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# 4-H Clover Connection

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## Shooting Sports Program Still Gaining in Popularity

It's no secret that animal projects, public speaking and citizenship are popular project areas within the Oklahoma 4-H program. However, one of the newer projects is still gaining in popularity.

The 4-H shooting sports project began in Oklahoma about 15 years ago but really began to grow in the past five years, said Charles Cox, State 4-H Program leader.

"This program continues to grow every year," Cox said. "Right now we have about 4,000 4-H'ers enrolled. It is definitely a popular project area within the 4-H program. The main focus is to teach sporting arm safety while teaching environmental ethics. Members can learn and compete in areas of air rifle, air pistol, shotgun and archery."

One of the basic ideas behind the shooting sports project is to learn safe firearm handling. While other project areas within 4-H have volunteer leaders, all of the leaders in Shooting Sports are required to attend special training classes and become certified leaders.

"These trainings equip leaders to deliver and promote the program in a positive and safe manner," he said.

In addition to basic safety techniques, 4-H'ers are exposed to learning shooting fundamentals, range commands, the proper use of ear and eye protection, and firearm and archery maintenance.

"We promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior in our Shooting Sports program," Cox said. "In addition, the content of the program provides a framework of knowledge and skills for lifetime participation in recreation, hobbies and careers related to shooting sports and wildlife. Participation also can enhance the development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities."

Cox said the content is drawn from sports medicine, psychology, education, geological and physical sciences,

engineering, math, technology and history.

"Participation in shooting sports promotes positive interaction between young people and the trained adult leaders," Cox said.

Through participation in this 4-H project members also make connections with other similar programs where they can further test their skills. Programs include the Youth Hunter Education Challenge program and the upcoming Wildlife Expo, slated August 27-28, when the Lazy E Arena will be transformed into the state's largest indoor and outdoor recreation event. Come discover new and exciting ways to enjoy your outdoor Oklahoma. It's an outdoor experience where visitors fish, shoot, kayak, rock climb, mountain bike, see and touch wildlife, learn about recreation in the great outdoors. And it's FREE!

Presented by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and a coalition of conservation organizations (including 4-H), agencies and sponsors, Expo celebrates our great state's natural diversity and opportunities for the sporting enthusiast. Learn about everything from camping and outdoor skills to shooting sports and fishing, and bird watching to kayaking. Expo visitors have an opportunity to try their hands at two full days of fun in the outdoors. If you or your 4-H Shooting Sports Club would like to help staff booths, including the 4-H Air Rifle Trailer, please contact Carey Pribil, either by e-mail or phone at [clposu80@flash.net](mailto:clposu80@flash.net) or 405-340-3353.

For more information about the shooting sports program or how to become a certified leader, contact Cox at 405-744-8891, or [ccox@okstate.edu](mailto:ccox@okstate.edu).

## Summer Workshops

Looking for something to do this summer? Look no longer! A variety of workshops will be held in various locations throughout June. Check the schedule below to see what is going on. Call the contact person and sign up. There is no cost involved with any of these classes, so come join the fun!

**June 7** – Okeene Community Center      Youth Beef Cooking School 10:00am – 2:30 p.m.  
**June 8** - Canton Schools                      Youth Beef Cooking School 9:00am – 12:00p.m. Part 1  
**June 9** - Canton Schools                      Youth Beef Cooking School 9:00am – 12:00 p.m. Part 2

The Beef Cooking Schools will be very active. Each child will go through a series of learning stations, complete assignments and participate in preparing 6 – 8 different beef dishes for lunch. Call the AmeriCorp Summer program in each to enroll or the Blaine County Extension Office at 580-623-5195.

**June 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>** – Geary Elementary Schools      WonderWise 9:30am – 11:30 a.m.  
A series of science classes will be explored each day. Each participant will rotate through different learning stations to explore an African Forest, Space and be a Pollen Detective. Call the Geary Elementary School to enroll.

**June 20-23<sup>rd</sup>** – Canton Elementary Schools      WonderWise 9:00am – 12:00 p.m.  
Call the Canton AmeriCorp Summer School program to enroll or the Extension Office -623-5195.

**June 27-29<sup>th</sup>** - Okeene Community Center      Summer Sewing School 9:30am – 3:00 p.m.  
Participants will be completing a community service sewing project. They will also sew various articles for exhibit in the fair. Possible projects include a raggedy quilt, pillow cases, pillows, shorts and skirts. Call the Okeene Summer School program to enroll or the Extension Office at 623-5195.

## 4-H Camp

Camp registration is due **June 20<sup>th</sup>**.  
Cost will be \$50. Senior camp is July 16-18<sup>th</sup> and Junior Camp is July 18-20. Seniors will be participating in variety of activities at Roman Nose and in Watonga. Golf, swimming, pizza, paddle boats, miniature golf and hiking to name a few. Juniors will learn about Nature. We will have guest speakers, nature activities, swimming and other activities. Don't miss out on all of the fun. Enclosed is a registration form.

If you are 15 and interested in being a counselor for Junior Camp, you must fill out an application. As a counselor you will have certain responsibilities and teach a workshop. The deadline for this is also June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, that no TVS, VCRs, DVDs, video tapes are allowed at camp. 4-Hers that register will receive more information.

## State 4-H Roundup

Attending and representing Blaine County at State Roundup this year were Skyler Pittman, Courtney Seelke, Codey Seelke, and Kristi Brown. They each participated in a variety of activities: Codey – ATV competition; Kristy – Horse Quiz; Courtney – workshops; Skyler workshop presenter. Also attending Roundup was the Share-the-Fun group act from Canton. Colby Haigler, Dillan Schoonmaker, Justin Schoonmaker, Bryant Jackson, and James Szymore entertained over 1,200 attendees during the Friday assembly with their act “Hey Mickey”. The highlight of the conference was when new State Officers were announced. We are thrilled to have Skyler representing Blaine County this next year as the State 4-H Song Leader. Way-to-go Skyler!!

Skyler was also announced as a finalist in the Performing Arts category in State Record Book competition.

## County Record Books



Your Blaine County 4-H Record Book is due July 11<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 p.m. to the Extension Office. This is the only way to be eligible for special awards at the Achievement Program

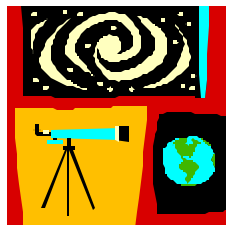
in the fall. Record book forms are available at [watonga.com](http://watonga.com) (bring up web page and at top of screen click on Ag News then click on 4-H; then click on record book forms to download) or by picking up a copy at the Extension Office.

## Volunteers Conference & Science Camp

All 4-H volunteers, parents and 4-H members are invited to attend the State Volunteer Conference. The theme this year is "4-H Food for the Soul". A new format is being tried this year as the conference is only one day – July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a full day of workshops, awards luncheon, live auction, more workshops and door prizes. A complete schedule and conference registration is available at: <http://agweb.okstate.edu/fourh/volun02/Eduopp.htm> Registration for the full day is \$30 and includes the luncheon. Registration must be postmarked by July 1<sup>st</sup> for this rate.

Children ages 9-12 are invited to attend 2005 Science Camp on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will feature NASA educators who will take the children through a series of activities which will help experience and

understand living and working space. This activity runs in conjunction with the Volunteers conference. Cost is \$15 and due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Workshops include Living and Working in Space, Eating like an Astronaut, Walking through the Solar System, Mars Bound, Strange New Planets and Preparing for the Future in Space. If you are interested in space, this is a very unique opportunity to visit with NASA Educators. Come join in the fun!



## Tulsa State Fair

### Lamb Nominations

Lamb nomination will be Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 7am until 12 noon, Enid Fairgrounds. Each individual may nominate a maximum of ten head at \$10/head. They youth nominating must have owned the animal from the time nominated for the Tulsa State Fair, and are required to be responsible on a daily basis for feeding, watering, and providing a healthy environment for the animal(s) they are nominating. Ewe Lambs may be nominated; however, no ewe lambs will be eligible for the showing at the 2005 Tulsa State Fair.

To help the nomination process, please have a hole punched in the ear of the lab(s) to be nominated. This hole should be located in the right ear, half way between the head and the tip of the ear and half way between each side of the ear. Lambs to be shown at the 2005 Oklahoma State Fair must have been nominated during this nomination process. No grooming tables or stands will be allowed in the livestock barn. For more information, call the Blaine County OSU Extension Office.

### Meat Goats & Barrows

We will not nominate wether meat goats or market barrows for the 2005 Tulsa State Fair.

### Junior Market Broiler Orders & Entry Information

Order/Entry Deadline: July 1, 2005. Cost: The commercial broiler-cross straight run chicks (as hatched) will cost \$1 each. The minimum order is one pen, 25 chicks. Pricing will be \$25 per pen, plus \$6 shipping and handling, equaling \$31 total. At this time, the entry fee of \$12 and a 4-day Pass (\$5) or 11-day pass (\$15) is due. The order total, along with entry and a 4-day pass, will total \$48. If an exhibitor would like an 11-day pass, the total amount will be \$58. Entry limits: The minimum order is one pen (25 chicks), and the maximum an exhibitor may order is four pens. Shipping Date: The broiler pens will be shipped from Ideal Poultry to the address the exhibitor puts on the order/entry form on August 17, 2005. Normally broilers arrive

the day after shipping. Show Day: The Junior Market Broiler Show is scheduled for October 6, 2005.

## Oklahoma Junior Wheat Improvement Contest

By this time you receive this newsletter, harvest will most likely be in full swing. If you are participating in the Wheat Contest, remember that a sample of the wheat and report must be turned in by July 15<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at the Extension Office. Blaine County has a tradition of Wheat Kings, so remember to enter this contest!

## PQA

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) requirements must be met before youth are eligible to show. All gilt and barrow exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) certification prior to August 1, 2005, or MUST attend training onsite at the Tulsa State Fair prior to the show.

Exhibitors must record their PQA identification number on their entry form. Exhibitors who do not have a PQA identification number prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> will be required to attend the on-site training during the Tulsa State Fair prior to the show.

The Oklahoma Pork Council will be conducting youth and adult PQA training on the Tulsa Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This training will be available to any swine exhibitor, parent, or producer.

Any barrow exhibitor who has not received PQA certification prior to August 1, 2005 must participate in the Oklahoma Pork Council PQA certification on the morning of Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Barrow exhibitors who have not received PQA certification prior to August 1, 2005 AND who did not participate in the Oklahoma Pork Council PQA program on the morning of October 5, 2005 **WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOW!**

## 2005 OSU FIELD DAYS

The OSU Animal Science "Big Three" Field Days will be held July 19-21 at the OSU Animal Science Arena. The Junior 4-H Division is for 4-H members who are 13 and under as of 01/01/05 and Senior 4-H Division is for 4-H members 14 and over as of 01/01/05.

A junior may judge in the senior divisions, but must judge in senior teams in each division to be eligible for sweepstakes awards. Trophies will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each division each day.

Plaques will be presented to the top five individuals in each division each day. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the senior sweepstakes winner in the 4-H Division.

Each day begins at 8am with registration and concludes at 3:45 p.m. with a work out on the days judging classes and practice sessions for the next day. Sheep will be judged on Tuesday, cattle will be judged on Wednesday, and swine judging will conclude the week on Thursday. The Oklahoma Junior Sheep Producers will be sponsoring a public speaking contest on sheep judging day.

Tours of Gallagher Ida Arena, the Reproduction Enterprise facility, Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab will be given on beef day. A hog herding contest will be done Thursday afternoon, there will also be a speech contest on swine day.

If you would like more information on OSU Field Days, please contact the Extension Office.

## 4-H Rodeo Fundraiser

A rodeo will be held July 22-23 in Watonga. Each community is encouraged to help sell advance tickets. Leaders will have more information by the beginning of July. The top ticket saleperson in each of the four communities will receive a prize of \$100.

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# 2005 4-H Camp Registration Form

Due June 20, 2005

Return form with monies to the Extension Office!!!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ages 9-13)

Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ages 14 & up)

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Make sure the following items are attached:

- (1) Current RAM form
- (2) Registration fee of \$50.00

Below list any special needs or disabilities, diet needs or allergies.

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