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4-H Clover Connection

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Bucket Calf Project is Great for Beginners

The Oklahoma 4-H program offers a wide variety of project areas. There may be some, however, that can seem to be intimidating. The 4-H Bucket Calf Project is one way younger 4-H members can learn more about and become comfortable with beef and dairy cattle projects. This is a cattle project designed to fit the physical size and maturity level of younger 4-H members.

Allowing younger club members to gain the experience of working with a small, less intimidating animal makes them more comfortable with the project, said David Pace, Assistant Extension Livestock Specialist, 4-H Youth Development.

"The Bucket Calf Project is designed to be short-term, with calves purchased in May," Pace said. "The project ends when the calf is shown at the local county fair, usually in August or September."

A bucket calf is an orphan or a newborn calf purchased when it is one to 10 days old. The calves, which can be male or female, beef or dairy, are started on a bottle and nipple.

Pace said calves should be purchased between May 1 and May 30. Counties can tag the calves at the end of May or the first of June to verify ownership.

"Tags can be given to club project leaders who can tag the calves to 4-H'ers, or this can be done at a central location," he said.

When it is time to show calves, club members may show only one bucket calf. Bucket calves are ineligible to be shown in any other class. Check with the local fair board for health requirements.

Bucket calf classes are judged primarily on personal interviews. The kind or quality of the calf is not a consideration in this judging class, however, the ability of the 4-H member to lead the calf and health of the calf are considered. The calf should be clean, dry, and

combed. Rope halters are encouraged, but show sticks are not.

Participants in the bucket calf class present his or her calf to the judge individually.

"Basically, the interview allows the judges to determine what the child has learned about caring for and managing the calf," Pace said. "This is what this whole project is about. The 4-H'ers should be able to talk about the purchase, management, housing, health, feeding and future plans regarding raising and showing livestock. The older 4-H'ers may be faced with questions that go into more detail."

An optional costume class is a fun way for participants to exhibit their project. Both the 4-H'er and the calf are dressed in a costume. Each pair should be dressed in a manner that relates to a theme that promotes beef or dairy, depending on the calf being shown. Some counties may opt to set a different theme each year.

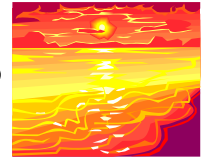
The family prepares a script that the announcer reads as the contestant and the calf circle the show ring.

"The bucket calf project is a great way to introduce younger 4-H'ers to a livestock project without it being overwhelming," Pace said. "It can be a lot of work, but it allows a club member to gain experience in a short-term project. By providing a younger 4-H'er with this experience, he or she gains first-hand knowledge and helps them make an informed choice concerning future livestock projects."

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CITIZENSHIP

Character Education News for Parents

By: Todd Branson



★ Do your share to make your school and community better.

★ Cooperate.

★ Stay informed; vote.

★ Be a good neighbor.

★ Obey laws and rules.

★ Respect authority.

★ Protect the environment.



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the grounds around your church.

Citizenship

- Keeps informed of, and participates in, civic/community activities.
- Follows company policies and procedures
- Ensures compliance with legal and reporting procedures and regulations
- Donates time, money or both to civic/community programs.
- Demonstrates support for the environmental issues

Cindy the Crab learned that being a citizen meant:

★ following the rules

★ listening to people in charge

★ taking care of her city by not littering

Being a good citizen is something adults may do every day. Adults might practice good citizenship by: obeying traffic laws, paying taxes, and helping a neighbor, volunteering or recycling. Children will develop good citizenship habits by following your good citizenship practices and the attitude in your classroom. Creating a community of learners is the best way to teach citizenship. This means increasing cooperation and reducing competition.

One way to help children become good citizens is by teaching them not to litter. You can also help children learn to keep the city or town clean by going on litter walks to pick up trash.

If there isn't any trash to pick up in your neighborhood, you might try a park or

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Character Critters: Citizenship

Child's Name _____

Part 1: Take your mom or dad or big brother or sister on a litter hunt. Walk around your block or down your road and pick up as much trash as you can. Be careful. Some litter can be dangerous.

Three things I found on my walk were:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Part 2: When you are riding in the car or walking with your family, see how many flags you can find.



The Flag of
OKLAHOMA



The American
Flag - USA



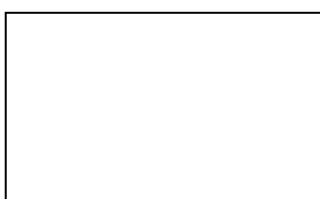
Your City
Flag



Your School
Flag



Your Church
Flag



Advertising
Flags

Part 3: Make your own family flag with colors and symbols your family like.

Please return the completed activity sheet to your child's school.

Letter from the Educator:

<http://countyext.okstate.edu/caddo/youth>

Dear Caddo Co. 4-H Family,

Where did all the time go? It is already April and the school year is quickly coming to an end. Besides Prom, Graduation, Baseball, Softball, the warm weather, and anything else already scheduled, there are several events coming up in the 4-H Calendar. The Illustrated Presentation contest will be April 9th-10th. This year we are offering a Powerpoint presentation contest. The guidelines for this contest are the same as the Round-Up guidelines so if you are interested in doing a Powerpoint presentation in the future, I encourage you to sit in and watch our senior members compete in this division at the Ft. Cobb Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center.

Another item that should be on our minds are the county and state record books. If you are still unsure about how the record book should look or what information should be included, please do not hesitate to ask our office. We can visit your local meetings and help your 4-H'ers.

State 4-H Round-Up will be held May 28-31. Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than May 15th. We will contact the trip winners and there will be a special meeting sometime before April 26th to fill out the registration forms, make payments, and answer any questions. Your 4-H leader should have more information about this trip, so feel free to ask them if you are eligible!

We will be having the 4-H Radio Day this fall. Look for some information in the future about the Radio Day. We will be sending out a letter to our 4-H Teen Leaders in the next couple of weeks with all the information. If you haven't listened in to KRPT 103.5 FM, tune your radio to this station because they have been running 4-H commercials for several weeks now. KRPT has done a wonderful job for our program so tune in and listen for our 4-H promotions!

Sincerely,
Todd Branson
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4-H Radio Day – October 2002

Listen to KRPT 103.5 FM and if you are interested in participating in a radio interview, contact the extension office today!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 3	4-H Day at the Capitol	--
April 9-10	Illustrated Presentations	9:30 am Caddo/Kiowa
April 13	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest	--
April 15	Round-Up Applications Due	4:30 pm Ext. Office
April 17	Teen Leader Mtg.	4:30 pm (TBA)
April 24	State Record Books Due	4:30 pm Ext. Office
May 11	Canadian Co. Golf Tournament	--
May 15	Teen Leader Mtg.	4:30 pm (TBA)
May 18	4-H Day Camp	TBA
May 25	Mane Tamer Horse Show	Hinton
May 28-31	State Round-Up	Stillwater

Other events may arise and scheduling may alter. For the most accurate information, please refer to: <http://countyext.okstate.edu/caddo/youth>