



Ottawa County 4-H News



April/May 2009

Dear 4-H Families,

Wow! If you're an active 4-H'er, the month of April is going to be a wild one. We would like to encourage all parents and leaders to encourage your 4-H'ers and kids to participate in these activities. We had a great turnout for our Spring Break trip to the State Capitol and the National Memorial Museum. We had a total of 69 people attend. We appreciate State Representative Mr. Larry Glenn for taking the time out of his schedule to meet and visit with the group.

Thanks to Afton and Quapaw Schools for loaning us their buses and the bus drivers for driving.

DISCOVERY UNLIMITED CAMP

Calling all 11 and 12 years olds, here is a fun camp that is designed for this age group. The camp will be held at Saints Groves Campgrounds. The theme "4-H Green Makes the World Go Round" will be held on Friday, May 29-30. We will leave around 3:00 p.m. on Friday 29 and return by Saturday, May 30 around 4:00 p.m. This is a quick overnight trip for this age group. On the way back we will be stopping at Eskimo Joe's to eat lunch. Don't forget they have the 4-H Centennial T-Shirts for sale. **The health forms and \$25.00 registration fee are due in the Extension Office by Wednesday, April 8.** Registration fee covers lodging, registration, meals, T-shirt (not the centennial shirt), and entertainment.

EMPLOYEES EXTRAVAGANZA BANQUET

The banquet is being held at the Miami Civic Center on Tuesday, April 14. 4-H has been asked to serve. This is a great citizenship opportunity. Please be at the Civic Center by 5:00 p.m. The green shirts will be available for you to wear.

This event is sponsored by Miami Chamber of Commerce. If you would like to help, please call the office to let us know.

EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING & TRASH OFF

Wednesday, April 22nd 4-H members will be planting trees in Miami's Parks. We will meet at 3:30 pm at the Rocket Park. While at the park we will also be picking up trash. After we are done here we will go down to Bernice State Park and help them plant trees.

THIRD ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

April 18-25 *Use Less Stuff Week* proclaimed annually by Governor Brad Henry.

Help your environment by starting spring off by cleaning out and bringing your recyclables to the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25, starting at 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. We will be serving free drinks, hot dogs and having drawings.

There will be two locations for your convenience: Red Cedar on the truck route and City of Miami Recycling Center.

Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs, we would like to thank everyone for saving them. Keep saving, this is a continuous project that we are participating in.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The N.E. District Public Speaking contest will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. It will be held at the Okemah High School located at 704 East Date, Okemah, OKla.

Pre-registration must be received in the Ottawa County Extension Office no later than 4:30 pm on April 16th. **No late registrations will be taken.**

Check in the day of the contest begins at 9:30 a.m. with contest starting promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Time limits are recommended, not required, but contestants please realize length could be a factor between two excellent speeches or illustrated presentations.

To help cover expenses such as awards, judge's gifts, insurance, etc., there is a \$3.00 entry fee for each category entered. This is due with registration.

No firearms, live ammunition, rocket engines, or explosive powders will be allowed. State law prohibits firearms in public school facilities.

Also no live animals will be allowed. Participants must provide their own easels. Power Point presentations, on a disk or CD, must be sent in with their registration. On the day of the contest, participants should bring another disk, CD, or memory stick containing their presentation. Make sure the Power Point presentations will run on Office 2007 program.

For more information or to register please come by the Ottawa County Extension Office.

OKLAHOMA YOUTH FORESTRY & WILDLIFE CAMP

This years camp will be held June 4-9 at Beaver's Bend State Park near Broken Bow, Ok. **Registrations are due May 1.** Cost is \$175.00 per camper and scholarships may be available. Ages for the camp are



13 - 15 years old. This camp is packed full of educational and fun filled experiences. Application forms can be picked up at the OSU Extension Office or can be downloaded at: www.whatisforestry.org

OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOKS!!!

Ottawa County 4-H record books are due in the Extension Office Monday, June 8, by 5:00 p.m. This is the same day as our Volunteers & Leaders meeting. Please encourage your child to fill out a book. When your child fills out a County Record Book, you and your family are invited to the 4-H Achievement Banquet on July 21st! The Banquet is where 4-H members will be recognized for all their hard work. It is so important to teach children to keep records and this is just one of the first steps in learning. If you need help please give us a call.

Cloverbuds can participate in County Record Books!! Just follow the cloverbud guidelines. The record books may be downloaded from the Ottawa County web page at <http://countyext.okstate.edu/ottawa/>

Due to the fact that so many senior and intermediate members are involved in other activities and are unable to attend their local club meetings, the leaders voted to make changes in the record books concerning 4-H meetings. When awards are being judged, the attendance at club meetings will not be a deciding factor in receiving an award. Please do not be discouraged by this one factor. Please make us aware of any other items that need to be addressed.

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

Has been set for Friday, June 19, 2009 to be held at the Expo Building at the Miami Fairgrounds. The hours for the camp is 8:00 until 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 and

be sure to bring your lunch.

4-H TERRIFIC DAY CAMP WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

We are planning lots of fun workshops and great fair projects to make! Watch for schedule. Camp dates are June 22 – 26th time starting at 8:00 till 5:00 pm.

MULTI-COUNTY 4-H CAMP

“4-H - 100 Years of Fun” is the theme for the camp which represents Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Celebration. Camp workshops will cover the 100 years of 4-H project areas from archery, candle making, water quality to hydro rockets. A great outdoor adventure is being planned for the celebration. Camp will be held June 29th, 30th & July 1st at Camp Christian Camp Grounds near Chouteau, Ok. The cost of camp will be \$50.00 per camper. Ages for the camp are 9 – 18 years old. The 4-H Leaders Federation will be paying \$10.00 on each delegate that is going. Enclosed is the registration that need to be turned in with the money and health form by June 12th. For more information call the Extension Office at 542-1688 or talk to your local leader. **See enclosed Registration form!**

STEER NOMINATIONS FOR OTTAWA COUNTY AND TULSA STATE FAIR

Steer nominations for the 2009 Tulsa State Fair and Ottawa County Fair will be held on May 16th from 8:00 am to 11:00am. Tulsa State Fair will be a mail-in process for Market Steers and those nominations are not due till June 1st. So the Ottawa County Fairboard requires that all steers going to show at the Ottawa County Fair and nominated for Tulsa must be brought to the Miami Fairgrounds on May 16th. ***Any steers not brought to the County Fairgrounds on May 16th but still nominated for the Tulsa State Fair will not be eligible to show at the Ottawa County Fair.*** Nomination kits will be ordered by the Ottawa County Extension Office for nominations on May 16th. Cost for each kit/steer is \$10.00. For more information please call the Ottawa County Extension Center at 918-542-1688.

OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR MARKET & BREEDING HOGS, SHEEP, GOATS & COMMERCIAL HEIFERS TAG-IN & NOMINATIONS



Nomination of all market hogs, sheep, goats and commercial heifers will be **Thursday June 18th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday June 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the Miami Fairgrounds. The cost is \$3.00 per animal to pay for the tags.

Entry forms for Registered heifers, dairy cattle, breeding gilts, ewes, nannies and dairy goats are also due by 7:00pm on June 19th or sooner in the Extension Office. Forms can be picked up in the Extension Office at anytime.

BARROW NOMINATIONS FOR TULSA STATE FAIR

Barrow Nominations are required for the 2009 Tulsa State Fair. Mail-in process is required for all Market Barrows. Nomination kits can only be ordered by Ag Teachers and County Extension Educators. Individual families or exhibitors may not request kits. Kits are \$10.00 each, one per pig. You must go through your Ag Teacher or County Extension Educator.

Deadlines:

June 22, 2009 - Nomination Kit order deadline

July 1, 2009 - All Market Barrow Nomination Packets **MUST** be postmarked by July 1, 2009 or they will not be accepted.

August 28, 2009 - Tulsa State Fair Entry Deadline

PQA REQUIREMENTS 2009 TULSA STATE FAIR

Exhibitors showing in the 2009 Tulsa State Fair Junior Market Barrow and Gilt Shows are not required to complete Pork Quality Assurance Plus to be eligible to show, but are encouraged to complete his/her certification by July 1, 2009. All exhibitors exhibiting at the 2009 Tulsa State Fair who have completed his/her PQA certification July 1, 2009, will be eligible for additional premiums.



**LAMB & GOAT NOMINATIONS
FOR TULSA STATE FAIR**

On site nominations will be required for all Market Wether Lambs and Wether Meat Goats. You may nominate at the site of your choice. Lamb and Goat nominations will be held on the same day and same location. Cost is \$10.00 per animal. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office.

June 29, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Garfield County Fairgrounds, Enid, OK

June 30, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK

July 1, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Muskogee County Fairgrounds, Muskogee, OK



STATE BROILER SHOW

Final order date: Postmarked on or before July 1, 2009. Entry forms and money need to be mailed to Tulsa State Fair. Entry for broilers can be picked up at the OSU Extension Office. Broilers will be shipped **around August 15, 2009**. (Exhibitor should expect one to two days delivery.)

**OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR
CHICKEN, RABBITS, DUCKS,
BUCKET CALF ENTRIES.**

Entries are due on or before 4:30 pm Monday, August 3rd in the OSU Extension Office. Entry forms can be picked up at anytime.

**OTTAWA COUNTY
4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET.**

The banquet and program will be held on Tuesday, July 21st starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Civic Center. Leaders, volunteers, donors and parents will be gathering to honor 4-H members for their past year of work. Please RSVP by Friday, July 14th.

OTTAWA COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

Any Ottawa County 4-H member interested in the shotgun portion of the shooting sports program must attend safety training. There will be another session held on Friday April 10th at 7:00 pm at the Ottawa County Community Room. If you attended the training on January 23rd you do not have to attend this one.

Also at 10:00 am on the next day, Saturday April 11th all shotgun participants will practice at the 69 Sporting Clay Range located west of Miami on highway 69.

If you plan to be at the training on Friday April 10th we ask that you call the Ottawa County Extension center to sign up. Registration is due by 4:30 pm on April 9th.

4-H ARCHERY CAMP LAKE EUFAULA

The Oklahoma 4-H Archery program continues to grow each and every year. We are excited about the opportunities that this program provides our 4-H youth and look forward in developing programs that enhance the youth's project skills in archery and wildlife. This year the Creek County 4-H and Creek Nation will be offering a Summer Archery Camp that is for youth ages 9-19 who are interested in learning more about the 4-H Archery Program. The Camp will be held at Lake Eufaula on June 10th and 11th and the cost will be \$35/camper. The camp will concentrate on developing archery skills as well as learning about wildlife habitats and proper gaming techniques.

Youth will participate in hands on training activities and will learn from guest archery instructors about proper archery techniques and shooting methods. The training hours received while at archery camp can be supplemented for youth training hours needed to participate in 4-H archery events (does not count for Hunter Safety Certification).

Youth will participate in a variety of workshops that educate them on the history of archery, how bows are made, identifying animal tracks, proper tracking techniques, and proper ways to field dress wildlife for food consumption and mounting.

For more information and/or registration forms contact the Ottawa County Extension Center. Registrations are due by May 15th.

4-H ARCHERY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

An archery instructor training will be held on Tuesday April 21st at the Cherokee County Fairgrounds. Training will start at 8:30 am and run till 9:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person to cover cost of materials. Meals will be on your own.

Any adult interested in becoming an archery shooting sports leader must attend a training like this and it must be presented by an instructor certified and trained in the 4-H program.

Registration deadline is Thursday April 16th.



LEADERS, PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS MEETINGS

May 11 th	June 8 th
July 13 th	August 10 th
September 14 th	October 12 th

All meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. at the County Community Room, all parents are welcome to attend.

For more information call the Ottawa County Extension Office at 918-542-1688