



# Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for 4-H Enrollment
- 1 Start Jr. Beef Grazing Project
- 4 Deadline for possession & entry of breeding & market Swine
- 5 Food for Families Food Drive
- 14 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., A.A. Comeaux Park Recreation Center, Abbeville
- 16 Science Camp, 9-11:30 a.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville. **4-6th Grade, must have pre-registered to attend.**
- 20 4-H Electric Clinic, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville, 6:00 p.m.
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS - Office Closed Dec. 25-Jan. 2**

### JANUARY

- 9 Key Club & Award of Excellence Applications due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 9 Senior Honor Cord applications due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 15 **Martin Luther King Holiday, 4-H Office-CLOSED!!**
- 15 Parish Livestock & Poultry Judging Contest, 1:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 18 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Abbeville
- 19-20 Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville
- 27 Demonstration Day, FI-EB Elementary
- 31- Feb. 3 Acadiana District Livestock Show, Blackham Coliseum, Lafayette

### FEBRUARY

- 8 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Abbeville
- 10-17 State Livestock Show-Gonzales
- 13 **Mardi Gras - Office Closed**
- 24 Junior Leader Club Steak Dinner

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### DEMONSTRATION DAY

#### DATE:

Saturday  
January 27, 2018

#### PLACE:

F.I.-E.B. Elem. School

#### REGISTRATION

8:30-9:00 a.m.

#### DEMONSTRATIONS

9:00 a.m. - until

## Demonstration Day

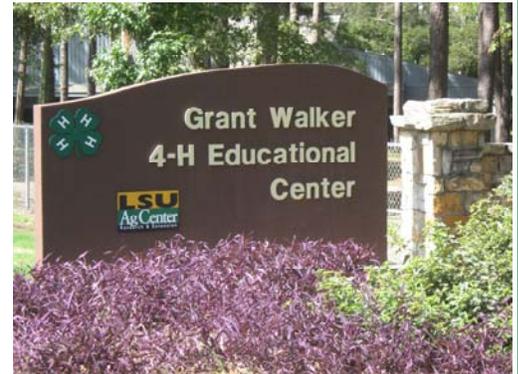
All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in Demonstration Day. The holidays are a good time to start planning for this contest. For 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders, most of the categories are 4-H University qualifying events. The rules for Demonstration Day are in a separate packet that will be handed out at this month's meeting.



## 4-H Camp Dates for the Summer of 2018

The dates for our 2018 4-H Camp have been assigned and Vermilion Parish will be going the week of July 23-27, 2018.

The camp is for 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade members and to qualify, you must turn in an "Application for Awards" by April 10<sup>th</sup>. This date is after Achievement Day which is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>. The applications will be given out at March club meetings.



## Parish Livestock Show and Premier Exhibitor Contest

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 19-20, 2018, at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. Sheep, swine, dairy and poultry 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 January 31 - February 3, 2018. The State Livestock Show will be held in Gonzales, at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, February 10-17<sup>th</sup>.

The Premier Exhibitor Contest is designed to place emphasis and recognition on the exhibitor's knowledge and skills in their 4-H livestock project. The program provides additional awards and recognition.

## Parish Livestock and Poultry Judging Contest

There will be a Parish Livestock and Poultry Judging Contest on **Monday, January 15, at 1:00 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.





## 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 **15 years of age by January 1, 2018** and 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.

## 4-H Member ID Cards

If you have attended any Vermilion Parish 4-H events this year, you have already noticed that we are checking in attendees a little differently. Members who have a school ID badge can simply bring it to be "scanned." All other members will be given member ID cards which can be brought to scan in. If members forget their card, they can still be registered electronically – it will just take a few seconds longer than the scanner. We have adapted the Atrium Library system (used by the parish school system) for a couple of reasons. First, it has made check in quicker and our attendance list more accurate. More importantly, it will give members and parents a way to track 4-H'ers participation at workshops and contests. Here are the directions to access your 4-H Portal on-line:

- ➔ Go to: <https://atriumweb.vpsb.net/opac/fourh/index.html#menuHome>
- ➔ Logon: Your ID number (found on your school ID or your index card below the bar code)
- ➔ Password: Your date of birth (mmddyyyy)

We recommend that you take a picture of the card and store that electronic photo. In the event that you lose the card, the photo will scan just as easy. The member ID number will stay with each member throughout their 4-H career so new cards will only be given to new members. A system for replacing lost cards will be outlined once it is in place.

We think this will come in handy when it's time to complete your Outstanding Club Member applications and 4-H Portfolios. We would like to thank Mrs. Troy Mouton and the members of our Advisory Sub-Committee for having the vision and making this happen.

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