With the success of the 2009 trip to South America, the Oklahoma 4-H Program is planning a repeat performance this summer. The adventure to El Crucero, a small village outside of Nicaragua’s capitol city of Managua, will take place July 8-16.

Jeff Sallee, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension 4-H technology specialist, said last summer the students partnered with Feed the Children and were instrumental in putting in a 2,500 square foot community demonstration vegetable garden near the Feed the Children orphanage.

“This truly is a wonderful service learning experience for youth,” Sallee said. “It’s a great opportunity for youth to learn about the world and how science applies in various aspects of life. While students last year may at first have thought they were simply putting in a garden to help provide nutritious foods, they quickly realized that the children in the orphanage could turn the skills they learned into a career.”

Sallee said he is looking for graduating high school seniors or college students who are interested in learning more about the world beyond Oklahoma and the United States.

This year’s agenda includes putting in three backyard demonstration gardens, improving the goat pasture and providing residents with valuable information about goat care and making goat cheese. The group also will provide information about water conservation.

“The weather conditions are definitely taken into consideration for this project. For starters, the wind is constant in El Crucero. Because of this harsh environment, we aren’t able to plant anything that grows very tall,” he said. “Last year we put in beets, carrots, potatoes, several types of squash, okra, chilies, cow peas and kale. They sent us pictures later in the season and it was evident the plants were thriving and the children working in the garden had learned a lot from us while we were there.”

In addition, there is a lot of sulfuric gas in the air from the nearby volcanoes. The toxicity in the air quickly corrodes metal building materials and termites destroy wood structures in a short amount of time. Fencing was constructed around the garden to keep out the village goats last summer. Posts for the fence had to be set in concrete. The same will hold true this year as well.

There will be time for some sightseeing while in Nicaragua, including visiting active and non-active volcanoes and the rain forest.

Students who participate in the study abroad trip earn three hours of college credit and the experience fulfills the international college course requirement. Students do not have to be enrolled at OSU in order to receive credit.

Cost of the trip is $625 plus airfare and tuition. A $100 deposit for the trip is due by Feb. 1. For more information, contact Sallee at 405-744-8885, or e-mail at jeff.sallee@okstate.edu. Additional information also is available at Oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/nica.

“I hope the students who participate come home with a greater appreciation for our lifestyle here, as well as an awareness of how they can help internationally,” Sallee said. “Going out and getting this hands-on experience will be so valuable to them throughout their lives.”
Parent Leaders Organization Meeting

The PLO will be meeting Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Kay County Courthouse.

Teen Leaders Meeting

The Kay County Teen Leaders Meeting will be held on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Kay County Courthouse. All 4-H’ers that are 13 years old and older are invited to attend.

ENID NWD LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Location: Garfield County Fairgrounds, Enid
Registration: 7:45 a.m.
Contest: 8:30 a.m.
Cost: $12 per team (3 or 4 persons)
       $3 per individual (not on a team)
Junior Contest: 9-13 years old as of Jan. 1, 2009
Senior contest: 14 and older as of Jan. 1, 2009
Deadline: January 20, 2010
(called the County office)

Please check the OK State 4-H Club Program Policies for questions about eligibility for involvement at a district event. Academic eligibility is a requirement since it is during school. The contest will include reasons for both age groups. The plan is to have nine classes with three sets of reasons being given. All participants in the 4-H division should be a 4-H member a minimum of 30 days before the contest.

Each club or county represented will need to provide one or more persons to help with the contest. Please let us know by January 20, 2010 the number of teams and individuals who will be coming from your club so proper arrangements can be made.

The Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce as a part of the Enid NW District Jr. Livestock Show provides awards.

NOC LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST AND KAY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW CONTEST

The 2010 Northern Oklahoma College Invitational Livestock Judging Contest will be held on January 20, 2010. The contest will consist of six classes and three sets of reasons. We hope to have two classes each of cattle, sheep, and swine. However, this may vary according to the availability of livestock.

There will be no separation of the 4-H & FFA teams. As in the past, you may enter as many teams and/or individuals as you wish. All individuals will be eligible for awards. In addition, the Senior Division contestants will compete for an NOC Livestock Judging Scholarship Tuition Waiver. The levels of competition will be as follows Jr. Division (9-12), Intermediate Division (13-15) and Sr. Division (16 and over) as of January 1, 2010. Entry fees need not accompany entry form and may be paid the morning of the contest.

Tentative Schedule of events for the day:
8:00 Registration – Nursing & Comm.Center
9:00 Begin judging-NOC Livestock 11:00 Begin reasons-NOC Livestock Pavilion 1:00 Official Placing & Awards-Nursing & Communication Center. For entry forms, contact the OSU Extension Office at 580-362-3194.

You may either mail the entry form or fax it to Tricia Moore at (580)-628-6209. Entries due by January 20th, 2010.

This will be the judging contest for the spring Kay County Jr. Livestock Show.

SCHEDULE FOR 84th ANNUAL KAY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW
February 22 through February 26, 2010.


ALL MONIES DUE BY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2010
CARCASS CONTEST SCHEDULE

Monday, February 15:
8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Carcass Steer Weigh-In,
Tonkawa Meat Processing

Wednesday, February 17:
8:00-8:30 a.m. Carcass Hog Weigh-In,
Tonkawa Meat Processing
8:00 a.m. Carcass Lamb Weigh-In,
Tonkawa Meat Processing

COMMERCIAL GROUPS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 17:
4:00 p.m. Commercial Beef, Swine and Lamb
Groups judged at the Newkirk Livestock
Auction

Friday, February 19:
9:00 a.m. Carcass Judging, Tonkawa Meat
Processing

LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Monday, February 22:
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Weigh-In and Classify Hogs
5:00 p.m.-Trisha Burke Memorial Leadership
Contest
11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

Tuesday, February 23:
10:00 a.m. MARKET HOG SHOW
11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

Wednesday, February 24:
ALL MARKET HOGS MUST BE REMOVED BY
10:00 A.M.
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Weigh-in Goats
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Weigh-in Lambs
10:00a.m.-12 noon Weigh-in Steers
2:00 p.m. GOAT SHOW
4:00 p.m. MARKET LAMB SHOW
11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

Thursday, February 25:
9:00 a.m. HEIFER SHOW followed by STEER
SHOW
11:00 p.m.-All Barns Closed

Friday, February 26:
12 noon CLUB & CHAPTER MEMBERS TO
ASSIST WITH SALE PREPARATIONS
6:30 p.m. BONUS SALE

SCHOLARSHIPS

Kay County Cattlemen Scholarship

DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2010

Parent, legal guardian, or student must be a member of the Kay County Cattlemen’s Association as of January 29, 2010. Applications available at the County Extension Office and on our website: http://nces.okstate.edu/kay Interviews will be held at the Kay County Courthouse on Thursday, February 25th at 6 p.m. Winners will be announced at the Annual Kay County Cattlemen’s Banquet. Scholarship amount is $300 and will be paid directly to the college student will be attending.

TRISHA BURKE MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP CONTEST

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9TH.

Contest will be held February 26th at 5 p.m.

Application form is available at the Extension office and on our website: The purpose of this contest is to honor Trisha Burke through a leadership speech contest. This is a contest to promote the leadership of the youth in Kay County who exhibit livestock at the Kay Co. Jr. Livestock Show. Each participant will give a speech addressing the following topic:

“How will my youth project benefit the future livestock industry?”

Only youth who have entries in the Kay County Jr. Livestock show are eligible for this contest.

Contestants must turn in a copy of their speech with an OUTLINE no later than February 9th, 2010. The speeches will be given by age division and evaluated by a panel of three judges.

Age divisions and time limits are: 9-12- 2 to 4 minutes; 13-15- 3 to 5 minutes; 16 to 18- 4 to 6 minutes. A cash award of $100 and a belt buckle will be given to the winner in each division.

Once a youth has won in his/her age division they will not be eligible to participate in that age division again. This contest will last until the memorial funds have been depleted.
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RECORD BOOKS:

County Record Books are due June 12th, 2009. There will be no limit on how many times you may receive a medal in a specific project area. 4-Her’s can only apply for 4 medals per year. County Forms are available at the County Extension office and also on our website: http://kay.oces.okstate.edu

State Record Books—Draft of State Record Books will be due into the County Office on January 25, 2010.

If you are attending Oakwood Mall Day on Jan. 16, 2010, this is an excellent opportunity for you to attend workshops of interest to you and your 4-H club. We encourage all Club leaders, parents and volunteers to attend and participate.

Oakwood Mall Schedule:

8-10 a.m. ..........................................................Set up
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. .................................................... Registration (North Door at Center Court)
9:30 a.m. ................................. Working Displays Begin (24 locations throughout mall)
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. ...............Mini Floats Checked in & out (Dillard’s Court)
10:30 a.m. .............................. Parade of Mini-Floats (Dillard’s to Penney’s Court)
10:35 a.m. .......... Parent/Volunteer Training Session 1 (Location off Penney’s Court)
11:00 a.m. ............................. 4-H Style & Talent Show (Stage at Food or Center Court)
1:00 p.m. ...........................4-H Style & Talent Show (Stage at Food or Center Court)
1:35 p.m. ..............Parent/Volunteer Training Session 2 (Location off Penney’s Court)
2:35 p.m. ..............Parent/Volunteer Training Session 3 (Location off Penney’s Court)
5:30 p.m. Last Working Display Concludes-Floats Removed (Throughout Mall-Penney’s Court)
5:30-6:30 p.m. Pick-up and Clean-up throughout Mall

2010 4-H CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Oklahoma Farm Bureau is sponsoring the annual Young Farmers and Ranchers Speech Contest to be held in conjunction with the 2010 Oklahoma Youth Expo. The contest will take place Monday, March 15, 3:00 p.m. at OSU/OKC. All entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2010. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.

Age Divisions- .................................................. Division Categories-
Junior - 9-12 years old .......................... Agriculture Production
Intermediate -13-15 years old .............. Environment & Natural Resources
Senior-16-18 years old.......................... Agriculture Policy

Applications available in the Extension Office. For more information contact Marcia Irvin at 405/523-2405 or 405/323-7602-cell

Kay County Extension Office has a Facebook account for the Kay County 4-H and we would like for you to join us on this public profile that will enable us to share information and communicate with each other about any upcoming events throughout the 4-H community. If you have a Facebook account go to search and just type in Larry Klumpp and click add. We are excited about this new method of communication and if you have any questions or concerns just give us a call at the Extension Office.

Kay County Extension Office is making all the county newsletters available by email. You can now receive your Agriculture, 4-H, SOF, Daycare or OHCE newsletter by email rather than by postal mail. We are asking that you send an email to the extension office if you want to start receiving your newsletter by email or if you would like to simply view the newsletters on our website only. The email address is kay.aces@okstate.edu and our website is http://aces.okstate.edu/kay.
T-Shirt/Hoodie Order: Please cut out and return this form with payment to the Kay County Extension Office no later than February 9th, 2010.

Youth Sizes-Small, Medium, Large
Adult Sizes-Small, Medium, Large, X-Large
T-Shirts-$15.00
   (Larger sizes add $2)
Hoodies-$25.00
   (Larger sizes add $2)

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