



# 4-H Clover Connection

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES ARE A BIG PART OF OKLAHOMA 4-H PROGRAM

When people think about the 4-H program in Oklahoma, thoughts of animal projects, agriculture projects and sewing project may come to mind.

However, one focus of the program is that of community service, said Charles Cox, State 4-H program leader.

Community service projects give our club members the opportunity to enhance their communities and make them better places in which to live. In addition, 4-Hers will gain a variety of experiences. 4-Hers will also learn where they fit into their world and learn what it means to be a citizen and how they influence their own future.

Extension youth programs have served their communities in many ways over the years. Club members have put in thousands of hours of work that has saved communities hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many of the projects that have been completed would not have happened if it were not for the many hours local 4-H members put into the various projects.

One of the community service projects that is gearing up across the state is the Kids Helping Kids campaign. 4-H members will be collecting cash donations for the Ronald McDonald House. The house serves as a home-away-from home for families of ill children.

Many 4-H members will soon be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army "Red Kettle" fund raising program. Others will be helping with community canned food drives and providing food baskets during the holidays that will benefit less fortunate families.

Community improvement is another popular area of community service projects these are projects that support the quality of the community, community activities and community-sponsored services.

It is not uncommon to see 4-H clubs sponsoring a park beautification day or a tree-planting day. They may paint playground equipment at the local park in order to make the area more eye catching. Groups also participate in highway clean up events and help with other service organization sponsored events. As an added economical bonus, some of these activities can also be supported by grants from National 4-H Council, the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation or other funding sources.

Promoting safety and healthy living is another area in which 4-Hers can become involved in their communities. These types of projects include things such as alcohol-free events for teens, promoting farm safety, helping abuse victims and other youth activities.

The community's service area has gained such popularity that there is now an exhibit class at the Oklahoma state Fair and the Tulsa State Fair. Both fairs featured this new class in the educational display section at this year's fairs. This category gave 4-H members the opportunity to showcase some of the community service projects that are going on around the state, as well as let the public know that there is more to 4-H than agricultural and sewing projects.

"It is important for club members to become involved in their community and put forth effort to make it the best place possible", Cox said. "The community benefits from the various activities and the club members gain a better understanding of the benefits of helping others."

### Goat Tour, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Terry Gibson, Goat Specialist from Langston University will be leading a tour of the Langston University goat facilities for anyone interested on Dec. 8. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at noon with refreshments of cheese and ice cream. This tour is open to all interested individuals. Call the Extension Office if you have questions and to pre-register.

### 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall-Enid, OK January 8, 2005 Forms are due Dec. 10

4-H day at Oakwood Mall is an activity to help 4-Her's promote the 4-H program in Northwest Oklahoma. This is an excellent place to practice public speaking skills while doing a working display. There are also many other ways to participate in this full day of activities. Some of these include:

- Style Show
- 4-H Talent Show
- Parade of Mini Floats
- Assist as a teen leader

Registration forms can be found in this letter. All forms are due to the Blaine County Extension Office by December 10. If you need assistance or ideas, please call either Alvin or Joy.

4-H Teen members are also needed to assist in various capacities throughout the day. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office to be nominated.

### Chicken Eggs

Fertile chicken eggs will be available in January, February, March and April. If anyone is interest in hatching eggs they will need to let the Extension Office know at least a month ahead of the requested time. Cost for 2 1/2 dozen eggs is \$2.50.

### Teen/Volunteer Meeting

The next 4-H Teen and Volunteer Meeting will be January 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Media Center in the Canton High School.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND SANTA'S VILLAGE

Be sure and stop at the Blaine County Fairgrounds on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-4:30. Visit with Santa and view all of the holiday decorations. Watonga 4-H will be running the concession stand for this event. There will be over 60 different craft and food booths. See you there.

### Northwest Oklahoma 4-H Winter Shooting Sports Series 2004-2005

*Tentative Dates as follows:*

<u>Shoot Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dec. 11, 2004	Blaine	County Fairgrounds
Dec. 18, 2004	Dewey	County Fairgrounds
Jan. 15, 2005	Harper	County Fairgrounds
Jan. 29, 2005	Major	County Fairgrounds
Feb. 12, 2005	N.W. Dist.	Woodward Co. Fairgrounds

### 2005 Blaine County Stock Show will be held Sun., Mon., and Tues., February 13-15, 2005

### OKLAHOMA YOUTH EXPO

*The Ag Instructors have the Hog Nomination Kits . The cost per kit is \$10.00. All nominations must be post-marked by January 15, 2005. All Gilts and Barrows must be nominated.*

*All barrow and gilt exhibitors must be Level III PQA Certified with NPPC prior to Feb. 15, 2005 to be eligible to show in the 2005 OK Youth Expo. If you are not certified, contact the Extension Office for more information on certification.*

*There will be no Youth Expo books printed for the 2005 show. Visit the web-site at [www.okyouthexpo.com](http://www.okyouthexpo.com) to view the Important Dates and Changes Page.*

## **ENID NW DIST LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

Wednesday, January 26, 2005  
Registration: 7:45 a.m.

Contest 8:30 a.m.  
\$12 per team  
\$3 per individual

The livestock-judging contest will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds. The contest will be divided into juniors (9-13 as of Jan. 1, 2005) and seniors (14 and older as of Jan. 1, 2005). Academic eligibility is a requirement since it is during

school. The contest will include reasons from both age groups.

Any 4-H Team or member is required to be on a certification form. To be included on this form, contact the Extension Office and a form will be filled out for you to take to the contest.

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## **4-H JACKETS**

**If you need a 4-H Jacket, you can contact the Office for an order form. Reno Sportswear in Oklahoma City produces the Jackets. The cost is \$38.00 and is available in corduroy or 2-Ply Nylon. Embroidery is extra. Delivery can take up to 6 weeks, so order soon if you want one for the Spring Stock Shows.**

## **PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION CONTEST**

Blaine County 4-H Talks and Demonstration contest will be held Sunday April 10. An entry form will be included in the next newsletter. A few important tips: Start planning your presentation with enough preparation time, there will be 3 categories-talk/speech, illustrated presentation, team illustrated presentation. A talk/speech can have no props. More information is available at the office, so that you can start your preparations early.

## **OKLAHOMA 4-HER'S MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OSU COWGIRLS BASKETBALL GAME January 29, 2005**

Members of the Oklahoma 4-H program are gearing up for a day of OSU spirit as they make plans to attend the annual "4-H/FFA Day at the Cowgirl Basketball Game." The annual event will take place January 29 when the OSU Cowgirls take on the Baylor Bears.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to visit the OSU campus and gain information about possibly attending college there.

The cost for the 4-H Day at the basketball game is \$17. This fee includes a ticket to the game, a game day t-shirt, pizza and a drink, a special souvenir program and half-time show and special designated seating. Prearranged campus tours will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets and game day t-shirts will be distributed at 11:30. The pizza luncheon will be held in the East Concourse of Gallagher Iba Arena.

Time will be allowed for participants to visit the 4-H exhibit in the East Lobby. This display features historic information about 4-H and special information about the unique relationship between the 4-H clubs in Oklahoma and Gallagher-Iba Arena. Many people may not realize that Gallagher-Iba Arena was originally called the 4-H Clubs and Students Activities Building. It was built in 1938 as a place for 4-Hers to have activities during 4-H Roundup. Since that time, it has continued to play a role in the history of Oklahoma 4-H.

The Basketball game begins at 2 p.m. Following the game, there will be an opportunity to meet the OSU players, coaches and Pistol Pete.

Order forms for the basketball tickets and t-shirts are available at <http://agweb.okstate.edu/fourh/>.

# OAKWOOD MALL DAY

## LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE SCHEDULED!

Each individual should complete one form. Include all activities on one form.  
**MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT HAVE TWO EVENTS MARKED FOR THE SAME TIME!!!**  
Entries will be scheduled on a first come basis.

Entry Due December 10, 2004:

Mail to: Blaine County OSU Extension, 212 N. Weigle, Watonga, OK 73772

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### TALENT

INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANTS: \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE-THE-FUN PERFORMANCE (Rank or NA if not available)

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 p.m.

EXACT LENGTH OF ACT, INCLUDING SET-UP & CLEAR STAGE \_\_\_\_ MIN. \_\_\_\_\_ SEC.

**PIANO NOT AVAILABLE - We will try to provide a cassette tape player. Write an introduction of the act on a 3" X 5" index card and bring to event.**

### STYLE SHOW

STYLE TIME PREFERENCE (Rank or NA if not available)

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 p.m.

**BRING** the narration on a 3" X 5" index card as you want it to be read by the narrator and bring to event. The description will **not** be re-written. Include in the description: fabric, pattern (if used), description of garment (see back of pattern envelope), accessories, year in 4-H, age, main projects, special interest and honors.

### WORKING DISPLAYS

NAME OF WORKING DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHERS PARTICIPATING: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO DEEP FAT FRYERS, MICROWAVES, OR RELATED COOKING APPLIANCES!**

ELECTRICITY NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

IF YOU DO NOT CHECK YES ON ELECTRICITY NEEDED WE WILL ASSUME YOU DO NOT NEED ELECTRICITY AND IT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.

SPECIFY EQUIPMENT TO BE USED: \_\_\_\_\_

**STARTING TIME PREFERENCE (Rank 1st through 8th or NA if not available or in 4-H Talent & Style Show during that time)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 11 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 12 noon \_\_\_\_\_ 1 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 p.m.

## 2005 Leadership Development Conference July 23<sup>rd</sup>

July 23, 2005, the Leadership Development Conference will be held in Stillwater. The conference will focus on "4-H – Food for the Soul." It will be a smorgasbord of treats, with something for everyone's palate. The conference has gone to one full day of activities (8 am – 5 pm). Please note the Volunteer Recognition Program will be conducted from noon – 1:30 p.m. during a luncheon on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### Snowman Soup

What you need:

- Disposable icing bags (or decorated plastic bags)
- Cocoa mix
- Marshmallows
- Ribbon or string
- Candy canes
- Snowman Soup poem

Simply fill bag with 1 or 2 servings of cocoa mix, top with marshmallows, and tie shut. Attach candy cane (or a chocolate-dipped spoon) and a snowman gift tag with poem when tying the bow.

#### Snowman Soup Poem

Was told you've been real  
Good the year.  
Always glad to hear it!  
With freezing weather  
Drawing near,  
You'll need to warm the spirit!

So here's a little Snowman Soup  
Complete with stirring stick.  
Add hot water and sip it slow,  
It's sure to do the trick!

### 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall

Saturday, January 8, 2005

8 – 10 am	Set-up
9 am – 5 pm	Registration
10 am	Working Displays Begin
9:30-10:30 am	Mini-Floats checked in and lined up
10:30 am	Parade of Mini-Floats
11:30 am	4-H Style & Talent Show
1:30 pm	4-H Style & Talent Show
3:30 pm	4-H Style & Talent Show
6 pm	Last Working Display Concludes Floats Removed
5 – 7 pm	Pick-up and Clean-up

### Calendar of Events

- 12/4 - Santa's Village/Holiday Bazaar, Fairgrounds
- 12/11 - N.W. 4-H Winter Shooting Sports- Wtg
- 12/18 – Shooting Sports Series, Dewey County
- 1/4/05 – 4-H Teen & Volunteer Mtg, Canton H.S.
- 1/8/05 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 1/15/05 -
- 1/15/05 – Shooting Sports, Harper County
- 1/26/05 - NW District Livestock Judging Contest-  
Enid
- 1/29/05 – Shooting Sports, Major County
- 2/12/05 – N.W. Dist. Shooting Sports, Woodward
- 2/13-15/05 – Blaine County Spring Livestock Show