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4-H Clover Connection

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4-H Members to Learn About Science at 2nd Annual Omniplex Camp-In

Oklahoma 4-H'ers who have an interest in science should make plans now to attend the second annual 4-H Omniplex Camp-In.

The event will take place April 15 and 16 at the Omniplex Science Museum in Oklahoma City and is geared toward 9-11 year old 4-H'ers from the Northwest District, Southwest District and Northeast District. More than 300 4-H'ers attended last year's camp-in. Participation is limited to 500. If necessary, registrations will be accepted on a first come, first accepted basis. Registration forms are due April 1, 2005. Club members from the Southeast District have been participating in an Omniplex Camp -In for several years. Their event this year will take place April 8-9.

One of the highlights of the overnight adventure will be the Norman Rockwell exhibit, said Jeff Sallee, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension assistant specialist.

"This year's camp-in will allow campers to 'Step Into the World of Norman Rockwell' and experience the scenes of American life created by Norman Rockwell in his most famous Saturday Evening Post covers," Sallee said. "Brought to life in theatrical environments and multi-media productions, the exhibit represents America's past and present as only Norman Rockwell could envision."

The purpose of the camp-in is to teach science and promote 4-H. The science-related workshops that are planned will tie back into the Norman Rockwell artwork.

"This event will help demonstrate that science is everywhere around us, including artwork such as Rockwell's," he said.

The Omniplex will close to the public at 6 p.m. and then 4-H'ers will take part in a variety of workshops. The "Sound Off!" exhibit will demonstrate how sound is created, transmitted and enjoyed. Participants will have the chance to make their own musical instruments or a string telephone to take home.

Another exhibit is the "Science of Baseball" and club members will experiment with bats of different materials and densities, as well as try mastering curve balls, fast balls and sliders.

In the "Earthquakes and Volcanoes" workshop youth will conduct experiments about tectonic plate movement and create

and erupt their own volcanoes.

Other exciting workshops include "Science of Cold," "Transportation" and "Printmaking."

In the workshop dealing with cold, participants will watch as the temperature drops to -320 degrees Fahrenheit and observe the amazing changes that happen at very low temperatures. Youth will be able to design a vehicle in the transportation workshop and learn about the early ways of mass marketing art in the printmaking workshop.

"All of the workshops are designed on a come-and-go basis so 4-H'ers will have enough time to do a little bit of everything offered at the Omniplex," Sallee said.

In addition to taking part in all of the educational and fun workshops, 4-H'ers also will have the opportunity to attend the planetarium Show. The evening events will conclude with a live snake show.

4-H'ers should eat dinner before arriving at the Omniplex, but are encouraged to bring a few snacks and beverages for the evening. Breakfast will be served before the 4-H'ers leave on the morning of the April 16.

For more information about the Omniplex Camp-In, please contact the local county Cooperative Extension office in your area.

LEADSTRONG Discovery Unlimited

2005 Discovery Unlimited is April 22-23, 2005, at Saints Groves Camp in Stillwater. This conference is for volunteers and youth, ages 11-12. The planning team has chosen to focus programming on physical, mental and emotional strength; looking forward to travel opportunities; and developing leadership capabilities.

Conference participants will receive a wristband and T-shirt as part of the registration fee. Registration will be due to the state office on or before March 28th. All forms and conference schedule will be posted by March 1st at <http://agweb.okstate.edu/fourh/discovery/discovery.htm>. The cost will be \$35.

State 4-H Roundup

2005 State 4-H Roundup will be held Mary 25-27, on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Roundup is the 4-H state convention. During Roundup, delegates will compete in contests such as speech and demonstration, Fashion Revue, Horse Quiz Bowl, Job Readiness, Vocal, ATV Skills, Power Point Presentation, 3 point basketball shooting, 3 on 3 basketball, volleyball, just to name a few.

Other activities at Roundup include attending assemblies and listening to outstanding motivational speakers, electing our new northwest district and state officers, going to dances, staying up late and getting up early.

Delegates must be 13 years old by January 2, 2005 to attend. Cost will be around \$90.

Registration will be due in the Blaine County OSU Extension Office by April 20th. We will have forms at the Speech Contest on April 10th.

We look forward to a guest group from Blaine County to attend this great leadership opportunity.

4-H Ominplex Camp-In

4-H Omnplex Camp-In, April 15-16, 2005. 4-H members from across the state, ages 9-11, will have the opportunity to learn about science by camping in at the Oklahoma City Omnplex April 15-16. Four-H'ers can explore the spectacular science exhibits, see stunning scientific demonstrations, travel to the planets and beyond in planetarium shows, and sleep in unimaginable places, like under a dinosaur, in a giant mouth or next to a tornado.

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The cost is \$27.50 per member and \$15 for chaperones. Participation is limited to 500. If necessary, registrations will be accepted on a first come, first accepted, basis. Registration forms are due April 1, 2005.

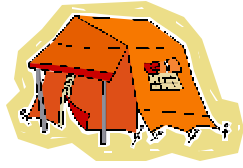
Farm Safety Day Camp

The Enid Area "Progressive Farmer" Farm Safety Day Camp will be held Saturday, April 2 at the Chisholm Trail Pavilion on the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Enid.

This Safety Day Camp is for students who are between the ages of 8-13 (6 & 7 year olds with parent/guardian). This fun filled day will include demonstrations and discussions on safety topics including: Electrical Safety, Railroad Safety, 4-Wheeler Safety, Grain Entrapment, tractor RollOver, Substance Abuse Presentation, PTO/Pinch Points, Oilfield Equipment Safety, Poison Look-a-Likes, Water Quality, Sun Sense, Gun Safety, Fire Safety, Animal Safety, Power Tool Safety, and Lawn Mower Safety.

Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family, which includes lunch, snacks, a T-shirt. Registration deadline is March 25th. Call the Extension at 580-623-5195 for more information.

2005 Oklahoma Youth Forestry & Wildlife Camp



The Oklahoma Youth Forestry and Wildlife is providing Oklahoma's youth with an informative and educational natural resource program at a residential camp setting. They have been doing this now for 49 years.

The registration fee is \$125 and that includes meals, transportation at camp, and camp sponsored recreation activities such as fly-fishing, sporting clays, tubing, hiking, woodworking, and more.

The camp will be held at Beavers Bend State Park Group Camp 2 from June 6th-11th, 2005. For those who are interested, contact the OSU Extension Office for the registration forms.

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

April 15 & 16, 2005
Custer County Fairgrounds
Clinton, Okla.
Registration \$25 per course

Courses offered:

April 15 – Coordinator; Archery; Shotgun (2 days required)

April 16 – Air Rifle & Air Pistol; Shotgun

Registration & Registration fee deadline:

April 7, 2005

Interested individuals may contact the Extension Office for registration form.

State Record Books & Scholarship Applications!!!

State 4-H Record Books and Scholarship Applications are due to the State 4-H Office in Stillwater by **April 27th at noon**. You will need to have your record book, scholarships and other state award entries turned in to the Blaine County Extension Office by April 25th by 4:00 p.m.

To be eligible for the State Record Book competition, you must be at least 14 years of age as of 1/1/05. Also, there are numerous applications that 4-H members can use in applying for scholarships, so come check those out as well. Please notice the change in the dates, they have been moved up a few days. It is very important that you turn all your entries in on time.

There will be no exceptions.

4-H Baseball Game Day

March 26th has been designated as 4-H Day. Anyone that shows up in a 4-H shirt or has a list of 4-H members on OCES letterhead will get in for \$3 each (youth and adult). This is the same day as some of the judging events for FFA and 4-H on campus. Some of the teams who come and judge that morning can do this fun event in the afternoon. At this time the game is planned for 2:00 p.m. and will be against Baylor.

There **WILL NOT** be any special events for this game as we do for football and basketball. This is just a chance for you to come and have fun at a reduced cost.

2005 Oklahoma Junior Wheat Improvement Contest



The purpose of this program is to encourage increased production of wheat with superior market quality. Any 4-H or FFA member is eligible to participate in this program. A participant must plant five acres or more of any variety of hard red or white winter wheat. The participant is required to submit an accurate record of production and marketing costs involved in preparation, seeding, and harvesting the crop. A sample of the wheat and a report must be turned in by July 15th. If you would like more information, please contact us at the Extension Office.

NW District 4-H Horse Show

The NW District Show will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at Woodward Rodeo Arena on the Woodward County Fairgrounds in Woodward. Ownership of horses and 4-H membership must be certified on or before May 1, 2005 for the 2005 District & State 4-H Horse Shows. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

Steer Nomination – Tulsa State Fair

El Reno – OKC West Livestock Market
7200 East Highway 66
Friday, May 13th
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Steer Nomination information and forms are now posted on the Tulsa State Fair Website (www.tulsastatefair.com)

Junior Market Broiler information will be posted on the Tulsa State Fair website in April. Orders and entry deadline is July 1, 2005. Orders may be placed in multiples of 25 and the maximum order per contestant is 100. Pricing will be posted on the website along with entry form.

NW District 4-H Trap Shoot

Grand National Quail Club (Formerly Enid Elk's Gun Range), Enid, OK
Saturday, May 7, 2005
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
Shoot begins by 9:30 a.m.

Each county's club's group, team or individual needs to have all participants listed on a 4-H Shooting Sports Member Certification Form, signed by a Certified training instructor and County Extension Educator.

4-H Dime Drop for Habitat for Humanity

There is still time to join Dime Drop Campaign. Every dime counts in achieving the state goal of \$8000. Skyler Pittman is coordinating the campaign for Blaine County. Deadline for collecting dimes (or any other change) is April 30, 2005. More information can be found at www.clover.okstate.edu/fourh/habitat.

Quad-County Camp

Camp will be held this year at Roman Nose State Park. Dates will remain the same as previously announced (July 16-18th for Seniors and July 18-20th for Juniors). We have met and planned some exciting activities for both the junior and seniors. **Cost will be \$50. June 20th is the deadline to register for camp.** Delegates will receive more information closer to the camp dates.

Blaine County Speech & Illustrated Presentation Contest

The Speech Contest will be held Sunday, April 10, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. Entries need to be in the Extension Office by April 7th. Following the contest, we will be having our regularly scheduled 4-H Booster and Teen Leader meetings. We will be conducting our business for the County organization. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. **Teens** – we will sign up for Roundup at this meeting.

Illustrated Presentation Tips – An illustrated presentation may be made using poster, props or by giving a demonstration. The presentation can be about anything you like or have concerns about. Here are some helpful tips for illustrated presentations and speeches.

Talking – Look at the audience; talk loud enough to be heard; show enthusiasm; don't talk too fast; and smile!

Appearance – Dress appropriately & be well groomed; with food demonstrations, wear an apron & head ware; don't lean on the table or rock back & forth.

Charts – Neat and attractive; easy to read; not cluttered or crowded; serve as guide for you; emphasize key points; summarize main thoughts; and show comparisons.

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) _____ Show & Tell (**Cloverbuds only** –
(Age as of 1/1/05) **Non-competitive)**

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 _____