



Blaine County

4-H Clover Connection

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87th 4-H Roundup to kick off 4-H centennial celebration

While continuing with all of the traditional aspects, the 87th State 4-H Roundup also will see some big changes this year.

To start with, the state's largest 4-H event will take place July 30 through Aug. 1 on the Oklahoma State University campus. In addition, this year's event will be the official kick off to celebrate the centennial of the Oklahoma 4-H Program. The theme of the 87th State 4-H Roundup will be "4-H...Transforming the World."

"The change in dates is to accommodate the schedules of more 4-H'ers," said Tracy Branch, state 4-H events and activities coordinator. "State 4-H Roundup traditionally has taken place around Memorial Day, but some schools across the state are still in session. We're hoping that by moving the event to later in the summer, more youth will be able to attend. We're expecting more than 1,000 youth plus volunteer leaders and county educators to attend."

Members of the 4-H Centennial Committee are excited about Roundup being the official kick off for the celebration.

"Our committee has four goals," said Kellie Strawn, coordinator of special programs and promotions. "First, we want to increase 4-H membership across the state. Second, we want to increase the number of adult volunteers. Third we want to increase contact with 4-H alumni. And finally, we want to tell the 4-H story as we honor our roots and look forward to the next 100 years of making the best better."

Strawn also said pairing official kick off to the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial with State 4-H Roundup is a great way to get the word out about all of the exciting, upcoming activities of the centennial celebration, which will take place between July 2008 and December 2009.

Branch said one of the new activities will be the "Opening Event." This event will take place at the Colvin Center on the OSU campus and will feature

swimming, sand volleyball, games and various get-acquainted activities.

Club members will have the chance to celebrate the 4-H Centennial with a new, tasty treat. Blue Bell Creameries has created Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream to commemorate the 4-H program's centennial celebration. Blue Bell officials have indicated the ice cream will be available during one of the Roundup events.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend a variety of educational workshops. Also on this year's agenda will be Fashion Revue, Share-the-Fun, political rallies, Clover Quiz Bowl, Livestock Quiz Bowl and the Job Readiness Event.

In keeping with tradition, Roundup will serve as a time of recognition for many club members. Two of the top 4-H'ers from across the state will be inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame during the Honor Night Assembly. This is the highest honor a 4-H'er can achieve at the state level.

In addition, state record book winners and scholarship winners will be announced, as well as a new group of State 4-H Ambassadors. New state and district officers also will be elected.

Author and motivational speaker Kirk Weisler will serve as this year's keynote speaker.

"We're very excited about all of the Roundup activities we have planned," Branch said. "This is a great opportunity for youth from across the state to visit the OSU campus, learn new things, make new friends and reconnect with old friends. This year's Roundup is sure to be a special time as we kick off the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial."

4-H CAMP (June 9 – 13, 2008)

“Mark Your Calendars”

June 9 – 13 are the dates that have been set for 4-H camp this year. Our theme “4-H: A Treasure Chest of Opportunities”.



(13 year olds can attend either Jr. or Sr. Camp, but not both).

Both camps will be held at Roman Nose State Park, so be sure to mark your calendars for those dates. A registration

form for camp is located below. **Please fill out and return with registration fee by May 19th** so final plans can be made. Cost for camp will be \$50.

Junior camp will be June 9-11 for campers 9 – 13 years old. This camp will include 4-H'ers from Blaine, Garfield, Kingfisher, Logan, and Noble Counties. **Senior campers in the NW District (13 – 19) years of age will be June 11-13.**

****BE SURE A CURRENT RAM FORM AND \$50 REGISTRATION FEE ARE ATTACHED****

2008 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM Due to County Extension Office by Monday, May 19, 2008 Camp Fee: \$50

Camper's Name: _____ Age _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Daytime Phone No. Where Parents Can Be Reached: _____

Any special medical or diet needs: _____

I will be attending: _____ Jr. Camp (9-13) June 9-11 (13 year olds can attend either Jr. or Sr. Camp, but not both)

(Check one) _____ Sr. Camp (13 & up) June 11-13

T-Shirt size (circle one): Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large Adult

Guidelines Required:

- **Do not wear “short” shorts.**
- **Do not wear any Ti-shirts with an offensive saying. This includes alcohol or tobacco advertising.**
- **Do not wear tank tops.**
- **Do not bring cell phones.**

Mail completed registration form & fee to: Blaine County OSU Extension Service
212 N. Weigle – Watonga, OK 73772

4-H Camp Counselors

This is a final call for 4-H members over the age of 15 who are interested in serving as a counselor at the Junior 4-H Camp. As a counselor, you will be responsible for a cabin, serve in a leadership capacity during camp and teach at least one workshop. Contact the Extension Office for an application by May 16th.

Tractor Safety School

May 28-29-30, 2008



If you are 14-16 years of age or know someone who is and you plan to drive a tractor this summer for employment, you must be certified in a safety training program. The Blaine & Major County OSU Extension Services are planning a class at the Major County Fairgrounds in Fairview from 9am – 5pm, May 28-30, 2008. Cost is \$25.

If you are interested, please register by May 23rd by contacting the Extension office at 580-623-5195 so proper materials can be obtained.

Tulsa State Fair Nominations

Lamb & Goat Nominations

June 30, 2008

7am – 12:00 noon

Garfield County Fairgrounds
Enid, Oklahoma

Swine Nominations

Swine nominations are required for the 2008 Tulsa State Fair. Mail-in process ONLY for market barrows. Nomination kits can be ordered by Ag Teachers and County Extension Educators. All barrow nomination packets must be postmarked by July 1, 2008.

2008 Fair Changes

There will be an addition of Section 4325 – **OKLAHOMA 4-H CENTENNIAL EXHIBITS** to the county and state fairs. This is new for 2008 to celebrate Oklahoma 4-H's Centennial. It will be a part of the 2008 and 2009 fairs. It has 2 parts.

The first section called “4-H Member Exhibits” is for current 4-H members. The categories under this division are:

1. Antiques and Collectibles
2. Photography
3. Family Living
4. Animal Science- Poster or Display
5. Mechanical Sciences – Poster or Display
6. Plant Science

A second part of this section (4235) is a “4-H Alumni Division”. It is open to any past 4-H member (4-H alumni) regardless of age (19 to 100+).

All exhibits in the 4-H Centennial Alumni division are intended to document and preserve our 4-H heritage. Think of these exhibits as our own “4-H Antique Road Show”. The divisions under the Alumni Division are:

1. 4-H Collections
2. Original 4-H Project Work
3. Individual's personal scrapbook

There also will be a **Centennial Educational Book Exhibit** opportunity in Section 4301 – **Educational Booth Displays** and there is a centennial poster class for each of the 3 age divisions.

Contact our office for information on these changes. It will also be put on the State 4-H website under “state fairs” in the near future.

We want to get the work about this in our county. When it comes time for the State Fairs each county will be limited to their **five (5) top entries in their county from the entire Alumni Centennial Division (not per class).**

87th State 4-H Roundup

Plans are underway for the 87th State 4-H Roundup. It will be held July 30-August 1st. For more details, please check out the front page of this newsletter. **Cost is \$95 and due to the Blaine County Extension Office by June 16th.** Please contact the Extension Office, if you are interested and a registration form/RAM form will be sent to you. You must be 13 years old by January 1, 2008 or have completed the 7th grade to attend. Some really exciting events and activities are being planned, so submit your registration in before the deadline.

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.

The early bird enrollment fee of \$30 and enrollment forms are **due on or before June 20th**. Any enrollment postmarked after June 20th will be responsible for the full enrollment fee of \$40.

4-H County Record Books



We would like to encourage every 4-H member to create a record book. 4-H'ers do so many activities/projects and with a little more time and effort all of this work can be documented and rewarded by completing a record book. This is how most of our awards and medals are chosen that are presented at the Achievement Program. Take some time this summer and complete your book. **Deadline for record books is July 14th.**

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BLAINE COUNTY WEBSITE

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

STATE 4-H WEBSITE

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

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