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Japanese 4-H Pen Pals

The Camp Zama SAS 4-H club in Japan is once again looking for pen pals to correspond with. Please help us get the word out that 4-H clubs interested in communicating with them are asked to contact their 4-H club leader, Nick Andrews at nicholas.andrews2@us.army.mil.

Science Museum 4-H Camp In

February 12, 2010

At the Science Museum Oklahoma (Omniplex)

Come stay the night at the Science Museum Oklahoma and experience the wonderment and awesomeness of flight at your fingertips! Learn how to make tons of flying machines and how they fly. Can we make you fly? Probably! Come find out! But first we will start off the night with the museum’s live demonstration SCIENCE Live! an all about Big, Fiery explosions and full of fun Chemical Reactions! From there you will head to the DOME! where our newest film “Fighter Pilot” is showing! Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag offers a view into a world not many have seen, a behind-the-scenes look into what it takes to put together a modern air force mission. There will be the planetarium show after that and then it’s on to play time. We will have a number of hands-on make-and-take style activities that will make for a night full of fun!

The cost is $38 per 4-H Member and registration is due into the Extension Office by Tuesday, January 19.

County Fundraiser—Livestock Growers Dinner

Monday, February 1, 2010

If you are interested in helping serve at the Stephens County Livestock Growers Banquet on Monday, February 1, 2010, please call the Extension Office. We will be helping with the meal and serving drinks and dessert. We will be needing help starting at 5 p.m. that day.
This year the 4-H Photo Contest has several different categories. Youth can enter one 4X6 picture in each category. Entry forms are enclosed and are due March 30th. Any photograph that a 4-H’er has taken from July 2009 - March 30, 2010 may be entered. Entries are due March 30th, and will be taken to the judge the morning of March 31st, so no late entries will be accepted. Awards will be presented during the April 1st Impressive Dress Contest.

**County Poster Contest**

This year, there will be two themes from which to choose from. Category 1: 4-H promotional poster designed recruit 4-H members, volunteers, promote any 4-H event or promote any 4-H project including competition ethics. Category 2: Poster designed to 4-H and use the theme “4-H; A community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.”. Posters will need to be a 14x22 inch (this is a half poster board size). Age divisions are: Cloverbuds (“4-H in the Eyes of a Cloverbud” or “Healthy Food I Should Eat”), 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade and 7th-9th grade. Please put your name, club, grade and the date on the back of the poster. Posters are due in the Extension Office by Thursday, March 30th. Posters will be displayed during the Dress Revue & Impressive Dress, at the Stephens County Fairgrounds, on Thursday, April 1st.

Order a Stephens County 4-H T-Shirt

$12 (Shirts are Black with green & white writing)

State Record Books Due into the Extension office on Tuesday, March 23rd.

If you need assistance feel free to contact Kim at the office.

Teen Leaders

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 28 at 6 p.m. at the Stephens County Extension Office.
4-H Speech & Demonstration Guidelines

The purpose of this event is to promote a greater interest in public speaking and to allow 4-H’ers the opportunity to develop and polish their speaking skills. 4-H members are eligible to enter one speech in each of the presentation types: regular talk, illustrated talk, demonstration, or extemporaneous speech.

Age Divisions:
(participants will be grouped by presentation categories; categories may be combined/divided due to participant numbers)
* Special Note: Presentation categories may be combined or divided due to participant numbers

Recommended Speech Length:  Beginner and Junior: 3-5 minutes  Intermediate and Senior: 5-7 minutes

Recommended Illustrated Presentation & Demonstration Length:
Beginner’s and Juniors: 3-10 minutes  Intermediate’s and Senior’s: 5-12 minutes
Props must be used to qualify for this event. It will be the responsibility of the individual/team to provide their own materials and clean up the demonstration table following their presentation.

Extemporaneous Speeches:
* Speeches will be split into Junior and Senior categories (Jr: age 9-13 and Sr: age 14-18). Guidelines for this event are available from the Extension office or club leaders.

Categories

**Beginner (9):**
1. Regular Talk
2. Illustrated Talk
3. Non-Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
4. Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
5. PowerPoint

**Junior (10-11):**
1. Regular Talk
2. Illustrated Talk
3. Non-Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
4. Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
5. PowerPoint

**Intermediate (12-14):**
1. Regular Talk
2. Illustrated Talk
3. Non-Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
4. Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
5. PowerPoint

**Senior (15-18):**
1. Regular Talk
2. Illustrated Talk
3. Non-Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
4. Food Demonstration (Individual & Team)
5. PowerPoint

**Extemporaneous Speech:**
Junior (age 9-13)  Senior (age 14-18)

**Special Food Demonstrations (Bread, Dairy, & Peanut):**
1. Junior (age 9-12)  2. Senior (age 13-18)
Extemporaneous Speech Guidelines

Junior Guidelines:
• Participants will be expected to prepare a speech on a given topic related to 4-H.
• Participants will select a topic from the supervising adult.
• Participants will have five (5) minutes to prepare their speech once they have selected a contest subject.
• The question must be stated in the exact words before the speech begins or as part of the speech. The contestant must hand the question to the judge before beginning to speak.
• Participants will draw topics at seven (7) minute intervals and have only five (5) for preparation.
• Recommended speech length is 2 to 5 minutes.
• Judge may ask one question following the speech. Questions will be relevant and designed to secure verification, clarification or amplification for individual.
• Paper and pencil will be provided for the individual to prepare for the speech.
• Participants must give all notes during the speech to the judge concluding the speech.
• Judging will be based on the same areas utilized on the entry form/score sheet.
• Results will be announced at the conclusion of junior extemporaneous speeches.

Senior Guidelines:
• Participants will be expected to prepare a speech on a given topic related to 4-H youth issues or the impacts 4-H can have on these issues.
• Participants will select a topic from the supervising adult.
• Participants will have five (5) minutes to prepare their speech once they have selected a contest subject.
• The question must be stated in the exact words before the speech begins or as part of the speech. The contestant must hand the question to the judge before beginning to speak.
• Participants will draw topics at seven (7) minute intervals and have only five (5) minutes for preparation.
• Recommended speech length is 5 to 7 minutes.

Southwest District 4-H Speech Contest & Volunteer Conference

The SW District 4-H Speech Contest & Parent/Volunteer Conference will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Great Plains Technology Center in Lawton. This event gives youth and adults a great chance to participate on a district level. This conference is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about new state programs, successful programs in other counties and to network with other volunteers and extension educators from throughout Southwest Oklahoma. The SW District 4-H Speech Contest will be held in conjunction with the conference, as well as the District Horse Council meeting. 4-H members accompanying registered volunteers or educators may bring one mini-fair display. NEW for 2010 – A “Youth” track will be offered by district/state leadership team members. These workshops are appropriate for all youth attending with parents, but particularly useful for local or county officers or teen leaders. Registration forms can be picked up in the Extension Office and are due back into the office on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Mini-fair participation (by 4-H members) is limited to one display per registered adult. Mini-fair booths must pre-register by January 12. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come – first served basis.
Stephens County 4-H Speaking Spectacular
Stephens County Fairgrounds, Conference Center

Club: ___________________________ Due Date: January 12, 2010

Name_______________________________________________________ Age as of 1/1/10:_______

Name of Team Member____________________________________________ Age as of 1/1/10:_______

Age Division: (check one) ___ Cloverbuds

Presentation Type: (check one)
____ Regular Talk   ____ Illustrated Talk  ____ Demonstration _____ Extemporaneous ____ Power Point
___ Ind.   ___ Team

Title of Presentation:
Regular Talk:

Illustrated or Demonstration:

If a Regular Demonstration please circle one: Food Non-Food
If a Special Demonstration please circle one: Special Bread Special Dairy Special Peanut

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SPEAKER: Possible Points 25 ________

Appearance (neat, appropriate)
Voice (clear, fluent, voice control, pronunciation, articulation, projection)
Poise and Posture (cheerful, confident, and erect)
Eye Contact

Comments:

PRESENTATION: Possible Points 50________

Introduction (short, complete, interesting)
Organization of Material
Delivery (smooth, appropriate speed, voice variations)
Conclusion (adequate and effective)
General Effect of Presentation
Interest to Audience

FOR ILLUSTRATED TALK AND DEMONSTRATIONS ONLY:

Proper Use of Visual Aids and Equipment
Use of Appropriate Materials to “Show” Main Idea
Props (well managed, neat work space)

Comments:

SUBJECT MATTER: Possible Points 25_______

Originality
Speaker’s Understanding of Subject Matter
Suitability of Topic (specific)
Information (accurate, up-to-date, complete)

Comments:

TOTAL POINTS ____________

NOTE TO JUDGES: Please circle the ribbon color and rank the top two in the contest. Upon completion of the contest, give the score sheet to the supervising adult who will collect them.

Circle One: BLUE RED WHITE Placing if one of top two _______
Entries for OYE are due into the Extension Office by Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

**Entry Fees**
- Cattle - $30
- Sheep - $20
- Swine - $20
- Goats - $20
- Cattle Chutes - $25
- Sheep, Swine, Goat Scales - $15

You will need to download and fill out the entry form and legal release form and bring that with you when you pay your entries.

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**4-H Volunteer Meeting**

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

To be a certified volunteer you must attend 4 volunteer training through the 4-H year. 4-H Volunteers are anyone who works with 4-H’ers at any time.

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**Job Readiness**

Job Readiness is an individual event which recognizes members who communicate a personal understanding of and ability to perform specific job requirements. There are two age categories for this competition. (Sr. 15 - 18 & Int. 12 –14) Youth select a job position to interview and then prepare a resume and cover letter for the interview. Resume and cover letter are submitted on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. On Saturday, January 23 participants will come to the Stephens County Fairgrounds Conference Center to interview for their position. To assist with this event, there is an information packet available in the Extension Office.
# 4-H Photography Contest

Please fill out the information below before attaching photo.

**Class:**
1. People (Color)  
2. Landscape (Color)  
3. Plants (Color)  
4. Animals (Color)  
5. Best Individual Photo (Color)  
6. People (Black & White)  
7. Landscape (Black & White)  
8. Plants (Black & White)  
9. Animals (Black & White)  
10. Best Individual Photo (Black & White)

**Age Groups:**
1. Cloverbud—5-8 years old  
2. 9-10 years olds  
3. 11-12 years old  
4. 13-14 years old  
5. 15–16 years old  
6. 17–18 years old

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**ATTACH PICTURE IN THIS SQUARE**

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**NAME_____________________________ PHONE#______________________________**

**ADDRESS__________________________ CITY__________________________**

**4-H CLUB__________________________ GRADE__________________________**

**Class: (check one) 1____2____3____4____5____6____7____8____9____10___**

**DIVISION: (check one) 1____2____3____4____5____6___**

**PICTURE TOPIC______________________________________**

**KIND OF CAMERA USED________________________________**

**KIND OF FILM USED________________________________**

**COMMENTS ABOUT PICTURE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY________**

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Entries Due Tuesday, March 30th
**January**
- 12 Speech/Job Readiness Entry Forms due into the Extension office
- Registration for District Volunteer Conference & Speech Contest
- 16 SW District Share-The-Fun
- 18 Martin Luther King Day, Extension Office Closed
- 19 Registration for Science Museum 4-H Camp In due into the Extension office
- 23 Stephens County 4-H Speaking Spectacular, 9 a.m., Fairgrounds
- 28 Teen Leaders Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 30 Southwest District Volunteer Conference
- Southwest District Speech Contest

**February**
- 1 Livestock Growers Banquet, Stephens County Fairgrounds
- 9 OYE Entries due into the Extension Office
- 4-H Volunteer Meeting, 6 a.m., Extension Office
- 12 Science Museum 4-H Camp In, OKC
- 15 President’s Day, Extension office closed
- 18 Teen Leaders Meeting, 6:00 a.m., TBA

**March**
- 1-5 Stephens County Jr. Livestock Show, Fairgrounds
- 12-22 Oklahoma Youth Expo, Oklahoma City
- 23 State 4-H Record Books, Key Club Apps., National Congress Apps., State Scholarship Apps., & State Hall of Fame Apps. due into the Extension office
- Clothes for the Dress Revue due into the Extension office
- RSVP for Cloverbud Easter Egg Hunt at the Extension office
- 17-20 Kansas City Global Conference, Kansas City, Missouri
- 25 Teen Leaders Meeting, 6:00 p.m., TBA
- 27 Cloverbud Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., TBA
- 30 Photo & Posters for Spring Contest due into the Extension office

**April**
- 1 Dress Revue, 6 p.m., Conference Center
- 2 Good Friday, Extension office closed
- 29 Teen Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m., TBA
Dear 4-H’ers,

Happy New Year! What a great time to get started on the right track. Take time to make a list of your new goals for 2010. Make a list of things you want to try, see, places to go, or anything else that comes to mind and mark a reasonable time frame to achieve each one. Then take those goals and post them somewhere so that you will see them everyday, like on your mirror. Goals that we see everyday are more likely to be successful.

Best Wishes,
Kim