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OYE NOMINATION DATES:
In order to nominate swine for Oklahoma City you must have a nomination kit. The kits must be ordered through the Extension Office. If you need a kit let our office know by December 2nd for swine kits.

December 2008

CLOVERBUD CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

This year’s craft workshop for Cloverbuds will be Monday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. The program will allow Cloverbuds the chance to learn some of the latest craft and snack ideas for the holidays. There is no cost for this event but YOU MUST RSVP BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH. This event is only open to Cloverbuds.

TEEN CITIZENSHIP TRIP

This year the teens will be taking a Citizenship Trip on Monday, December 29. Youth from 7th through 12th are eligible for this special trip. This will be a all day trip to Oklahoma City. During the day will be going to the homeless shelter call the Jesus House in Downtown OKC followed by a tour at the Ronald McDonald House. Afterwards we will be Ice Skating and eating out. We will be meeting that day at 7:30 a.m. at the Extension Office. This is an all day trip and I don’t look for the group to be home before 8 p.m. Youth interested in participating in the Teen Citizenship Trip must RSVP by Tuesday, December 16.
The Stephens County Meats Judging Contest & Workshops will only be held depending on the number of youth that RSVP for the program. Youth must RSVP for the program by Tuesday, January 6th. By RSVP you are letting us know that you are willing to come to the workshop and contest.

State Record Books Due into the Extension Office on Tuesday, March 24th.
If you need assistance feel free to contact Kim at the office.

How can you measure the value of a dollar? If it is an “Oklahoma Kids Helping Kids” dollar, it can be measured in children’s smiles, warm feelings, and support for Oklahoma 4-H and the Oklahoma City Ronald McDonald House. Get out and show your support by raising dollar donations for the Ronald McDonald House. Let’s show them just how big of a difference 4-H’ers can make. If your interested in this program please contact Kim at the Extension Office before December 8th.

District Share-The-Fun

January 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Anadarko High School Auditorium, Anadarko Oklahoma,

4-H Day at a Cowboy Basketball Game

Saturday, January 3, 2009 the OSU Cowboys play Northwestern State. This game will start at 2 p.m. in Gallagher Iba Arena. The Cost for 4-H Tickets are $19 per person for youth and adult. We will be coordinating rides for a group to go to the game So, don’t miss out order your tickets before they are all gone. You must pay for tickets at the Extension office by Friday, December 5th.
National 4-H Calendar Contest

The National 4-H Calendar is looking for County winning photos for its 2011 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2009 through November 2009 and also posted on our web. To enter the contest, the following criteria must be followed:

• Full Name & Age of person submitting photographs.
• 4-H Club
• Complete return address
• Telephone number
• List of awards the photo has received
• Photographer’s thoughts about the photo
• E-mail address

For more information, contact the Extension office or check out the website www.4-hmall.org. Entries are due to National 4-H Center on March 1, 2009.

Demonstration Contest/Job Readiness
February 2nd at The Fairgrounds

Show off what you know at the 2009 Stephens County Demonstration/Job Readiness Contest. Now is the time to be dusting off those ideas for your speech. You can do a demonstration over your 4-H project or just something that interests you. The important thing is that you give it a try, I assure you that you will be surprised how much fun you will have. If you are having trouble coming up with an idea or having trouble putting it together, contact your 4-H leader or the Extension office for assistance. The contest will start at 6 p.m. Entry Forms can be found in the newsletter, at club meetings, or in the extension office. As for Job Readiness, you can pick up the information packet and entry form in the extension office. Entry forms and job readiness materials are due into the Extension office, Tuesday, January 27th by 4:30 p.m.
4-H is a family affair. 4-H helps develop family unity by providing an opportunity to do things together. 4-H families become part of a larger extended family.

Members benefit when parents/guardians are involved in 4-H. Parents and volunteers, who take time to learn about and understand 4-H, are of greater assistance to their child and the 4-H program.

Members need parental encouragement to see project work through. Significant adults keep members focused on what they are learning, not just winning.

Parents are important people. The time, talents and assistance provided by parents strengthen the total 4-H program.

Parental participation strengthens the local 4-H club. Parents are needed to chaperone and provide transportation for local and county 4-H events. 4-H members may need your assistance to provide refreshments at club meetings.

Parents are needed to assume leadership roles. A healthy club requires more than one organizational leader providing leadership for everything and everyone. As a vital link in the 4-H leadership team, parents will be asked to serve on local and county committees. The committees will plan and conduct activities and events. Adults are encouraged to create healthy youth-adult partnerships within the committee structure.

A parent may be asked to share subject matter knowledge with a project group. The subject matter could include a hobby or occupation. It may even include scheduling a tour or field trip. This may eventually lead to a parent serving as project and activity leaders for other 4-H members.

Parents must stay informed. Communication is vital in supporting your child’s 4-H experience.

It is the family’s responsibility to read and respond in a timely manner, to the Newsletter, Yearbook and written correspondence received from local and county programs.

Don’t hesitate to ask questions of local and county volunteers and Extension Educators.

Parents receive many levels of satisfaction from 4-H. They enjoy seeing their children and other children grow and develop.

Parents grow personally through new experiences and challenges.

Parents also have the satisfaction of serving the community through 4-H.
**Stephens County Calendar**

Nov. 28 - Dec. 2  National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia

**December**

2  Last day to order Swine Nomination Kits for OYE
4  RSVP for Cloverbud Christmas Craft Workshop
5  Money for 4-H Day At Cowboy Basketball Tickets due into Extension Office
8  Cloverbud Christmas Craft Workshop, 6 p.m., Conference Center
   Deadline for Kids Helping Kids
16  RSVP for Teen Citizenship Trip
29  Teen Citizenship Trip, Oklahoma City

**January**

3  4-H Day @ OSU Cowboy Basketball, 2 p.m., Stillwater
6  RSVP for Meat Judging Workshop
7-10  Western Denver Round-Up, Denver, Colorado
10  District Share-The-Fun, 9 a.m., Anadarko
24  Southwest District Volunteer Conference
   Southwest District Speech Contest
26  Livestock Grower Banquet
27  County Demonstration & Job Readiness Entries due into the Extension office

**February**

2  County Demonstration & Job Readiness Contest, Conference Center
2-17  Cookie Sales 4-H Fundraiser
17  Cookie Sales Sheets due into the Extension Office
    Adult Volunteer Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conference Center
24-27  Stephens County Jr. Livestock Show

**March**

1  Deadline for National 4-H Calendar Contest
13-23  Oklahoma Youth Expo, Oklahoma City
24  State 4-H Record Books, Key Club Apps., National Congress Apps., State
    Scholarship Apps., & State Hall of Fame Apps. due into the Extension office
31  Photo & Posters for Spring Contest due into the Extension office

**April**

2  Dress Revue, 6 p.m., Conference Center
Dear 4-H’ers,

What a great time I hope all of you have been having. I know that I really enjoyed the pumpkin contest, share-the-fun, and the cook-off contest. Those have been some really cool and fun events. Remember to take a moment and write down all things you are doing. If we keep track as we go it really does make putting it in your record book a whole lot easier.

Best Wishes,
Kim