



4-H Clover Connection

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Oklahoma 4-H'ers gear up for county and state fairs

Oklahoma 4-H'ers are nearing the time of year when they are able to showcase their hard work as they prepare for their local county fairs, as well as the 2008 Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair.

Club members have been showcasing project work for the Oklahoma State Fair for nearly a century.

"As Oklahoma 4-H begins to celebrate its centennial this coming year, club members from around the state have an opportunity to get a head start in celebrating their 99 years of exhibiting project work at the fair," said Kevin Hackett, Northwest District 4-H program specialist.

A selection of 4-H Centennial classes has been added for the 2008 and 2009 fairs. In an effort to promote even greater participation, former club members also can get in on the fun.

There is a class for 4-H alumni to exhibit past project work, memorabilia, photographs and even their 4-H recordbook.

"For nearly a century the fair exhibits have been an important part of the 4-H Youth Development Educational Program by allowing young people the incentive to achieve and then to exhibit the results of what they've learned and accomplished," he said.

This year's Oklahoma State Fair will take place Sept. 11-21. Judging day will occur on Sept 10. The Tulsa State Fair will run Sept. 25-Oct. 5. Exhibits will be judged on Sept. 23.

"We're really excited about the new Centennial classes that have been added to this year's and next year's fairs. All of the exhibits in the 4-H Centennial class are intended to learn about and document our 4-H heritage through the process of identification and preservation," Hackett said. "You might want to think of it as our own '4-H Antique Road Show.'"

Each item in this class will require research, documentation and reporting to authenticate the item being exhibited. All exhibits entered in the 4-H

Centennial class will receive a commemorative 4-H Centennial ribbon. An overall "Best of Show" will be selected for each of the six categories, which includes antiques and collectables, photography, family living, mechanical sciences, plant science and communications.

"All 4-H'ers who participate in the 4-H Centennial Road Trip will have the opportunity to showcase their experiences through fair exhibits during the 2009 fairs," he said.

In keeping with tradition, visitors to the fairs will still be able to see a wide variety of 4-H project work in the 4-H exhibits, including woodworking, food preservation, fabrics and fashion, science and technology, shooting sports, wildlife, crops and entomology, and food science and nutrition, just to name a few.

Visitors to the Oklahoma State Fair can see all of the 4-H exhibits in the Hobby, Arts and Crafts Building. If you plan to visit the Tulsa State Fair, make plans to stop by its new location on the east end of the Esplanade in the Central Park Hall to see the exhibits.

"Over the years we've moved locations at both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair. This year's locations for the 4-H exhibits provide us with ample opportunity for visibility so fair-goers can see first-hand what types of projects are available to club members and the impact it has on today's youth," Hackett said.

Classes for 2008 and all changes made to the 2007 guidelines for both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair can be found on the 4-H Web site at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/events/statefair.htm>.

4-H Summer Workshops

Once again we will be conducting workshops for 4-H members this summer. The first will be held Monday, July 7th from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Blaine County Fairgrounds, Foley Building, Watonga. You must pre-register by July 3rd by contacting the Extension Office (580.623.5195). We will be completing exhibits for the fair and other projects related to horticulture.

The next workshop will be conducted on Monday, August 4th from 1-3:00p.m. at the Fairgrounds. You must pre-register by July 29th. We will be doing a canning exhibit for the fair at this workshop.

The final workshop will be conducted on Monday, August 11th, also from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. You must pre-register by July 29th. We will be doing a bread/baking exhibit for the fair.

Remember, you must pre-register for all workshops so that materials can be purchased and ready for the appropriate workshop. There will not be a charge for any of these workshops.

4-H Record Books

4-H Record Books are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 14th. Forms for the record books are available on our county website under 4-H information or at the Extension Office.

4-H Leaders will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 14th at the Blaine County Fairgrounds, Foley Building. All Leaders and Volunteers are welcome to attend this meeting. We will be planning our 'back to school event' and judging record books for medals. Please be sure that your group is represented at this meeting.



Round-up will be held July 30 – August 1, 2008. Participating 4-H members from Blaine County are Hanna Driever, Karson Henke, Cozetta Johnson, Bethany Szymore, and James Szymore.

4-H & FFA State Wheat Show

July 16, 2008

Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Rules & Registration/Report Form can be located at the following website:
<http://agecon.okstate.edu/anderson/calendar.asp>

Or contact the Extension Office
(580.623.5195)

For mailed entries they need to be sent to OSU Central Mail. Those that are brought in that morning will need to be brought to the new **Stillwater High School Vo-Ag Building at 148 N. Drury Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma, July 16, 2008 by 8:30 a.m.** From the intersection of Hwy 51 and 177, go east 1.5 miles to Drury, then north .4 (Drury street borders the Westside of the Eastern Villa mobile home park, between Jardot and Brush Creek Rd.).

We're On The Web!

BLAINE COUNTY WEBSITE

<http://oces.okstate.edu/blaine>

STATE 4-H WEBSITE

<http://agweb.okstate.edu/fourh/>

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BIG THREE FIELD DAYS



July 15-17, 2008 * OSU Animal Science Arena

OSU SWINE FIELD DAY

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Morning Program - OSU Animal Science Arena

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration for Swine Judging Contest

Visit Trade Show

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Dr. Ron Kensinger, Head,
Department of Animal Science, OSU

9:15 a.m. Presentation of Beef Field Day Awards

9:45 a.m. Swine Judging Classes - Seven classes – 4-H,
FFA and Adults

12:00 p.m. LUNCH – on your own

Afternoon Program

View Pork, Beef, Lamb and Goat Carcasses

– Kyle Flynn & Dr. Gretchen Hilton,

Meet in Food and Agricultural Product Center (FAPC)

1:00 p.m. Youth for Pork 2008 Speech Contest

Meet in 102 Animal Science

3:00 p.m. Awards Program–OSU Animal Science Arena

OSU SHEEP FIELD DAY

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Morning Program – OSU Animal Science Arena

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. -Registration for Sheep Judging Contest

Visit Trade Show and High School and College

Relations Booth

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Dr. Robert Whitson, Vice
President, Dean & Director, Division of Agricultural
Sciences & Natural Resources, OSU

Sheep Judging Contest – Seven classes (includes at least
one goat class) – 4-H, FFA and Adults

12:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own, Visit Trade Show

Afternoon Program

1:00-2:00 p.m. Market Cattle, Lamb, Hog and Goat
Evaluation

2:00-2:45 p.m. Comments on the Market Lambs, Cattle,
Hogs, and Goats

2:30-4:00 p.m. Extra Practice Cattle Classes – Located at
J&J Cattle Co., Orlando, Oklahoma

OSU BEEF FIELD DAY

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Morning Program – OSU Animal Science Arena

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration Cattle Judging Contest

Visit Trade Show and High School and College

Relations Booth

Pick up passes for tours

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Dr. Ed Miller, Associate Dean of
Academic Programs, College of Agricultural Sciences
and Natural Resources, Oklahoma State University

Presentation of Sheep Field Day Awards

Beef Cattle Judging Contest – Seven classes – 4-H, FFA
and Adults

12:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own, Visit Trade Show

Afternoon Program

1:30 p.m. “Best of the Best” Reasons Challenge

2:30 p.m. Take advantage of the OSU Meats, Horse, and
Dairy judging clinics

Pre-registration is required in order to participate.

2:30 p.m. Participate in one of the tour opportunities
listed.

Pre-registration is required in order to participate.

1. Gallagher Iba Arena and Heritage Hall (OSU Athletic
Museum)

2. Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory

3. Reproduction Enterprises, Incorporated

4. Veterinary Teaching Hospital

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**Details and a registration packet can be accessed
on the web at:**

[http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/youth%20extension/
index.htm](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/youth%20extension/index.htm)

State Parent-Volunteer Conference

“Celebrate the Oklahoma 4-H Tradition” is the theme of the 2008 State Parent-Volunteer Conference. The conference is scheduled for July 12th in Stillwater. Conference program, workshop descriptions and enrollment form is available on line at

<http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/volun/eduopp.htm>

Track one will be devoted to sharing events and activities planned for the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial celebration – July 2008 through December 2009. Thirty other workshops are sure to motivate the first time volunteer, as well as challenge the veteran volunteers/educator. The conference will include door prizes, as well as a silent and live auction. Lisa Totty, Okmulgee

County Volunteer, has designed and constructed a quilt for the live auction. This one of a kind quilt is in celebration of the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Celebration. Proceeds from the live auction will go towards the endowment of a Volunteer Development Scholarship with the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

During the luncheon, Oklahoma 4-H will recognize volunteers who have been selected by their county for *Volunteer of the Year and Life-time Service* awards and announce the District and State award recipients.

Enrollment forms postmarked after June 20th will be responsible for the full enrollment fee of \$40.

Northwest District 4-H Summer Shooting Sports Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contest

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Event begins at 9:00 a.m.

\$5 per contest

Woodward County Fairgrounds

Woodward, Oklahoma

RIFLE:

Juniors: Standard Three Position – 30 Shots

Intermediate: 60 Shot Standard Three Position, 20 Shot Standing & 20 Shot Silhouette

Senior: 60 Shot Standard Three Position, 20 Shot Standing & 40 Shot Silhouette

PISTOL:

Intermediate: 40 Shot Standing & 40 Shot Silhouette

Senior: 60 Shot Standing & 40 Shot Silhouette

Age as of August 9, 2008

Juniors: 9 – 11

Intermediate: 12 – 14

Senior: 15 and older

