



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 county fairs, as well as the 2009 Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair.

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

"As Oklahoma 4-H continues to celebrate its centennial this year, club members and alumni from around the state have an opportunity to look back in celebrating 100 years of project work at the fair," said Kevin Hackett, Northwest District 4-H program specialist.

The selection of 4-H Centennial classes has been revised for the 2009 fairs and will continue at the 2010 fairs. Alumni classes are an effort to promote even greater participation as former club members also can get in on the fun.

There are classes for 4-H alumni to exhibit past project work, memorabilia, photographs and even their 4-H record book.

"For a century fair exhibits have been an important part of the 4-H Youth Development Educational Program by allowing young people the incentive to apply skills 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. 17-27. Judging day will occur on Sept 16. The Tulsa State Fair will run Oct. 1-11. Exhibits will be judged on Sept. 29.

The excitement and interest the new Centennial classes added last year for the first time was so great a decision was made to extend the classes to the 2010 fairs.

"It also identified the need to provide new educational materials on preserving, documenting, and displaying collections and collectibles" Hackett said. "After 2010 we anticipate new classes or even a new 4-H project area centered around collectibles to be added to carry on the objective of the centennial exhibits which is to learn about and document our 4-H heritage through the process of identification and preservation."

Each item in the classes will require research, documentation and reporting to authenticate the item being exhibited.

All 4-H Centennial exhibits entered at the state level at both of the fairs will receive a commemorative 4-H Centennial ribbon. An overall "Best of Show" will be selected for each of the six categories, which includes 4-H collections, photography, family living, mechanical sciences and plant science.

"All 4-H'ers who participate in the 4-H Centennial Road Trip have the opportunity to showcase their experiences through new fair exhibits added for 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, fabrics and fashion, science and discovery, technology, shooting sports, wildlife, crops, food science and nutrition, entomology and postmarks, just to name a few. Projects seen at the fair represent many of the project areas in which club members work on throughout the year.

Visitors to the Oklahoma State Fair can see all of the exciting 4-H exhibits in the Hobby, Arts and Crafts Building. Individuals who are making plans to visit the Tulsa State Fair should plan to stop by the Ford Truck Arena and see the 4-H exhibits in the Exhibit room of the arena.

"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 and gives fair-goers the opportunity to see first-hand all of the different types of projects are available to club members and the positive impact 4-H has on today's youth and the communities in which they live," Hackett said.

Classes for 2009 and all changes made from the 2008 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>.

Grant County Free Fair
September 10-12, 2009
Pond Creek Oklahoma

4-H Family Picnic

July 27, 6:00 p.m. will be the 4-H Family Picnic in the Grant County OSU **Cooperative Extension Office**, 112 E. Guthrie Room 301 Courthouse Medford, Oklahoma. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, paper products and drinks will be provided by the Adult Leaders. Families are asked to bring other items such as chips, dip, salad, dessert and veggies. Please let us know by July 21 how many of your family members plan to attend.

Following the meal there will be a brief meeting of the Adult Leaders to elect officers for next year and set dates and locations for Share-the-Fun, Achievement Banquet, Clothing Contest and Fall Fest.

The County 4-H officers will also have a meeting to elect officers. To be eligible to serve as a county officer you must be 13 years old by January 1, 2009. county officers assist with Share-the-Fun, Achievement Banquet, Clothing Contest, and Fall Fest. They may also have other activities. Bring as much of your school calendar as you can to help with scheduling of these events.

Fashion Revue & Impressive Dress Contest

The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held in conjunction with the Grant County Free Fair this year. Final details will be made at the 4-H Family picnic.

Flat judging of the garments will be done by the 4-H fair judge. The fit and modeling of the garment will be judged along with Impressive Dress entries.

Grant County 4-H Photography Club Photo Exhibit

The photography club is sponsoring a photo exhibit September 19th in the old hardware store in Wakita for the Old Settlers Day Celebration. All 4-H members and volunteers are invited to display their photographs. Photos need to be prepared the same as for the photo contest, matted on 10x10 boards and they need to be able to be hung. Have your photos turned in to the office by September 17th or feel free to come and hang them yourself on September 19th. Let us know by September 17th that you are planning to display your photos so we will have space set aside for you.

National 4-H Week photo contest

Remember that entries are due to the Extension office by September 21st.

The complete rules are in last month's 4-H news letter and are on our [web site on the "latest news" tab](http://oces.okstate.edu/grant/uploaded_files/4-h-photography-contest) http://oces.okstate.edu/grant/uploaded_files/4-h-photography-contest

If you have any questions contact Kaley Jantzen or Russell Rapp, co chairs of the contest or Robyn Rapp Grant County Extension Educator at 580-395-2134 or robyn.rapp@okstate.edu.

National 4-H Week County Project

Several people have been working on our shopping bag project. We definitely don't have enough bags



to give away though. If it is not convenient for you to come to the office to sew please let us know, we will get the pattern to you and you can work at home.

2009 Tulsa State Fair

Market steers, sheep, goats and swine have been nominated to show at the 2009 Tulsa State Fair. One important step is left and that is the August 28, 2009 deadline to complete the online entry. Complete rules are available on the Internet at www.tulsastatefair.com. Click on the blue Tulsa State Fair tag, click on Livestock Book, Click on Jr. Livestock Show and Contests. Entry fee for market steers and breeding heifers are \$30, Market wether lambs, market barrows and market meat goats is \$20 per head. Entry fee for breeding ewes, breeding gilts and breeding does is \$15 per head.

Visit the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Garden

If you're in Stillwater, make sure you visit the 4-H Centennial Garden at the Oklahoma Botanical Gardens, west of the OSU campus. For directions and hours, please visit <http://www.oklahomagardening.okstate.edu> or call [Jessica Stewart](mailto:Jessica.Stewart@okstate.edu) at 405-744-7960. Also watch in July for the 4-H Centennial Garden on OETA's "Oklahoma Gardening" program.

New Fair Classes

See Page 4 in the pink Family Consumer Science newsletter for new Grant County fair classes . Listed below are some changes that apply to 4-Hers and FFA members.

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Tandy leather factory leathercrafting award: \$20.00 Tandy gift card will be awarded to the winners in the following 4-H classes—Junior leathercraft kit, Junior leathercraft original design, Senior leathercraft kit, Senior leathercraft original design. Winners must contact the 4-H superintendent for information on obtaining the card from Tandy.

4-H Centennial & 4-H alumni classes have some changes see state fair premium list for details.

People's choice photography award

A gift certificate from Cliff's Camera & Video in Enid will be presented for people's choice photograph to be chosen from youth and adult open class, Oklahoma Home and Community Education, FFA and 4-H photography exhibits.

FFA

All the classes available at the Oklahoma State fair will be available for entry at the Grant county fair and will be exhibited in an FFA area of the fair building. Use exhibit guidelines and entry numbers from the FFA state fair premium list available from the Grant County OSU Cooperative Extension Office or at www.okstatefair.com

Swine Exhibitors Required to Have Premise Identification

Swine exhibitors are required to have an official premise identification card issued by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry effective August 1, 2009 to show their animals in the 2009 fall shows. This includes all swine shows including the Grant County Free Fair, State Fair of Oklahoma and Tulsa State Fair.

The process to register for a Premise Identification Card can be done by visiting the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry webpage at the following address and filling out the Premise Identification form <http://www.oda.state.ok.us/forms/ais/premiseid.pdf> or by contacting your local FFA Advisor or your Grant County OSU Extension Office for a copy of the registration form.

Officials say the rule will protect both economic and social interests. "This is a very proactive step that lets Oklahomans decide how best to protect the health of our citizens, our livestock and our livestock show industry," said Governor Brad Henry. "Suggestions were made earlier by the Centers for Disease Control and some commercial producers to eliminate swine shows completely, but this is a much better alternative that lets our 4-H and FFA members compete in livestock shows."

Centennial Families Award Application

Families who have a long-standing history of involvement in 4-H are encouraged to apply for the Centennial Families Award, a special Centennial award recognizing families who have had three or more generations in Oklahoma 4-H. You can download the application form from the state 4-H website. Applications are due by August 1. Winners will be notified by August 31 and will be recognized at the Green Tie Gala on November 6.

Ag Youth Day at an OSU Game

The state 4-H office has worked with the Athletic Department to once again offer a discounted game ticket for the OSU v Rice Football game on September 19. The cost of the day's events will be \$40 per person which will include the ticket, optional campus tours, and a hot dog cookout before the game. County programs who have persons attend receive \$1 from each of the tickets.

2009 NW District Leadership Conference

Leadership Conference will be October 14-16 and arrangements are progressing t the current time to have it in Enid. We anticipate the registration fee will be \$95.00 for youth and \$93.00 for adult sponsors, Registration information and fees are due to the Grant County OSU Cooperative Extension Office September 14 and to the NW district office September 21.

4-H Dates to Remember

Tuesdays June 9th through August 4th—National 4-H week Grant County Project—sewing shopping bags—sign up the Friday before.

July 2009

- TBA..... photography club
- 21-23.... 4-H Camp
- 22-24.... Veterinary Medicine Camp
- 27..... 4-H Family picnic
- 29-31.... State 4-H Roundup

August 2009

- 1..... Centennial 4-H family award application due
- 28..... Tulsa State fair online entry deadline

September 2009

- 1..... Promote the Centennial contest packet due
- 10-12.... Grant County Free Fair
- 14..... NW District leadership Conference registration due
- 19..... 4-H Photo display
- 19..... Ag Youth day at an OSU game
- 21..... National 4-H week Photo contest entry deadline

October 2009

- 1-4..... Southern Region Volunteer Forum
- 4-10..... National 4-H week
- 5-9 National 4-H week Photo contest display
- 14-16.... NW District leadership Conference



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