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Home and Community Education

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Leatherwork Workshop

Joyce Crouch will be teaching a leatherwork workshop Saturday, July 11, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Whether you will be preparing a leather item for the fair or just want to learn or improve on this skill, you are invited to attend. Bring yourself and any leatherwork tools you might have. No need to purchase anything for the workshop.

We would appreciate it if you would RSVP to Pat Johns if you plan to attend. Further communication, if needed, will be made directly to those who RSVP.

OHCE Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for OHCE will be held in Oklahoma City July 12-14, 2009. Although the deadline for registration has passed, you may still register if you are willing to pay a late registration fee.

Family Night – July 25

5:30 p.m. Pizza Hut, 2301 N. 14th, Ponca City
7:00 p.m. Movie (More details later)

We will meet in the meeting room on the north side for dinner. Everyone will order from the menu, visit and enjoy your meal and then go to a family-friendly movie.

Please RSVP to Echo by July 20th so we will know how many people to expect.

~ Echo Blanton
OHCE Membership Committee Chairman

July Leader Training

Topic: Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Dementia
Date: Monday, July 27, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: OHCE Building
Presenter: Betty Glasgow

County Fair Information

Pre-entry forms: Information regarding the OHCE Department and entry times was determined June 22. We will update the OHCE Fair information and send to the Fair Chairman of each local group very soon. If you need the information sooner, ask your group's representative of that committee to share the information with you.

Country Kitchen: The 2009 Country Kitchen schedule needs to be completed. Please contact Frances Bohannon with a first and second choice. Also, let her know if you prefer one whole day or to break up your time over two or three partial days.

Demonstrations: The Membership/PR Committee asks each group to conduct a demonstration of a skill during the time you work at the Country Kitchen and watch the building. Echo would like to publicize those demonstrations in area newspapers so please decide what you will be demonstrating and give Echo that information.

Assist Judge: We need three or four more people to work on judging day. Contact Betty Glasgow if you are interested in working.

Group Posters: At the last Executive Committee meeting it was decided to ask every group to prepare a poster showing the community service

and other activities your group conducts. Photos are encouraged but now required. Stacie Grossardt will provide an easel for your group to display the poster in your booth without taking up room on your table or pegboard. Although you will want to prepare a nice poster, it will not be judged. It is a way to convey to the public the many things you do as a local group.

Inform New Members: Every group includes new members since the last county fair. Please remember the fair is new to these members and they will appreciate receiving guidance from you as they participate the first few years.

Fair Exhibit Recipe

Shirley Moraine conducted a workshop on three cookie exhibits for the fair (no-bake, sugar-free and vegetable ingredient). Those attending received a copy of all recipes except the following no-bake cookie. This is only an example of a no-bake cookie; you may use any recipe you choose for this exhibit.

Ting-a-Lings

- 6 oz semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- ½ cup salted peanuts
- 3 oz Chow Mein noodles
- Maraschino cherries, quartered (optional)

In double boiler melt chocolate over hot, not boiling, water. Stir in peanuts and noodles until the are coated with chocolate.
Drop by teaspoons onto cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Top with cherry if desired. Place in refrigerator or cool place until serving.

Variations:

- Use butterscotch or white baking chips instead of the chocolate.
- Pecans may be used instead of peanuts.
- Chips may carefully be melted in the microwave.

Makes 3 dozen.

Leadership Training

The bi-annual Leadership Training for new, prospective and present leaders of OHCE is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009 at the Clarion Convention Center, on Meridian and I-40 in Oklahoma City, with registration beginning at 9:00. Cost will be \$15 per person, which includes lunch at the Clarion.

Each county is encouraged to send their county president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and FCS educator. We also encourage you to include up to five other county members, as potential leaders, for a total of 10 attendees. Keynote speaker will be Julie Peter, former Toastmaster International District 16 Governor. She and her husband, Steve, co-authored a book on leadership. The title of her talk will be: "If You Are Going to Lead, Lead!"

Overnight arrangements may be made by each county. The Clarion Hotel will have a block of rooms reserved for OHCE, at a special rate, up until two weeks prior to the meeting.

~ Mary Jo Bullis
Leadership Development Chairman

OHCE Calendar

- July:
 - 1 Leatherwork Workshop registration due
 - 3 Courthouse closed
 - 11 Leatherwork Workshop, 9:00 a.m., OHCE Building
 - 12-14 OHCE Annual Meeting, Clarion Convention Center, OKC
 - 17 Newsletter articles due to OSU office
 - 25 OHCE Family Night
 - 27 Leader Training, OHCE Building, 9 a.m.
- August:
 - 29 OHCE Building Clean-Up Day, 8:00 a.m.
- September:
 - 1 OHCE Fair pre-entry forms due
 - 14 OHCE Fair entries taken
 - 15 OHCE Fair exhibit judging
 - 16-19 Kay County Free Fair continues
 - 20 Kay County Free Fair entries released
- October:
 - 1 OHCE Leadership Training, OKC
 - 11 OHCE Picnic, Lake Ponca Shelter #3