



May 2007

4-H Clover Connection

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State 4-H Roundup Offers Club Members New Opportunities

It is that time of year again when the Oklahoma State University campus turns from orange and black to clover green. Once again, more than 1,000 Oklahoma 4-H'ers, Extension educators and adult volunteer leaders will converge at OSU for the 86th State 4-H Roundup. This year's theme is "Life is a Highway . . . Are You 4-H Driven?"

Roundup is the largest statewide 4-H event and this year promises to be even more exciting than the past, said Tracy Branch, State 4-H events and activities coordinator.

"State 4-H Roundup is the culmination of the 4-H year," Branch said. "It's a time when we recognize achievements from the past year and it's a time for us to look ahead to see what the future holds."

While Roundup is steeped in tradition, it also provides club members with the opportunity to learn some new things. New this year will be a horticulture contest and the horse topic presentation. The horticulture contest is comprised of three parts, including identification of plant materials, problem solving/decision making and a practicum. The goal of the horse topic presentation is to promote teamwork, problem solving and oral communication skills.

Other educational activities include the Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestock Quiz Bowl and the Clover Quiz Bowl.

Educational workshop topics include pet first aid, presentation skills, international opportunities, credit card management, team work, digital photography, automotive basics, health and nutrition, insects, rocketry, veterinary medicine careers, agriculture and Web site design, to name a few.

Also on this year's agenda will be Fashion Revue,

Share-The-Fun, political rallies and public speaking events.

Inspirational and motivational keynote speaker Sam Glenn will be on hand to share side-splitting humor, inspirational insights and a dramatic on-state chalk art performance.

Recognition has always played an important role in the 4-H program and State 4-H Roundup, and this year will be no exception. One of the many highlights of State 4-H Roundup is the Honor Night Assembly. Two 4-H'ers will be inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame. In addition, recordbook winners will be announced and thousands of scholarship dollars will be presented to deserving club members. In addition, National Congress delegates will be announced. National Congress takes place in Atlanta later this year.

"One of the great things about the 4-H program as a whole is that its recognition program goes before club members," Branch said. "We'll recognize individuals and groups who give freely of their time and resources in order to make the 4-H program the best that it can be. This is the Honorary 4-H Member Award. In addition, we'll also recognize former 4-H'ers with the Outstanding Alumni Award."

The closing assembly will feature the announcement of the 2007-2008 state and district officers. New 4-H Ambassadors also will be announced.

"We're really excited about this year's State 4-H Roundup activities," Branch said. "This statewide event offers club members many opportunities to participate in new activities and make new friends. They also get to experience life on the OSU campus. As Oklahoma celebrates its centennial this year, Oklahoma 4-H'ers will be celebrating a host of new

Congratulations to Fashion Revue & Impressive Dress Winners!

Impressive Dress (Beginner Division)

Fashion Revue: (Beginners Division)

Class 2 - Tote Bag

1st - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Class 3 - Skirt w/elastic waist

1st - Caitlyn Gilbert, Hardesty

Class 5 - Simple two piece active sportswear

1st - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Class 6 - Kool-Aid Bag

1st - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Class 7 - Non modeled constructed items:

1st - Hannah Winter, Hardesty

2nd - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Class 8 - One piece dress

1st - Sidney Fischer, Hooker

Simple garment bag:

1st - Hannah Winter, Hardesty

(Intermediate Division)

Class 1 - Bathrobe

1st - Rachel Helms, Goodwell

Class 3 - Short, pants, skirt or culottes w/waistband

1st - Rachel Helms, Goodwell

Class 4 - One piece dress/jumpsuit

1st - Sage Fischer, Hooker

Class 5 - Two piece garment

1st - Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough

Class 6 - Decorated garment

1st - Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough

Non modeled items: (Knots)

1st - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Tote bag:

1st - Joy Olson, Hardesty

Recycle a garment:

1st - Joy Olson, Hardesty

Class 4 - Unlined Dress

1st - Kayla Helms, Goodwell

Class 5 - Unlined garment using two techniques

1st - Kayla Helms, Goodwell

Champion Senior: Kayla Helms, Hardesty

Champion Intermediate: Sage Fischer, Hooker

Res. Champ. Intermediate: Rachel Helms, Goodwell

Champion Beginner: Caitlyn Gilbert, Hardesty

Res. Champ. Beginner: Sidney Fischer, Hooker

School Wear:

1st - Caylee Collins, Yarbrough

2nd - Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough

3rd - Caitlyn Gilbert, Hardesty

4th - Kellie Neal, Yarbrough

5th - Juanita Neal, Yarbrough

6th - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Active Sports Wear:

1st - Caylee Collins, Yarbrough

2nd - Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough

3rd - Sidney Fisher, Hooker; Kellie Neal, Yarbrough
& Jasmine Neal, Yarbrough

4th - Juanita Neal, Yarbrough

5th - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

Church Wear:

1st - Juanita Neal, Yarbrough

2nd - Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough

3rd - Caitlyn Gilbert, Hardesty & Caylee Collins,
Yarbrough

4th - Jasmine Neal, Yarbrough; Kellie Neal,
Yarbrough; & Sidney Fischer, Hooker

Western Wear:

1st - Caylee Collins, Yarbrough

2nd - Caitlyn Gilbert, Hardesty

3rd - Ramee Aranda, Yarbrough

4th - Rachel Helms, Goodwell

Party Wear:

1st - Caitlyn Gilbert, Hardesty

2nd - Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough & Ramee Aranda,
Yarbrough

3rd - Jasmine Neal, Yarbrough

4th - Caylee Collins, Yarbrough

5th - Kellie & Juanita Neal, Yarbrough

Junior Champion: Caylee Collins

Jr Res Champ: Ramee Aranda

(Senior Division)

School Wear:

1st - Krysta Gilbert, Hardesty

Church Wear:

1st - Krysta Gilbert, Hardesty

Western Wear:

1st - Krysta Gilbert, Hardesty

Party Wear:

1st - Krysta Gilbert, Hardesty & Kayla Helms, Goodwell

Senior Champion: Krysta Gilbert, Hardesty

Sr. Res. Champ: Kayla Helms, Goodwell

4-H Record Book

The County Record Books will be due the second Friday in July (July 13th). It is time to be fine-tuning them in preparation for submission. If you have question, please contact Steve or Arleen.

Clifford Hatcher Junior Achievement Award

Applications for the Clifford Hatcher award are available at the Extension office and will be due July 13th. This award recognizes an outstanding junior boy and girl for the 4-H work they have done this year.

4-H County Federation Officers

The following county officers were elected at the May meeting:

President: Lorena Richards, Hardesty 4-H
V-President: Krysta Gilbert, Hardesty 4-H
Secretary: Amanda Richards, Hardesty 4-H
Treasurer: Ethan Koch, Hardesty 4-H
Song Leader: Abigail Ferguson, Yarbrough

We did not elect a reporter or game leader. There is another opportunity for serving as an officer in the County Federation -- if you would be interested in serving as the reporter or game leader, let us know in the office and come to the June 6th Federation meeting for another election process.

2nd Bi-Annual

2nd Lt. Luke James Memorial Scholarship

Essays on the theme "Freedom Is Not Free" will be due July 13th. A scholarship for the winning essay will be presented at the 2007 4-H Achievement Banquet in memory of 2nd Lt. Luke James.

The guidelines are as follows:

- Theme - "Freedom Is Not Free"
- Must be the work of the 4-H member
- Essay must have 500 words up to 2000 words
- Essay must be typed and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness.
- Essay should be submitted in a folder with 4-H members' name, club, address and phone number in the upper right hand corner of folder.

- Scholarship is for 4-H member in good standing 15 and up.
- Awarding of scholarship will be at discretion of the James' family.
- Failure to follow guidelines will result in disqualification of entry.
- Funds will be retained in the 2nd Lt. Luke James Memorial Scholarship fund until the time the winner graduates from high school. The member will be responsible for letting Arleen know which college they will be attending. The scholarship will be sent to the school by the James' family. Winner must use the first semester after graduation or forfeit their rights to the scholarship.

July Federation & Summer Social

The date of July 2nd has been set for the July Federation meeting and Summer Social. Put this date on your calendar and watch for details in the June newsletter.

Oklahoma Centennial Parade

4-H has been invited to have 100 members participate in the Oklahoma Centennial Parade, Sunday, October 14th. Members must be 12 years of age or older and be able to participate in the entire 2.1 mile route through downtown Oklahoma City. The event will include most of the day. Participants should plan to arrive by approximately 9:30 am and may not be finished until around 7 pm. A more detailed schedule will be available at a later date. Interested members will need to make application on the 4-H website - oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/focus/2007/april/april.htm/ Approved members will be notified by August 15, 2007.

Quad County 4-H Camp Planning Meeting

The 4-H Camp planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm in the conference room of the Texas County Extension office. We'll have supper and make plans for camp. Camp is scheduled for July 5, 6 & 7th at Camp Gibson near Hardesty. Watch for final details in the June newsletter.

Panhandle Expo

The dates for the 2007 Panhandle Expo (County Fair) has been set for August 14th-18th. Now is the time to be preparing your exhibit for your project. Every 4-H member should have at a minimum one exhibit in the County Fair. Everyone could make a poster to promote 4-H or to promote their project area. Every club could put together an educational booth - displays may focus on one of the following:

- Promotion of a specific 4-H project
- Member recruitment
- "4-H . . . The Power of Youth"
- Promotion of 4-H Centennial
- Promotion of Oklahoma Centennial

*Begin making plans **now** and let's have each club represented!*

Veterinary Medicine in Agriculture Summer Exploration Camp

It is scheduled for July 25-27th. The focus is on students interested in Large Animal veterinary medicine. There will be 12 slots available for students who are currently high school juniors or seniors. Campers will stay in OSU apartments. The sessions will include hands on experiences that focus on cattle. Scholarships to anyone who may not be able to afford the camp fee. The deadline is June 1st. Applications are available at the Extension office.

- Cost: \$50.00 Camp Fee*
- Checks payable to OSU CVHS
(*Students with financial need may request a camp fee scholarship)
- Current transcript of all high school course work
- Two letters of reference from high school teacher, counselor or extension agent
- Personal letter (typed) stating your reason for applying for this summer program and the species you are most interested in.

Tractor Safety School - June 11-13th

Persons interested in the Tractor and Equipment Safety School will want to mark your calendars for June 11-13th from 5-8 pm. The program is designed to instruct and protect those 14 and 15 yr olds that plan to drive tractors and use farm equipment. Call the OSU Extension office before June 1 to sign up. Cost is \$10.00.

Dates To Remember

**May 8: Guymon Cloverbuds Mtg
& Hardesty Cloverbuds Mtg**

**May 15: 4-H Quad County Camp Planning Mtg
at Extension office (6:30 pm)**

**May 23-25: 4 -H Round-Up
in Stillwater**

June 1: Deadline for Vet Med Summer Camp

**June 2: NW District Horse Show
Woodward Rodeo Arena**

June 6: 4-H Federation Mtg

**June 11-13: Tractor Safety School
at Extension office
5-8 pm
(this is a date change)**

**July 2: 4-H Federation Mtg (installation of
officers) & Summer Social**

**July 5-7: 4-H Quad County Camp
at Camp Gibson, Hardesty**

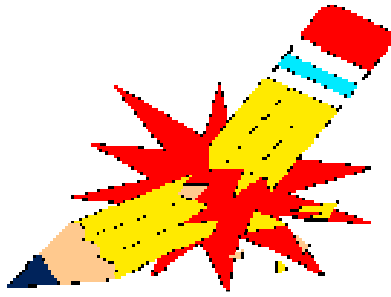
**July 12: Lamb & Goat nominations for Tulsa
at Enid**

**July 13: County Record Books due
Clifford Hatcher apps due
2nd Lt Luke James apps due**

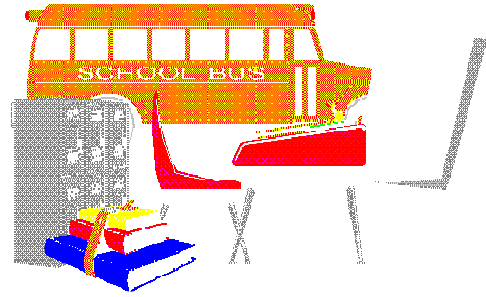
**July 14: State 4-H Volunteer Leader Conf
in Stillwater**

**July 25-27th: Veterinary Med Summer
Exploration Camp
in Stillwater**

**August 14-18th: Panhandle Expo
(Texas County Fair)**



*It's time for
a break!
Have a good
summer!*



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