



4-H Clover Connection

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4-H Day at the Capitol slated April 6

A group of Oklahoma 4-H'ers will have their voices heard April 6 as they take part in the 13th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator and Ambassador adviser at the State 4-H Office, said this event provides club members with an opportunity to learn more about state government, as well as meet personally with their local legislators.

This event is organized by the 4-H staff at Oklahoma State University and Langston University.

"With 2009 being the centennial year for the Oklahoma 4-H program, our delegates will have the opportunity to ask their legislator if he or she was in 4-H, what impact the program had on their lives and what kind of influence 4-H had on their community and government involvement," Allen said. "Club members will be able to share their own experiences and give the legislators a better understanding of the positive impact 4-H has on our state's youth."

In addition, this annual event provides club members with a venue to voice their concerns regarding issues facing today's youth.

Allen said it is important for these 4-H stories to be heard by those who make the decisions, set the budget and change laws in our state.

A number of Oklahoma's senators and representatives are former 4-H'ers and this event provides them an opportunity to learn how the program has evolved over the years.

In preparation for this annual event, the youth are preparing a one-page sheet that highlights the positive impact that 4-H has on them and how they have benefited from their membership in the world's largest youth organization.

Allen said many of the 4-H Day at the Capitol participants have touched on governmental topics in their civics or government classes in school.

"What makes this event so engaging is that the

4-H'ers are able to put to use what they are learning in the classroom at school," she said.

The day will begin with a continental breakfast at the Capitol. Sen. Ron Justice, co-chair of the Senate Ag and Rural Development Committee, along with Sen. Don Armes, Chair of the House Ag and Commerce Committee will be on hand to welcome the 4-H'ers and sponsors.

Robert Whitson, vice president, dean and director, OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, also will address the group.

In addition, Terry Peach, Commissioner and Secretary of Agriculture, will talk to the group.

Karolyn Bolay, Public Policy intern as well as a former 4-Her, will talk about her role as an intern at the Capitol.

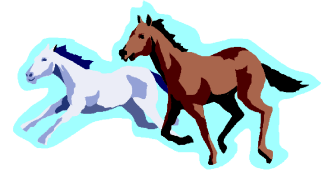
Later in the morning Lt. Gov. Jari Askins will be on hand for a group photograph and she will read a proclamation signed by Gov. Brad Henry declaring April 6 as "Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol."

Similar proclamations will be read in both the House of Representatives and the Senate Chambers.

"Two of our 4-H'ers will address both the House and Senate Galleries and this is a wonderful opportunity for them to gain public speaking experience," Allen said. "This event as a whole has a significant impact on the Oklahoma 4-H program. Even though some of our state's leaders were involved in the program when they were young, 4-H Day at the Capitol gives our legislators an opportunity to see first-hand the positive impact it has on today's youth. It's a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved."

4-H is the youth component of the OSU Cooperative Extension Service.

**Blaine County 4-H Horse Show
Blaine County Fairgrounds**



Saturday – March 28, 2009

Rain out date April 11th

Registration at 12:30 p.m.

4-H Show begins at 1:00 p.m.

***Current negative coggins papers must be provided before unloading horses at the fairgrounds.**

Beginner Division – age 8 and under begins at 12:45 p.m. prior to the 4-H Horse Show.

Beginner division:

8 & under – Showmanship at Halter.....Trophy & \$5.00

4-H Division:

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| Junior | Ages 9 – 11 | A 4-H member that is a minimum of 9 years of age at the time of Horse show, and no older than 11 years of age as of January 1 st of the competition year. |
| Intermediate | Ages 12 – 14 | Must be a 4-H member that is at least 12 years old and no older than 14 years of age as of January 1 st of the competition year. |
| Senior | Ages 15 & older | Must be a 4-H member that is at least 15 years of age by January 1 st but not over 19 years of age by January 1 st of the competition year. |

Schedule of Events:

- Halter Mares – 5 years and young
 Halter Mares – 6 years and older Champion Mare
 Halter Geldings – 5 years and young
 Halter Geldings – 6 years and older..... Champion Gelding

Classes for each age group:

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| *Showmanship at Halter | *Western Pleasure | *Trail |
| *Barrels | *Pole | *Stakes |

Ribbons will be awarded for all placing.

Premiums will be paid to 4-H members:

1st – \$9.00 2nd - \$7 3rd - \$5.00 4th - \$3.00 5th - \$1.00

Champion - \$8.00 Res. Champion - \$5.00

High Point - \$10.00 Res. High Point - \$8.00

Class premiums, ribbons and overall high point trophies will be awarded at this show.

Points will be awarded for each class based on the number of entries per class. Points will be accumulated on a one-horse-one-rider basis.

Contact Charlotte Sawyer for more information: 580-623-7020.



Eskimo Joe's Celebrates Oklahoma 4-H Centennial

Oklahoma 4-H is celebrating 100 years and Eskimo Joe's has released its first ever 4-H design in honor of the organization's milestone. "4-H has such a positive impact on youth and has such a strong presence in Oklahoma," said Stan Clark, president and founder of Eskimo Joe's. "We are pleased to partner with them and provide a design to help commemorate their centennial celebration."

"Eskimo's Joe's has traditionally been a landmark for 4-Hers when they come to Stillwater for judging contests, State 4-H Roundup and other 4-H events," Cox said. "Having a 4-H shirt produced by Eskimo Joe's just seemed like a perfect way to celebrate the centennial."

A portion of the shirts sales will be donated by Eskimo Joe's to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. The commemorative 4-H full-color front design features an array of 4-H projects including livestock, rocketry, gardening, robotics and others along with the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial logo. The back design features the 4-H motto, *To Make the Best Better*, along with the 4-H clover and a blue ribbon. It is printed on an oxford gray short sleeve shirt and is available in sizes youth extra small through 3XL adult. The shirts are available at Joe's Clothes World Headquarters in Stillwater, Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa, Penn Square Mall in Oklahoma City, and on line.



SPEECH/ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION SCORESHEET

_____ Speech (no props allowed)	_____ Junior (9-11)	_____ Individual
_____ Illustrated Presentation	_____ Intermediate (12-14)	_____ Team (Illustrated Presentation only)
_____ Extemporaneous	_____ Senior (15 & over) (Age as of 1/1/09)	_____ Show & Tell (Cloverbuds only – Non-competitive)

Name (print) _____

Name of Partner (team presentations only) _____

Title/Topic (print) _____

SPEAKER:

Possible points 25 _____

- Appearance (neat, appropriate)
- Voice (clear, fluent, voice control, pronunciation, articulation, projection)
- Poise and Posture (cheerful, confident, and erect)
- Eye Contact

Comments:

PRESENTATION:

Possible points 50 _____

- Introduction (short, complete, interesting)
- Organization of Material
- Delivery (smooth, appropriate speed, voice variations)
- Conclusion (adequate and effective)
- General Effect of Presentation
- Interest to Audience

FOR ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS ONLY:

- Proper Use of Visual Aids and Equipment
- Use of Appropriate Materials to “Show” Main Idea
- Props (well managed, neat work space)

Comments:

SUBJECT MATTER:

Possible points 25 _____

- Originality
- Speaker’s Understanding of Subject Matter
- Suitability of topic (specific)
- Information (accurate, up-to-date, complete)

Comments:

Time limit: Speeches – Junior 5-7 min; Intermediate – 4-6 min.; Senior – 5-7 min.

Illustrated Presentation: Team or Individual – no longer than 15 minutes.

Extemporaneous – 5-7 minutes. Must be 13 years of age, topic selected at contest. Must participate in another speech/presentation to be eligible.

Time _____ minutes

Total points _____

Ribbon Placing _____

Judge’s Signature _____

FASHION REVUE

The 4-H member must construct garments for Fashion Revue.

(Taken from “Construction Projects By level” handout available through the OSU Extension Center)

JUNIOR (Ages 9 – 11)

1. Chef’s Apron, instructions provided
2. Tote bag (pattern provided)
3. Skirt with elastic waist
4. Shorts with elastic waist
5. Simple two piece active sportswear with no collars and no set in sleeves, for example: shorts and tank tops, jogging suits.
6. Simple garment made with polar fleece

INTERMEDIATE (Ages 12-14)

7. Bath Robe
8. Pull-on top and coordinating bottom, with elastic waist (shorts, pants or skirt)
9. Shorts, pants or culottes with waistband
10. One piece dress or jumpsuit
11. Two piece garment, using one of the techniques from the intermediate level sample notebook.
12. Garment made with polar fleece

SENIOR (Ages 15 – 19)

13. Two piece ensemble, using one of the techniques from the “Advanced Sample Notebook”
14. Unlined garment with one or two pieces, using two techniques from the “Advanced Sample Notebook”
15. Lined suit or dress
16. Lined skirt, pants or jacket
17. Garment made with polar fleece
18. Coat, lined or unlined
19. Special occasion garment (prom dress, English riding, etc.)
20. Item or garment from specialty fabric (leather, ultra-suede, fur, etc.)
21. Special activity garment (biking, aerobics, swimwear, etc.)

FUN EVENTS

22. **Cloverbud Impressive Dress** – *Non-competitive*. Any boy or girl ages 5, 6, 7 or 8 may model any type of garment, purchased or constructed.

IMPRESSIVE DRESS

Garments for Impressive Dress may be purchased or constructed.

JUNIORS (Ages 9 – 11)

23. **Jr. Casual Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to school, fairs, rodeos, dates, movies, spectator sports, shopping, etc.
24. **Jr. Active Sportswear** – Examples: Garments to wear to play tennis, skiing, jogging, etc.
25. **Jr. Dress Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to weddings, parties, church, etc.
26. **Jr. Formal Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to formal events or other special occasions.

INTERMEDIATES (Ages 12 – 14)

27. **Int. Casual Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to school, fairs, rodeos, dates, movies, spectator sports, shopping, etc.
28. **Int. Active Sportswear** – Examples: Garments to wear to play tennis, skiing, jogging, etc.
29. **Int. Dress Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to weddings, parties, church, etc.
30. **Int. Formal Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to formal events or other special occasions.

SENIORS (Ages 15 – 19)

31. **Sr. Casual Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to school, fairs, rodeos, dates, movies, spectator sports, shopping, etc.
32. **Sr. Active Sportswear** – Examples: Garments to wear to play tennis, skiing, jogging, etc.
33. **Sr. Dress Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to weddings, parties, church, etc.
34. **Sr. Formal Wear** – Examples: Garments to wear to formal events or other special occasions.

NOTE: Fashion Revue participants will have a short individual interview with the judges prior to the modeling.

Impressive Dress participants – will be asked one questions pertaining to their entry during the modeling portion of the contest.

All other judging by the judges will take place prior to the modeling (flat judging of Fashion Revue garments and items pertaining to Impressive Dress Information Sheets).

Name _____

Category _____

Age _____

IMPRESSIVE DRESS

Garments for Impressive Dress may be purchased or constructed.

IMPRESSIVE DRESS SCORE CARD

Part I	Possible Points	Judge Score
Content:		
A. Things I do in this outfit.....	10	_____
B. How this outfit fits into my wardrobe ...	10	_____
C. How this outfit makes me feel.....	10	_____
D. Characteristics of fabrics & fibers	10	_____
Delivery.....	10	_____
Part II	Possible Points	Judge Score
1. *Fit.....	10	_____
2. *Individual presence	10	_____
3. Consumer Value.....	10	_____
4. Becomingness	10	_____
5. Fashion.....	10	_____
Possible Score	100	_____

*In case of a tie, fit category will be the first tie breaker and individual presence category will be the second tie breaker.

Name _____

Category _____

Age _____

FASHION REVUE

The 4-H member must construct garments for Fashion Revue.

FASHION REVUE SCORE CARD

	Judge Score
1. CONSTRUCTION – 65% suitability of fabric for pattern; Suitability of notions and/or decorative detail (buttons, etc.); Construction methods done well and appropriate to garment and fabric; Inner construction; smooth and pucker-free; Pressed appropriately.	_____
2. PRESENTATION – 35% Current fashion, suitable to age of contestant; Creativity used: color, figure, fashion personality; Fabric weight suitable to pattern; color and Line; Accessories suitable to garment; grace and poise; Coordination of contestant: texture line and color; Fit and General Appearance. (Note! Work is appropriate for age level of 4-H member)	_____
Total Score	_____

FASHION REVUE GUIDELINES

Fashion Revue exhibits **must** be constructed by the 4-H member. For detailed descriptions of garments, see specific guidelines in the 4-H clothing project literature. Some projects require specific patterns and the use of techniques on the 4-H clothing sample notebook cards.

4-H Spring Contests

The Presentation/Speech Contest, Impressive Dress Contest and Fashion Revue will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. The Presentation Contest will begin the evening with the Impressive Dress and Fashion Revue to follow. Included in this newsletter are the rules/guidelines for these contests.

Please pre-enter by April 21st. _____.
Fashion Revue garments must be in the Extension Office by noon on day of contest.

Hints for Illustrated Presentations/Speeches

An **illustrated presentation** may be made using posters, props, or by giving a demonstration. A **speech** has no props or displays, etc. The presentation can be about anything you like or have concerns about. Below are some helpful tips:

Talking

- *Look at the audience
- *Talk loud enough to be heard
- *Show enthusiasm
- *Smile!
- *Don't talk too fast

Appearance

- *Dress appropriately & be well groomed
- *With food demonstrations, wear an apron & head ware
- *Don't lean on the table or rock back & forth

Charts

- *Neat and attractive
- *Easy to read
- *Not cluttered or crowded
- *Serve as a guide for you
- *Emphasize key points
- *Summarize main thoughts
- *Show comparisons

4-H & FFA Wheat Contest

A reminder about the Oklahoma 4-H Wheat Improvement Program. There are excellent awards and recognition for the winners selected that includes \$16,000 dollars in scholarships annually. Entry forms are due by July 13, 2009 to Kim Anderson.

Samples must be in place by July 15, 2009 at Heritage Hall on the Payne County Fairgrounds. They may be shipped (10-pound sample of wheat) to Payne County Fairgrounds, but **arrive by July 10th to assure they are delivered by judging time.** **The shipping address is 4518 Expo Circle East, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74075, Attn: 4-H/FFA Wheat Contest. Entries will not be accepted after 8:30 a.m. July 15, 2009.**

Samples will be judged at Heritage Hall, Payne County Fairgrounds, July 15, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. The recognition banquet for families of youth placing in the top 25 visual judging in each division will be held in the Conoco-Phillips Alumni Center on the OSU Stillwater campus on August 27th. All of the entry forms and official rules are available at the Extension Office.

Discovery Unlimited

Discovery Unlimited will be held May 29-30, 2009 at St. Groves Camp in Stillwater. The campsite is located East of Stillwater on Hwy 51. The conference begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes on Saturday at noon.

Discovery Unlimited is a conference planned, conducted, and evaluated by a group of teens for youth 11-12 years old. 4-H members who were 11-12 years old as of January 1, 2009, are eligible to participate. They must also have an adult chaperone. The cost of \$35 includes lodging, registration, meals, T-shirt, and entertainment. For more information and registration forms, please contact the Extension Office. All registration is due by April 3, 2009.

Things you should bring are: Bedding, towels, and toiletries, flashlight, clothing-jeans and appropriate shorts, T-shirts with appropriate subject matter. Discovery Unlimited T-shirts are worn on Saturday, jacket-nights are cool, and night-clothes.



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