



4-H Clover Connection

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TRI-COUNTY TEEN LEADER CONFERENCE IMPORTANT UPDATE

The Tri-County Teen Leader Conference has been moved to **later this fall** for a series of reasons. We have several tours scheduled to visit Channel 4, 5, and 9 along with The Daily Oklahoman however during the week of August 4-6, they will be conducting "Sweeps Week" and will not be able to provide the attention we deserve. Also, Caddo County alone had 9-12 4-H'ers who wanted to attend this retreat but could not due to Regional and National 4-H Horse Shows,

Farmers Union Camp, vacations, school enrollment, etc. Since this is something entirely new, and we have scheduled many dignitaries to attend and meet us, we have decided to postpone this retreat.

The following 4-H'ers from Caddo County have been selected to attend:

- Amanda Perry
- Cassidy Brooks
- Jerret Sanders
- Jered Davidson
- Whitney Hodges

Several of you have voiced your interest in this retreat however due to the commitments listed earlier, were unable to attend. This is your chance to apply! We want everyone who applies to attend, but you must meet the deadline of October 15, 2003. This means for you to complete the application requirements **today** and not wait until October to start!

To apply, write a short essay about your role as a teen leader, why you are applying, and how you think this conference will benefit you.

COUNTY FAIR PROJECT RULES (THE "FAIR PAPER") IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

CADDO COUNTY FALL FREE FAIR SEPTEMBER 4-8



Look at what's coming to the fair!

**Family Fun Night – Church Choir Concert – Robotic Demos
Herdsmanship Contest – Greased Watermelon Relay Race –
Commercial Exhibits – And much more!**

HAVE YOUR 4-H CLUB SIGN UP A TEAM FOR THE GREASED WATERMELON RELAY RACE AND GET IN ON THE FUN!!!!

WE ARE ROLE MODELS (W.A.R.M.)



Character Education News for Parents

By: Todd Branson

**“Don’t worry that children never
listen to you.
Worry that they are always
watching you.”**

Robert Fulghum

CHARACTER COUNTS!sm

Too Much

When does much become too much? When does the needle of good judgment move into the red zone indicating danger? It's when something that's good in proper doses becomes counterproductive either because it is unhealthy or ineffective. But I'm not just talking about donuts or painkillers.

You can even be too cautious. Generally, caution is prudent and wise. It helps us live safe, secure and sensible lives. But "too much" caution can become crippling fear or paranoia. It can induce us to prolong bad situations and turn away from new opportunities. Similarly, concern about people we love becomes unhealthy when it moves into the red zone of irrational anxiety.

Can there be too much of a virtue? I think so. Honesty can destroy trust and intimacy if it is untempered by caring. And people who mindlessly follow rules can cause great injustice. Aristotle's Golden Mean is about balance -- finding the point between deficiency and excess. In life even moral principles compete. Moral wisdom is knowing how to balance the virtues to create a better life. Keep your balance because **CHARACTER COUNTS!**sm.

Character Critters 2: Learning to be fair at home activity

In Fran's family there is a problem every time they get ready to go somewhere in the car. The problem is that everyone wants to sit in the front seat with the driver. There is another problem. Someone is always late getting ready and everyone has to wait on that person. The family decided that one rule could solve both problems.

The rule is: The first one to get ready gets to sit in the front seat.

This rule worked well for a while. Then someone complained that the same person got the front seat every time. They blamed one person for getting the bathroom first and taking too long so everyone was late. The youngest said, "I am too little to get ready on time all by myself. This is not fair."

How can the family solve this problem fairly?

Please write your family's ideas below.

1.

2.

3.

Child's Name _____

Please take the time to work through this with your child. Teen Leaders may use this to work with younger 4-H'ers in their club! When you are completed, share with others your answers and compare different solutions. Remember there is **not** a wrong answer and try to be fair to everyone's ideas!

Letter from the Educator:

Dear Caddo Co. 4-H Family,

I am **sooo** sure everyone is excited to be back in school! Fairs are in full swing and if you are not aware, the Caddo County Fair is scheduled for September 4-8. 4-H Project Check-In is between 1:00pm and 6:00pm Thursday, September 4th. If you would like to exhibit a non-judged working display, showing off your area of interest, 4-H, or your hobbies, please notify the Extension Office by September 1, 2003. This is critical because we will need to set aside tables and room for your display. If you are interested in having a working display, keep these things in mind: you must be with your display the entire time it is set up and you must have some sort of handout showing 4-H or your 4-H hobbies.

August is when 4-H Clubs start back with their monthly meetings. If there is anything the Extension Office can do to help make your meetings run smoothly, do not hesitate to call. We also have plenty of green cards with more on the way, so do not be afraid to ask for a big stack for all the new and current 4-H'ers! Our next Teen Leader meeting will be August 20th at the Caddo County Courthouse at 6:00pm. ***This is a new time that you asked for this spring! If this is not a good day (too many church services for example) let us know and we can switch to a different day.*** The next Volunteer Leader meeting will be at the Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center at 4:30 on August 13th. At both meetings there will be plenty to discuss and it will be great to see everyone again!

Sincerely,



News & Views

- Welcome to all our new readers. If there is something you would like to see in here, feel free to tell us!
- Preliminary sign-up for the ski trip in January is now available. Call the Extension Office to get your name on the list. Price per person will be around \$350 for the trip.
- 4-H Radio Day is in full swing. Attend the Teen Leader meeting in August to find out about advertising salesmanship!
- Watch for the Caddo County Fair this September. It is jam packed full of entertainment and fun activities!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug7-9	Cement Local Fair	--
Aug 7	Tech Club Robot Building	5:00pm
Aug 13	Volunteer Leader Meeting	4:30pm
Aug 14	Tech Club Robot Building	5:00pm
Aug14-16	Apache Local Fair	--
Aug14-16	Binger Local Fair	--
Aug14-16	Hydro Local Fair	--
Aug 20	Teen Leader Meeting	6:00pm
Aug 21	Tech Club Robot Building	5:00pm
Aug 21-23	Cyril Local Fair	--
Aug 21-23	Hinton Local Fair	--
Aug 28	Tech Club Robot Building	5:00pm
Sept 4-8	Caddo County Fair	--
Sept 12	Caddo County Teacher Meeting	--