



# 4-H Clover Connection

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## Information About Oklahoma 4-H Program is Just a Click Away

Anyone who is looking for information about the Oklahoma 4-H program can find it quickly by simply sitting at a computer and typing in this address:

<http://www.clover.okstate.edu/fourh/>

This Web site is where those interested in 4-H can discover all kinds of information about the world's largest youth organization.

Using a Web site as a means of providing easy access to information continues to be a growing trend, said Charles Cox, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension state 4-H program leader.

"In order to stay on the cutting edge today, you have to provide information in a manner that's fast, easy to access and is user-friendly," Cox said. "These were the key elements that we kept in mind when the 4-H Web site was in the beginning stages of development."

4-H offers a wide variety of projects in which club members can be active. Each of the projects is described on the Web site. The projects, as well as other activities offered through 4-H, provides 4-H'ers with the opportunity to develop skills they will use through their lives.

The links to the project areas can be used as a guide to help club members select a project in which they will be interested in participating. In addition, the site can be

used by both volunteer leaders and 4-H club members to help plan activities around the project area.

"One of the features we hope will continue to see grow is a link to all county 4-H programs that have Web sites," he said. "With the continually rising cost of printing and mailing, we hope more counties will use the Web as a way to keep local volunteers, parents and members informed about various activities."

A calendar of state 4-H events makes it easy to keep track of what is going on throughout Oklahoma.

There is information and links to various OSU fact sheets, other 4-H sites, information on coming events and other useful information on the site.

The state 4-H staff is interested in knowing what users think of the site and what they would like to see added or changed.

"We're very interested in what the public has to say about our site," Cox said. "We would like to hear from people who have used the site and we're open to comments on how we can improve it to make it more efficient and user-friendly."

You can contact Cox at 405-744-8891 for more information about the 4-H Web site.

## Lamb Lead

The objective of the lamb lead is to present the participant and the animal in the most attractive manner possible, to promote the use of wool and sheep products, and to improve the image of the lamb show.

The contest is designed to present the beauty and versatility of the wool fiber as well as the lamb. High fashion is not the ultimate goal, rather clothing which is appropriate for the personality and life style of each participant.

Interviews: 3:30 p.m. on February 15, 2005

Lamb Lead: 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2005

### Rules:

1. Contest is open to 4-H & FFA members, male and female.
2. There will be a Junior Division and a Senior Division (Jr. 9-13; Sr. 14 years old & older) age as of January 1, 2005.
3. The contestants must furnish their own garments.
4. The garments must be at least 60% wool.
5. The garments can be purchased or self-made.
6. The ewe or market lamb to be led in the class must be entered in the show.
7. The animal does not have to be owned by the contestant.
8. The animal must be trained to lead with a halter.
9. All contestants will participate in a five (5) minute interview.

**Entry forms can be picked up at the Blaine County Cooperative Extension Office and must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. February 1<sup>st</sup>. If sufficient entries are not received by February 7, the contest will NOT be held!**

**\*\*Access** the Wool Story by logging on to watonga.com and clicking on 'Ag News' at the top of the page and then clicking on 4-H News.

## Leaders & Teen Leader Meeting

We will meet on Tuesday January 25, 6:30p.m. at the Okeene Community Building. We had to cancel our January meeting due to ice. There will not be a meeting in February. Some of our business includes: Concession stand at the Stock Show, summer fundraiser and speech contest. Please be sure that your community and club are represented.

Teens—We will also meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss some business and do a short learning activity.

Our next leader's meeting will be held Sunday, April 10, following the Speech/Illustrated Presentation contest in Watonga. The contest will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. An entry form is enclosed in this letter.

## National Wear Red Day – Feb. 4, 2005



Americans nationwide will celebrate the second annual Wear Red Day by wearing their favorite red dress, shirt, tie, or pin to show support for women's heart disease awareness. More information and ideas on how to show support and promote this activity are available at the National Wear Red Day Online Tool Kit. Make the extra effort to be sure and wear red on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Oakwood Mall Day

Many thanks to all of the 4-H members and parents who participated in the recent Oakwood Mall Day. Skyler Pittman served the district throughout the day as an organizer, and groups and individuals from Canton-Longdale, Okeene, and Watonga brought interesting displays and exhibits. Thanks for sharing your information about Blaine County 4-H.

## Spring Livestock Show

February 13-15, 2005

### Show Time

Sheep & Goat – Monday, Feb. 14, 9:00 a.m.

Cattle – Monday, Feb. 14, 3:00 p.m.

Swine – Tuesday, Feb. 15, 8:00a.m.

Bonus Auction Appreciation Dinner –  
February 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Premium Auction – Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

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### 4-H Jackets

If you are planning to show at the Oklahoma Youth Expo Livestock Show, you will be required to wear a jacket or vest with the 4-H emblem. Jackets can be ordered from Awards and Moore in Stillwater or from Reno Sportswear in OKC. Contact the Extension Office for an order form. Allow plenty of time for delivery.

### Scholarships at OK Youth Expo

Applications for scholarships at the Oklahoma Youth expo are due Feb. 1, 2005. Only 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade OK Youth Expo exhibitors are eligible. All applications are available on the Oklahoma Youth Expo Web Site. Remember the deadline of Feb. 1.

### OSU Horse Judging School

Sat., Feb 12, at the OSU Animal Science Arena, in Stillwater is the annual one-day school for anyone with an interest in developing horse judging and horsemanship skills. There will be workshops for youth and adults with interest in building competitive judging teams experience and oral reason skills. Also there will be instruction in evaluating classes, and ranking horses in several practice classes. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Registration form is due by Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Check out our new website:**

<http://www.blainecountyok.com/>

### OK YOUTH EXPO SPEECH CONTEST

OK Farm Bureau is sponsoring the annual Young Farmers & Ranchers Speech Contest to be held in conjunction with 2005 Expo on Monday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the OSU/OKC Campus, 900 N. Portland, in OKC. Registration will be held in the dining room of the Student Union at 2:00 p.m. All entries must be postmarked by March 1. Savings Bonds are awards for 1-3 place in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. Awards range from \$400 to \$1,000 for first place.

### 4-H RECORD BOOKS

Now is the time to get started on your State 4-H Record Book. All State Record Books, scholarships, Hall of Fame, National Congress and Key Club applications and materials are due in our office by noon, April 22, 2005. County 4-H Record Books are due in the Extension Office by July 11. Forms for the County Record book available online or at the office.

### Special Order – Patterns

We have a special order form for Butterick & McCalls patterns. You are limited to the ones listed for only 99¢ each. If interested, come by the Extension Office and place an order by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Quilt Workshop Offered

I will conduct a ‘Ragged Edge Quilt Workshop’, Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m. There is a supply list and a cost of \$7.00 to attend. You will need to bring a sewing machine. **Sign up by March 4<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place.**

## District Livestock Show Schedule

### Monday, February 28, 2005:

All entries are due by 5:00 p.m. – Entries submitted after this deadline will be charged double the fee listed.

### Wednesday, March 2, 2005

8:00 a.m. – Cattle admitted entrance to fairgrounds.

4:00 p.m. – Heifer Show begins.

### Thursday, March 3, 2005

8:00 a.m. – Steer show begins

3:00 p.m. – Lamb Lead interviews.

6:00 p.m. – Lamb Lead – Lead Portion

### Friday, March 4, 2005

7:00 a.m. – Lamb Classification

9:30 a.m. – Lamb Show begins

**Swine will be allowed entrance to fairgrounds ONE HOUR after completion of the lamb show.**

### Saturday, March 5, 2005

10:00 a.m. – Swine entry cards due in show office (all except Yorkshire & Crossbred)

12 noon – Swine show begins

### Sunday, March 6, 2005

8:00 a.m. – Swine show continues

9:00 a.m. – Church Service – show ring

### Monday, March 7, 2005

6:45 p.m. – Award Presentations

Check [www.enidchamber.com](http://www.enidchamber.com) for more information.

## 2005 Oklahoma Youth Expo Schedule of Events

### Saturday, March 12

8:00 a.m. – Barns open for Goats & Dairy Heifers

### Sunday, March 13

3:00 p.m. – Junior Dairy Show – Barn Nine Arena

### Monday, March 14

10:00 a.m. – Heifers must be in place

3:00 p.m. – Okla. Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Speech Contest

### Tuesday, March 15

8:00 a.m. – Sheep & Hogs allowed in barns

8:00 p.m. – All gilts must be in place

### Wednesday, March 16

8:00 a.m. – Gilt Show: Hampshire, Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc, Chester White, Poland China, Spot, Berkshire.

9:00a.m. – Heifer Show: Shorthorn, Maine-Anjou-Ring One

9:00a.m. – Heifer Show: Angus, Limousin-Ring Two

10:00p.m. – All Sheep must be in place

### Thursday, March 17

8:00a.m. – Gilt Show: Commercial

8:00a.m. – Classify & ID Market Lambs

9:00a.m. – Steers allowed in barns

7:00 p.m. – Lamb Lead

10:00 p.m. All Barrows must be in place & cards in

### Friday, March 18

8:00a.m. – Breeding & Market Ewe show

2:00p.m. – Judge Market Lambs: Dorset, Shropshire, Southdown & Specklefaced

### Saturday, March 19

8:00a.m. – Barrow Show: landrace, Berkshire, Duroc & Hampshire

8:00a.m. – Lamb Show: Hampshire & Crossbred

8:00a.m. – Steer Show: Brahman Influenced, Charolais, Maine-Anjou, Gelbvieh, Hereford,

Salers, Shorthorn, Simmental

### Sunday, March 20

8:00a.m. – Barrow Show: Yorkshire & Crossbred

8:00a.m. – Lamb Show: Hampshire & Crossbred

8:00a.m. – Steer Show: Angus, Limousin, Chianina, Crossbred

11:00a.m. Gospel Concert with Ray Perryman

**More complete schedule & entries at**  
[www.okyouthexpo.com](http://www.okyouthexpo.com)

## SPEECH/ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION SCORESHEET

_____ Speech (no props allowed)	_____ Junior (9-11)	_____ Individual
_____ Illustrated Presentation	_____ Intermediate (12-14)	_____ Team (Illustrated Presentation only)
_____ Extemporaneous	_____ Senior (15 & over) (Age as of 1/1/05)	_____ Show & Tell ( <b>Cloverbuds only</b> – <b>Non-competitive</b> )

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Partner (team presentations only) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Topic (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**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 PRESENTATIONS 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:

**Time limit:** Speeches – Junior 5-7 min; Intermediate – 4-6 min.; Senior – 5-7 min.

Illustrated Presentation: Team or Individual – no longer than 15 minutes.

Extemporaneous – 5-7 minutes. Must be 13 years of age, topic selected at contest. Must participate in another speech/presentation to be eligible.

Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Total points \_\_\_\_\_

Ribbon Placing \_\_\_\_\_

Judge’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_