



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>.

July 18, 2009 at the Kay Electric Bldg. in Blackwell OK**Kay County Food Show** - Registration is at 10:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m.**Flower & Vegetable Show** – Registration at 10:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:30 am.**Impressive Dress** – Registration at 10:00 a.m. Show will begin immediately after the Flower and Vegetable Show.**Due to the Impressive Dress, there will be no Tasting Fair****4-H Tri-County Camp – July 21-23, 2009**Lew Wentz Campground, Ponca City – Cost \$55.00 – Registration Due by **June 30th, 2009****4-H Fair Workshop – July 25, 2009**Kildare School–Cost \$10 per person–Registration Due by **July 1, 2009****4-H Banquet** – August 20th, 2009Moose Lodge, Ponca City – Cost \$6 per person – Tickets must be purchased from 4-H Leader by **July 31, 2009**.**Tulsa Fair Lamb/Goat Nominations: Garfield County-Enid Fairgrounds June 29, 2009****Congratulations to the State Horse Show Winners****Mika Burke**, Western Wranglers 4-H Club , 10th Place on her horse “Rockin John Sol” in the Pole Bending Event for 12-14 age group.**Rachael Smith**, Western Wranglers 4-H Club placed 8th on her horse “He’s Real Gold” in the Trail Event for 12-14 age group.**Madison Smith**, Western Wranglers 4-H Club, on her horse “OSU Triple My Check” had a total of three (3) placings in the 9-11 age group. 9th Place in the Hunt Seat Equitation Event. 10th place in the Western Horsemanship Event. 8th place in the Trail Event.**Kay County Extension Office will be closed July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day**

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