 S. St. Charles St.  
Abbeville, LA 70510

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## What Does It Cost?- Dues for 2017-2018

***You will pay \$7.00 for the entire year to join 4-H in Vermilion Parish.*** This money is collected in your club by the treasurer and your local leaders. Some clubs choose to collect extra money for their own treasury. The dues you pay to the Parish 4-H Office assist with programs and awards and expenses for both Parish and State 4-H Programs. Project materials, such as fabric, wood, food, etc. are obtained by members.

**Each member is allowed to select ONE project workbook with their membership dues.** Any additional books will cost \$4.00. Books can be purchased at the parish 4-H Office located at 401 S. Saint Charles Street in Abbeville.

## Do I Have to Have an Animal to Join 4-H?

**NO!!!!** ANY boy or girl, who is 9 years old before January 1, 2018, in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible for membership. Animals are only one project option offered through this club.

4-H projects are selected based on a members interest and range from bicycle to environmental science.

## Who Are the 4-H Leaders?

Adults interested in the youth of their community and willing to share their time and talents with them are 4-H Leaders. 4-H leaders, usually teachers and parents of club members, are provided the training materials to be a club project leader.

Any parent, 4-H alumni member, or other adults interested in volunteering to help with local or parish wide 4-H projects or activities are asked to contact the organizational 4-H Leader at their school or the 4-H agents at 898-4335. No special talents, skills, or education are required — just an interest in working with children. Volunteers can serve as project or activity leaders.

## National 4-H Week

The week of October 1-7, 2017, is the time to tell others about 4-H through posters, displays, and other school and community activities.

Make a special effort to thank sponsors and leaders in your area for supporting the 4-H club program. The national theme is: "4-H Grows Here."

If you are looking for fresh ideas on how to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week, contact us at 898-4335 and we can assist you. This is a link to the national 4-H website with great promotional ideas <http://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/>

## 4-H Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, & Swine Projects

***You have until November 6<sup>th</sup> to get a breeding animal (calf, lamb, or goat) for the spring show season.*** If you would like to get involved with the 4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep or Poultry project, and need help finding an animal, call Mr. Hilton at 898-4335.

You have until ***December 4<sup>th</sup> to get a market or breeding pig for the spring show season.*** If you would like to get involved in the 4-H Swine project, and need help finding an animal, call Mr. Hilton at 898-4335 or come by the office at 401 S. Saint Charles Street in Abbeville.

## Rice Poster Contest

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Rice Poster Contest will be held in September, in recognition of National Rice Month.

**WHO:** Every 4-H club member

**WHEN: Turn in poster to the 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m., on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Office in Abbeville.**  
**The address is: 401 S. St. Charles St., Abbeville, LA. 70510.**

**HOW:** Make a poster telling a story of rice and/or rice products .

1. **Poster - made on 11" x 14" poster board only!! NOTE - THIS IS NOT A FULL SIZED POSTER BOARD!!!! Any other size poster board will be DISQUALIFIED!!!!!!**

2. Do not attach anything to poster that is more than 1/2" thick.

3. Be sure to place your **name, address, grade, and school on the back of the poster in the upper right hand corner.**

**HINTS:** Get ideas and pictures from magazines, parents, friends, nutrition bulletins, rice publications and the internet.

**AWARDS:** First through fifth place and Gold, Silver, and Bronze ribbon groupings will be awarded in 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-8<sup>th</sup>, and 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade divisions.

### CCA Fishing Clinic Registration

*Clinic will be held on Saturday, October 7*

9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building

**Fill out registration form and return it by Friday, September 29:**

CCA Fishing Clinic Registration  
401 S. St. Charles St.  
Abbeville, LA. 70510

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fishing Clinic

Do you like to fish? If you do, CCA (Coastal Conservation Association) is sponsoring a fishing clinic on Saturday, October 7, at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building located at 1105 W. Port St., Abbeville, LA. 70510 in Abbeville. The clinic is from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Topics covered will be:

- Boating safety
- Bait identification
- Casting
- Fish identification

You must pre-register if you plan to attend. Complete the registration form on this page and return it by Friday, September 29 to:

CCA Fishing Clinic Registration  
401 S. St. Charles St.  
Abbeville, LA. 70510

### National Rice Month & the International Rice Festival Cookery Contest

September has been selected by the USA Rice Federation as National Rice Month. We encourage all 4-H'ers to get involved in promotion activities. Your contribution is important, appreciated, and necessary.

The Rice Festival Cookery Contest will be held on October 20 at the LSU AgCenter Extension Office in Crowley. You are responsible for bringing dishes to the contest in Crowley and picking them up. Call the parish 4-H Office at 898-4335 if you plan to enter. An entry form will be sent to you.

### Junior Leader Club

All 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members are encouraged to join and participate in the Jr. Leadership Club. Members get to attend the fun-interactive monthly meetings and participate in the service activities the club works with each year. If you wish to get more involved in the 4-H program, the Jr. Leader Club is your best bet. The Jr. Leader Club also helps to run parish 4-H activities by serving as judges, registering contestants and setting up for contests. Don't pass up this excellent opportunity to become a part of something as valuable as the Jr. Leader Club. We will have meetings once a month at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building (4-H Barn). **Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and will last until 7:30 or 8:00 p.m.** Your parents are welcome to stay for the meeting, or they may drop you off and pick you up after the meeting.

**Leadership Project Club Meetings - 5:45 p.m. (before each regular Jr. Leader meeting starting in October)**

All members are encouraged to enroll in the 4-H Leadership Project book. If you have already completed your 4-H enrollment card at your school, you can add this book for an additional \$4.00. Books are available at the 4-H office. To help in completing the activities in the book, we offer a Leadership Project Club which will meet at 5:45 p.m. (immediately before the regular Jr. Leader club meeting) each month from October through January. This is optional, but is a good way to get the activities done easily. Turning in the book, with 4 completed activities by the January deadline, will earn a member 10 points which will count toward the Jr. Leader trip. The books will be checked; points awarded and then will be returned to the members. They may then complete a few more activities and turn them in by the regular parish portfolio deadline in the spring.

### 4-H Day at the LSU Football Game

September 30<sup>th</sup> is 4-H Day at the LSU Tiger Football Game. 4-H will be recognized during half-time activities and a tailgate party is planned at John M. Parker Coliseum with lots of fun activities for everyone. Even if you don't have tickets to the game, you are invited to participate in all pre-game tailgating activities.

4-H members, volunteers, and supporters can purchase tickets by going to <https://www.tinyurl.com/4hcoagame>. **New this year - after you purchase tickets, send a personalized link to friends and family so you can be seated next to each other!** All tickets are \$15.00 and are in the upper deck. LSU will play Troy.

**Cooperative Extension Service**

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**Extension Programs**

- Agriculture and Forestry
- Community Leadership
- Economic Development
- Environmental Sciences
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- 4-H Youth Development
- Natural Resources



**Vermilion 4-H Performing Arts Board-ONLY 8-12<sup>th</sup> Graders can Apply**

Any 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H member interested in showcasing their talent is invited to audition for a spot on the Vermilion Parish 4-H Performing Arts Board. Musicians and dancers are encouraged to apply. Because the board will primarily perform as a singing troupe, all applicants, including dancers, pianists, guitarists, etc., should prepare a vocal audition song. This group will work as a team and perform at various 4-H events throughout the year. Auditions will be held on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at the 4-H Office located at 401 South St. Charles Street in Abbeville.

**Application Process**

1. Complete application and submit by deadline.
2. Participate in an audition.
3. You must bring your own music and/or instrument. A keyboard will be provided if you are auditioning on the piano.
4. You need only prepare for a 2 minute audition.
5. Be prepared to answer questions about yourself after your audition.

**Tentative 4-H Performances**

- Officer Training Workshop
- Personal Development Contest
- Downtown Christmas Stroll
- Nursing Home
- Jr. Leader Steak Dinner
- Achievement Day
- Leader Banquet
- 4-H Banquet

**Additional Information**

- Members will be required to:
- be prepared to perform by practicing
  - be a team player and take direction
  - keep an up-to-date email address and respond to all communications
  - participate in performances unless excused

**Audition Form**

**Due September 18, 2017!!** Fill out form and mail or deliver to 4-H Office at 401 S. St. Charles Street, Abbeville, LA. 70510, or email to [swaits@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:swaits@agcenter.lsu.edu).

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Performing Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Performance (music or song title, specific play or musical, the 4-H'ers original work, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any equipment that you may need (CD player, keyboard, music stand, chair, etc.)  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION:**

*If you need an accommodation for a disability covered by the ADA, please notify Hilton or Shannan Waits at 337-898-4335 two weeks prior to the scheduled event.*

Sincerely,

Shannan Z. Waits  
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