



4-H Clover Connection

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4-H'ers Preparing Exhibits for County and State Fairs

Oklahoma 4-H'ers are nearing the time of year when they are able to showcase their hard work as they prepare for their local county fairs, as well as the 2008 Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair.

Club members have been showcasing project work for the Oklahoma State Fair for nearly a century.

"As Oklahoma 4-H begins to celebrate its centennial this coming year, club members from around the state have an opportunity to get a head start in celebrating their 99 years of exhibiting project work at the fair," said Kevin Hackett, Northwest District 4-H program specialist.

A selection of 4-H Centennial classes has been added for the 2008 and 2009 fairs. In an effort to promote even greater participation, former club members also can get in on the fun.

There is a class for 4-H alumni to exhibit past project work, memorabilia, photographs and even their 4-H record book.

"For nearly a century the fair exhibits have been an important part of the 4-H Youth Development Educational Program by allowing young people the incentive to achieve and then to exhibit the results of what they've learned and accomplished," he said.

This year's Oklahoma State Fair will take place Sept. 11-21. Judging day will occur on Sept 10. The Tulsa State Fair will run Sept. 25-Oct. 5. Exhibits will be judged on Sept. 23.

"We're really excited about the new Centennial classes that have been added to this year's and next year's fairs. All of the exhibits in the 4-H Centennial class are intended to learn about and document our 4-H heritage through the process of identification and preservation,"

Hackett said. "You might want to think of it as our own 4-H Antique Road Show."

Each item in this class will require research, documentation and reporting to authenticate the item being exhibited. All exhibits entered in the 4-H Centennial class will receive a commemorative 4-H Centennial ribbon. An overall "Best of Show" will be selected for each of the six categories, which includes antiques and collectables, photography, family living, mechanical sciences, plant science and communications.

"All 4-H'ers who participate in the 4-H Centennial Road Trip will have the opportunity to showcase their experiences through fair exhibits during the 2009 fairs," he said.

In keeping with tradition, visitors to the fairs will still be able to see a wide variety of 4-H project work in the 4-H exhibits, including woodworking, food preservation, fabrics and fashion, science and technology, shooting sports, wildlife, crops and entomology, and food science and nutrition, just to name a few.

Visitors to the Oklahoma State Fair can see all of the 4-H exhibits in the Hobby, Arts and Crafts Building. If you plan to visit the Tulsa State Fair, make plans to stop by its new location on the east end of the Esplanade in the Central Park Hall to see the exhibits.

"Over the years we've moved locations at both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair. This year's locations for the 4-H exhibits provide us with ample opportunity for visibility so fair-goers can see first-hand what types of projects are available to club members and the impact it has on today's youth," Hackett said.

Classes for 2008 and all changes made to the 2007 guidelines for both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair can be found on the 4-H Web site at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/events/statefair.htm>.

*** PLEASE SEE CALENDAR BELOW
IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS IN BOLD & UNDERLINED**

June 2008 Calendar***30 Deadline Tri-Camp Registration****July 2008 Calendar**1 4-H Reporter & Secretary Books Due
Lamb & Goat Nominations, Chickasha

2 Lamb & Goat Nominations, Muskogee

***4 Extension Office Closed**

12 State Parent 4-H Volunteer Conference

14 Flower & Vegetable Show; Food Show and
Iron Chef Competition

18 State 4-H Wheat Show

22-24 Tri-County Camp

***28 PLO MEETING-NEW TIME: 5:30**

30-8/1 State 4-H Roundup

30 Tulsa Fair Lambs & Goat Nominations

August 2008 Calendar

1 Deadline Achievement Banquet

Deadline Certification for PQA

14 Kay County 4-H Achievement Banquet

22 Deadline Tulsa State Livestock

September 2008 Calendar

9-13 KAY COUNTY FREE FAIR

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