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If you haven’t filled out an enrollment card for the new 4-H year now is the time to do it.

Show Your 4-H Spirit
National 4-H Week
October 5-11
10 Ways You and Your Club Can Celebrate!

1. Do a service-learning activity
2. Wear your green and white 4-H shirt
3. Bring a friend to your 4-H club meeting
4. Prepare a 4-H family fun night for your club
5. Tell a community member what 4-H is and how it’s helped you
6. Make a flag or banner to promote 4-H
7. Make clover shaped cookies to deliver to others
8. Grow and deliver green houseplants to deliver to donors and 4-H Volunteers
9. Think about the meaning of the 4-H pledge… head, heart, hands, and health.
10. Show your appreciation for your club leaders or other county volunteers.

Did you know…?
Famous 4-H Alumni

Johnny Carson  Johnny Cash  John Denver
Reba McEntire  Dolly Parton  Roy Rogers
4-H Cookbook Sale Incentive

We will be pre-selling cookbooks until November 10th. For the top three sells person we will be award a cash prize. 1st - $100, 2nd - $75, & 3rd - $25. Just be sure the sellers name is on the form. Prizes will be awarded at the Cook-off Contest. If you have any questions contact the Extension office.

Teen Leaders Meeting

The next teen leaders meeting is Thursday, October 30 at the Conference Center on the Stephens County Fairgrounds. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. That evening teens will be voting on t-shirt designs that they are bring for the teen leader t-shirts. They will also be deciding locations in the county to plant the 10 redbud trees from 4-H Million Tree Project. Teens will also be judging the pumpkins. After the meeting we plan to deliver them to local locations that the teens have decided on.

Make A Difference Day

October 25, 2008 is the National Make A Difference Day. The Stephens County Teen Leaders are currently working on a location to make a difference in our local community. Everyone that is interested in participating in this fun community service project can meet at the Extension office on Oct 25 at 8:50 a.m. The project should not take more than 3 hours but wear old clothes.

Volunteer Certification

Any Adult working with 4-H’ers needs to have a Volunteer Form on file in the Extension Office. Volunteer Certification is important to Oklahoma 4-H. Please complete the necessary forms and return them to the Extension office. Please make sure you have completed the forms needed to update your volunteer file! You can pick up volunteer certification packet at the Extension office.
The Stephens County Speech Contest will be Monday, October 16th, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Stephens County Fair & Expo Center. ALL 4-H’ers and Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate!! If you have a hobby, interest, or project area that you can talk about, this contest is for you!!!

The deadline to sign-up is Tuesday, October 14th.

Categories:

Cloverbud: Hobbies, being a Cloverbud, 4-H, your pet or just anything that interests YOU!!!

Agriculture: Agbusiness, Livestock, Crops, Plants, Wildlife, Natural Sciences

Mechanical: Computers, Auto, Rocketry

4-H & General Topics

Expressive Arts: Crafts, Performing arts, Visual Arts

Leisure: Camping, Recreation, Shooting Sports

Family & Consumer Sciences: Child Care, Home Environment, Personal Development


Impromptu

• Special awards will be given at the end of the year for speeches on Dairy, Peanuts, Breads and Electricity.

• Good speech lengths are as follows: Beginning: 3-5 minutes; Intermediate & Senior: 5-7 minutes

• Dress Code: Professional Dress (no jeans or T-shirts), or 4-H jackets (blazer or corduroy)

• Notecards may be utilized.

• Participants need to be at the contest by 5:50 p.m. to check-in.

• Awards will be given that night.
Decorated Pumpkin Contest

Who: Cloverbuds & Junior 4-H’ers
Where: Stephens Co. Extension Office
What: Decorate a pumpkin and bring it to the Extension office (please no carved pumpkins)

Prizes: 1st & 2nd Place Cloverbud
1st & 2nd Place Junior 4-H’er

Pumpkins will be judged and then delivered to several local Nursing Homes.

Cook-Off Contest & Craft Workshop

Tuesday, October 14th is the due date for ALL Cook-Off Contest Pre-Entries. 4-H’ers may turn in one hand written or typed entry form for each of the 14 categories. (Please see the Pre-entry form for a list of all of the categories.) The top eight recipes in each of the 15 categories will be selected from the recipe entry forms and those winners will be asked to bring their “prepared” recipe to the Cook-off Finals, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10th at the Fair & Expo Center. Cloverbuds may enter one recipe from any of the 15 categories!!! Their entry forms will need to be in by Tuesday, October 14th also.

ENTER AS MANY RECIPES AS YOU LIKE, BUT REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH FOR ALL OF THOSE TO BE CHOSEN, YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO BRING ALL OF THE FINISHED PRODUCTS TO THE FINALS.

Pumpkins should be at the Extension office on October 30th By 4:30 p.m.
Share-the-Fun  
Saturday, November 15th

Entry Forms are due: Tuesday, November 4th

On November 15th, Individual and Group Acts need to check in between 8:00-8:45 a.m. in the lobby. Here are the rules for this activity:

1. Cloverbud Acts: Members in K-3rd Grade (8 & under not yet enrolled in 4-H)
2. Junior Acts: Members in the 4th-6th Grade, (and 3rd graders enrolled in 4-H and not in Cloverbuds)
3. There will be one division for group acts and one division for individual acts.
5. There is a limit of (2) group acts per club, however there is no limit on the number of participants in each group act.
6. There is no limit on the number of individual acts per club.
7. No hay will be allowed! Props cannot be pinned to the backstage curtains. Props need to be free standing, hand held, or prior arrangements can be made to hang fishing line from ceiling to attach props.
8. Time Limit: No individual act can exceed five (5) minutes. No group act can exceed ten (10) minutes. (Stage prep time and performance included in time limit.)
9. Your act must be present and signed in, by one member of your act, at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting of the program. Sign-in will begin an hour before the program and will continue up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the program. Failure to sign in your act will result in disqualification.
10. Cloverbuds: A Cloverbud Club may have one (1) group act and an unlimited number of individual acts. All acts will be treated equal, as a winner will not be selected. Participation awards will be given.

OKC NOMINATION DATES:
In order to nominate steers and swine you must have a kit. The kits must be ordered through the Extension Office. If you need a kit let our office know by October 14th for steers and by December 2nd for swine kits.

Nominations for steers must be postmarked no later than October 22nd

Sheep & Goats On-Site Nominations:
Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid—Monday, Oct 27 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Grady Co. Fairgrounds, Chickasha—Tuesday, Oct. 28 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Muskogee Co. Fairgrounds, Muskogee—Wednesday, Oct 29 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Stephens County 4-H Share-the-Fun
November 3rd, 9:00 a.m., Velma-Alma High School

(Fill out Entry Sheet for Each Act)
The category you pre-enter is the category you will be judged in.

Club: __________________________________________________

Check One:  Cloverbud ____________  4th-6th _________  7th-12th _________

Type of Act:  SKIT  DANCE  VOCAL  INSTRUMENTAL  LIP SYNC

Title of Act:  ___________________________________________________________________

(Circle One)  INDIVIDUAL  or  GROUP

LIST THOSE TO BE IN ACT (if more than 10 participants, add names on the back of this form.):
NAME  GRADE IN SCHOOL

1. _____________________________________________________________________________
2. _____________________________________________________________________________
3. _____________________________________________________________________________
4. _____________________________________________________________________________
5. _____________________________________________________________________________
6. _____________________________________________________________________________
7. _____________________________________________________________________________
8. _____________________________________________________________________________
9. _____________________________________________________________________________
10. ____________________________________________________________________________

Length of Performance: ____________  Will you need a dressing room?  Yes  No

Briefly describe act:  ________________________________________________________________

Placing:  Blue ____________  Red ____________

Entry Deadline—Monday, Oct. 22nd
October
1 Shotgun Practice, 4:30 p.m., Duncan Gun Club
5-11 National 4-H Week
8 Shotgun Practice, 4:30 p.m., Duncan Gun Club
11 Southwest District Trap Shoot, Duncan Gun Club
13 Cook-off Entries due into the Extension Office
14 Speech Contest Entry Forms Due into the Extension Office
15 Shotgun Practice, 4:30 p.m., Duncan Gun Club
15-17 Youth Action Conference, Oklahoma City
18 NW District Invitational Trap Shot, Enid
20 County Speech Contest, 6 p.m., Conference Center
22 Shotgun Practice, 4:30 p.m., Duncan Gun Club
25 State Trap Shoot, El Reno
Make A Difference Day
28 Oklahoma Youth Expo Sheep & Goat Nomination, Chickasha

November
4 Share-The-Fun Entry Forms due into the Extension Office
10 Stephens County 25th Annual Cook-Off Contest
15 Share-The-Fun, 9 a.m., Velma-Alma School Auditorium
19-22 Fall Classic (National Swine Show), Stephens County Fairgrounds
Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia

December
8 Cloverbud Christmas Craft Workshop, 6 p.m., Conference Center

January
3 4-H Day @ OSU Cowboy Basketball, 2 p.m., Stillwater
6 RSVP for Meat Judging Workshop
7 Western Denver Round-Up, Denver, Colorado
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
Dear 4-H’ers,

A big thank you goes out to all who helped at the 25th Anniversary Cook-off Cookbook. Without your help and support, the Cookbook would not have been finished. I believe that this is a cookbook that we all can be proud of and enjoy for years to come.

I can’t wait to see the finish product and all of your yummy entries at the 25th Cook-off Contest in November.

Best Wishes,
Kim

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