



# 4-H Clover Connection

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## 4-H Members to Attend Hornets Game and Support Louisiana 4-H Program

Not only will Oklahoma 4-H'ers get to experience the excitement of a professional basketball game in March, they also will be making a donation to the Louisiana 4-H Program for hurricane relief.

Oklahoma 4-H'ers have an opportunity to attend the Oklahoma City Hornets game as they take on the Memphis Grizzlies on March 31, 2006, said Charles Cox, Oklahoma State 4-H program leader.

"For the past several years club members have had the opportunity to attend Oklahoma State University Cowboys football and basketball games," Cox said. "With Oklahoma now hosting a professional basketball team we thought this would be a great opportunity for 4-H youth to attend a professional game."

Tickets for the event are \$25 each and must be ordered by February 24. However, with the Hornets gaining popularity in Oklahoma, counties are encouraged to order tickets early. One dollar from each ticket sold will be returned to the local county 4-H program; \$1 will support statewide 4-H activities; and \$3 will be donated to the Louisiana 4-H program for hurricane relief.

"One of the exciting parts of this event is that we're inviting Louisiana 4-H members to attend the game with us," he said. "Last year, about 3,000 Louisiana 4-H'ers attend the Hornets Game Night, and we're hoping that some will come this year as well. If we do have club members from Louisiana, we're planning to make a ceremonial check presentation at half time from the funds collected from ticket sales. One of the areas the 4-H program focuses on is community service, and with part of the proceeds of ticket sales going directly to the program in Louisiana, this is just one more way our club members can help out and make a difference in the world around them."

In addition to the excitement of the game, some of the Oklahoma 4-H'ers in attendance will have the

opportunity to participate in additional activities.

Cox said these participants will be randomly selected from each of the counties attending the game.

Some lucky club members will get a "behind-the-scenes" experience as they take part in the Tunnel Kids program. These youth will be able to go into the tunnel area near the Hornets locker room to high-five the players as they head to the court to warm-up either during pre-game or at half time. Others will be selected to actually be on the court to high-five the players as they come out onto the floor.

The Hornets Captain's Program is yet another opportunity for 4-H'ers to interact with the players. Select club members will head to center court during pre-game warm-ups for the referee meeting, act as an honorary captain and present the game ball.

Two 4-H'ers will get to be honorary ball boys for the night. These two participants will have a great view of the action and will be helping players get warmed up during pre-game and half time.

"We're very excited about the opportunities our 4-H'ers will have on March 31. For many of these kids, this will be their first experience attending a professional basketball game," Cox said. "In addition to the excitement of the game, club members also will be reaching out a helping hand to their fellow club members in Louisiana who lost so much during the hurricanes last fall."

Contact your local county Extension educator, check out the Oklahoma 4-H Web site at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/index2.htm> or contact your local 4-H Club leader for more ticket information.

## **Blaine County Springs Livestock Show February 10-13, 2006**

Check-in by: 6:00p.m., Friday, Feb. 10  
Swine Show: 8:00am, Saturday, Feb. 11  
Cattle Show: 3:00pm, Saturday, Feb. 11  
Sheep & Goat show: 3:00pm, Sunday, Feb. 12  
Bonus Auction Meal: 5-6:30pm, Monday, Feb. 13  
Lamb Lead: 5:00pm, Monday, February 13  
Introductions & Awards: 6:00pm, Monday, Feb 13  
Bonus Auction Begins: 6:30pm, Monday, Feb. 13

### **Lamb Lead**

The Lamb Lead (leading portion of the contest) will be held at 5:00pm on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will begin at 4:00pm. **If you are planning to enter the Lamb Lead, your completed forms need to be in the Blaine County Extension Office by February 6<sup>th</sup>.** Forms are available on the internet (Watonga.com – click on OSU Extension info; click on 4-H information) or are available at the Extension Office. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 6!!**

### **Concession Stand Spring Livestock Show**

The concession stand will be operated once again by the 4-H Boosters/Volunteers. The money earned from this activity helps to support County 4-H events, awards, and trips throughout the year.

Each community will be responsible for workers each day and to provide the number of workers requested for each session. It will be up to each community to assign/delegate the schedule as they see fit.

Friday -4:00-9:00pm – 1 worker from each community.

Saturday – 7:00am – 7:00 p.m. – 2 workers from each community.

Sunday - 2:00 – 7:00 pm – 1 worker from each community.

Each 4-H family is also requested to bring either brownies, cookies, or Rice Krispy treats **AND** a pie

for the concession stand. Thanks for all of your help.

### **4-H Family Night with the Hornets**

There is still time to order tickets for the 4-H Night at the Hornets Game, Friday, March 31, 2006, 7:30 p.m. Each ticket is \$25 and must be ordered as county or school group. No individual orders will be accepted. (See cover store for more information). Tickets must be ordered by February 17<sup>th</sup> and paid for in advance.

### **Northwest District Junior Livestock Show**

The entry deadline for the NW Junior Livestock Show is February 21<sup>st</sup>. Individual entries will not be accepted. All entries must be submitted with a school or 4-H County Club. Lamb Lead entries are also due on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The show will run February 28-March 6. Schedules and entries are available at: [enidchamber.com](http://enidchamber.com).

### **Youth Expo Entry Deadline**

Entry deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Entries must be completed over the internet as was last year. Dates of 2006 Youth Expo are March 11-20, 2006. All forms, schedules, etc. are available on the internet at: <http://www.okyouthexpo.com>.

### **NW District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest**

The NW District Livestock Judging contest will be held Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Enid. Cost is \$12 per team or \$3, if judging as an individual. 4-H Judging Certification form is due by Monday, January 30. You will not be allowed to judge without this form! The contest will consist of nine classes of livestock and three sets of oral reasons.

## Understanding Child Development

Every young person, like every adult, has needs, interests, desires, values, strengths and weaknesses, which are going to affect his or her behavior. While all youth have different personalities, every one has five basic needs.

### The Five Basic Needs:

1. **Belonging:** The desire to belong is natural and helps to bring youth in contact with others. Belonging to the group helps young people

grow because part of their feeling of personal worth is gained from what others think.

2. **Independence:**

Becoming independent is a sign of growing up. This desire is shown by impatience with an adult volunteers' guidance and a preference for making up their own mind.

3. **Achievement:** Youth want to know that their efforts are worthwhile and appreciated. Because the rate of

achievement varies with each member, it is important that projects keep pace with ability.

4. **New experiences:**

Young people need and want to grow up and be active. They need new and different experiences to stretch their horizons.

5. **Affection:** Affection or love is essential in personality development. Children need to know that they are wanted and loved for who they are.

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## Special Events Day April 29, 2006

The Blaine County Speech/Illustrated Presentation Contest will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. See the enclosed form for times, ages, etc. There are no restrictions on a topic of your speech/illustrated presentation. If you need some help with a topic or just in getting started, please give the Extension Office a call or come by. We will be happy to work with you on your speech.

**Fashion Revue, Dress Revue and Impressive Dress Contest** will begin at 1:00 p.m. on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Entries for both of these contests will be **DUE April 24<sup>th</sup>** so that final arrangements can be completed.



## Rodeo Fund Raiser

The second annual Watonga Rodeo will be held on May 19-20<sup>th</sup>. Once again the 4-H members will be selling advance tickets to this event. All advance tickets are \$5.00. The Boosters will meet to decide how to distribute an incentive to the high ticket salesperson/club. More details will be available in our next newsletter. The Rodeo will be held in conjunction with Watonga Pioneer Days.



## State Record Book & Scholarship Applications

State 4-H Record Books and Scholarship Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 26<sup>th</sup>. All books and applications will need to be in the Blaine County Extension Office by April 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. If you need help getting started on this project, please call the Extension Office. All forms are on line and follow certain guidelines. To be eligible for the State Record book competition, you must be at least 14 years of age as of 1/1/06. (FYI next year State Books will be due in early January)

### 4-H Jackets

If you are in need of a 4-H jacket for the upcoming state show, etc. 'Awards & Moore' in Stillwater is your local source at [www.awardsandmoore.com](http://www.awardsandmoore.com). A form is also available at the Extension Office. A jacket or emblem is required at the Oklahoma Youth Expo.

### Fertile Chicken Eggs

Chicken eggs are once again available. These are available in quantities of 30 for \$2.50 and ready for pickup on March 20<sup>th</sup> or April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please order by March 6<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Extension Office.

### Discovery Unlimited

April 22-23, 2006

Saints Groves Camp, Stillwater

"Life Unlimited" is the message of Discovery Unlimited 2006. The objective of this year's conference will be to focus programming on important life skills for young people; looking forward to travel opportunities; and developing leadership capabilities. The cost is \$35 for each chaperone and delegate. The fee includes meals, lodging, T-shirt, educational materials and entertainment. There must be one adult chaperone for every five delegates and the chaperone(s) must be certified 4-H volunteers. 4-H members who were 11-12 years old as of January 1, 2006, are eligible to participate.

## Pop Tab Collection

The State 4-H officers, Collegiate 4-H and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Oklahoma happily announce *the 2006 Pop of Success* pop tab campaign. Gearing up for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the OKC Ronald McDonald House, we are asking each county to bring as many pop tabs as possible to the 85<sup>th</sup> State 4-H Roundup.

Pop tabs are collected because they are the purest source of recycling available. Each gallon of pop tabs equates to the cost of one family's stay for one week at the Ronald McDonald House.

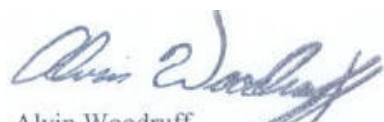
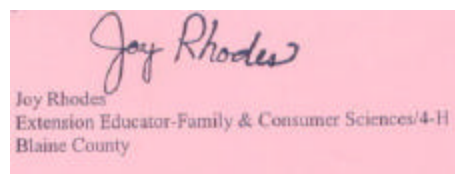
During Roundup, the tabs will be weighed and total weight collectively tallied by district. Points will be awarded toward districts' points for the Spirit Award.

### Pop Tab Fun Facts

- ❖ The Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Program was established in 1987 by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Ronald McDonald House community.
- ❖ To date, more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.
- ❖ The ring-pull can was invented in 1962.
- ❖ The pop tab was invented by Ermal Frazee in Ketting, Ohio.
- ❖ Kettering's Frazee Pavilion, a popular amphitheater in Dayton, Ohio, is named after the pop tab.

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**SPEECH/ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION SCORESHEET**

\_\_\_\_\_ Speech (no props allowed)      \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (9-11)      \_\_\_\_\_ Individual  
\_\_\_\_\_ Illustrated Presentation      \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (12-14)      \_\_\_\_\_ Team (Illustrated Presentation only)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Extemporaneous      \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (15 & over)      \_\_\_\_\_ Show & Tell (**Cloverbuds only** –  
(Age as of 1/1/06)      **Non-competitive)**

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Partner (team presentations only) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Topic (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEAKER:**

Possible points 25 \_\_\_\_\_

- Appearance (neat, appropriate)
- Voice (clear, fluent, voice control, pronunciation, articulation, projection)
- Poise and Posture (cheerful, confident, and erect)
- Eye Contact

Comments:

**PRESENTATION:**

Possible points 50 \_\_\_\_\_

- Introduction (short, complete, interesting)
- Organization of Material
- Delivery (smooth, appropriate speed, voice variations)
- Conclusion (adequate and effective)
- General Effect of Presentation
- Interest to Audience

**FOR ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS ONLY:**

- Proper Use of Visual Aids and Equipment
- Use of Appropriate Materials to “Show” Main Idea
- Props (well managed, neat work space)

Comments:

**SUBJECT MATTER:**

Possible points 25 \_\_\_\_\_

- Originality
- Speaker’s Understanding of Subject Matter
- Suitability of topic (specific)
- Information (accurate, up-to-date, complete)

Comments:

**Time limit:** Speeches – Junior 5-7 min; Intermediate – 4-6 min.; Senior – 5-7 min.  
Illustrated Presentation: Team or Individual – no longer than 15 minutes.  
Extemporaneous – 5-7 minutes. Must be 13 years of age, topic selected at contest. Must participate in another speech/presentation to be eligible.

Time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Total points \_\_\_\_\_

Ribbon Placing \_\_\_\_\_

Judge’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_