Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Planning Guide 2009

Resource guide for all of your centennial needs.
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Oklahoma 4-H Centennial planning guide developed by Nicole Kliebert and Jessica Stewart for Oklahoma 4-H members, volunteers, Extension Educators, and those involved in Centennial Celebration planning. For questions or corrections, please call the Oklahoma 4-H Office at 405-744-4HYD.

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Tentative Calendar of Events

Events where the Centennial will be promoted, as well as deadlines for contests and submissions.

March 13-23 - Oklahoma Youth Expo, Oklahoma City

June - 4-H Centennial Gardens available for viewing at OSU Botanical Gardens, Stillwater

July 11 - State Parent-Volunteer Conference, Stillwater

July 29-31 - Oklahoma 4-H Roundup, Stillwater

August 1 - History book stories and nominations due to state office

Sept. 1 - Promotional packets due to state office for judging

September - Septemberfest at the Governor’s Mansion, Oklahoma City

September-November - P-Bar Farms “Oklahoma 4-H Centennial” corn maze open, Hydro

Sept. 17-27 - Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City

Sept. 25 - Official 4-H Birthday at Oklahoma State Fair

October - 4-H Booth at OSU Homecoming Walkaround

Oct. 10 - Official 4-H Birthday at Tulsa State Fair

November - History book sent to publisher

November 6 - Green-tie gala, Skirvin-Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City

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Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Goals

Recognition

Goal: Encourage all counties to discover their 4-H heritage by recognizing the time, talents and resources of people and events contributing to the rich history of 4-H.

Visibility

Goal: Increase knowledge of what Oklahoma 4-H was, is, and will be.

Homecoming

Goal: Host a statewide homecoming event focusing on honoring the past, celebrating the present, and envisioning the future.

Recruitment

Goal: Increase membership and retention in 4-H and encourage a greater sense of commitment from current membership. Increase the number of adult volunteers trained to work with youth as project leaders, activity leaders and club leaders.

History Book

Goal: Publish a comprehensive book of the history of Oklahoma 4-H with stories written by Oklahoma’s 4-H members, 4-H alumni, Extension Educators, and others with an interest in Oklahoma 4-H history.
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Centennial 1909-2009
History Facts

In 1907, the first corn club was established in Orlando, located in Logan County. Corn clubs were the foundations on which 4-H was built.

W.D. Bentley started the first Oklahoma 4-H Club in Tishomingo, located in Johnston County, in 1909.

In 1911, the fourth H was added for “hustle.” It was later changed to health.

Girl’s canning and tomato clubs formed in 1912.


From 1914-1918, 4-H’ers earned the name “Soldiers of the Soil” for their help with World War I.

The first Oklahoma State 4-H Roundup was held in 1921 at Oklahoma A & M College.

In 1938, Oklahoma 4-H Club members gathered at the newly built 4-H Club and Student Activities Building at Oklahoma A & M College for a dedication. That building today is known as Gallagher-Iba Arena.

The “Feed a Fighter” campaign in 1942 challenged 4-H’ers to support World War II soldiers.

In 1952, more than 78,000 boys and girls participated in the state 4-H program, carrying a total of 56 different projects in farming and home making.

“And my world” was added to the 4-H pledge in 1973.

The first Oklahoma State 4-H Ambassador team was selected in 1994.

In 2007, more than 158,000 Oklahoma youth involved in 4-H.

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CENTENNIAL 1909-2009
Centennial Ideas for Projects

4-H centennial cake decorating contest

4-H theme coloring contest for Cloverbuds

4-H themed poster contest for current members

Host a county 4-H talent show

100 birthdays in a bag and deliver to needy families, nursing homes, etc. (bag with cake mix, icing, streamers, etc.)

100 box lunches for shut-ins (4-Hers decorate the boxes with a centennial theme)

100 care packages to troops

Commemorative centennial gardens

Contact local businesses to display 4-H centennial information

Field day/olympic games with 100 options

Go to local TV stations and do an interview about the centennial

Go to senior citizen homes and talk to people who were in 4-H and tell them about 4-H today

Have a birthday party with cake and ice cream

Have a county green day (try to get as many people in the county as possible to wear green)

Have an honorary “4-H family” to sponsor for the holidays

Have your club create a list of 100 ways 4-H has positively influenced lives

Help 100 elderly people (rake leaves, pull weeds, read them a book)

Increase 4-H members/volunteers by 100

Make 4-H bookmarks to distribute to schools and libraries

Create a contest for the oldest 4-H club continuously run (in your county or district)
Centennial Ideas for Projects

Create a contest for the oldest 4-H club in the county (whether still running or not)

Plant clover/ have a four-leaf clover finding contest

Create a scrapbook of past and present 4-H activities

Create a time capsule

Adding a Centennial Theme to Existing Projects

• Research the history of your project. When was it added to the 4-H program? How long has it existed? What changes have been made? (Suitable for any project)
• Pick a decade and compare “then” versus “now” in your project area. (Suitable for any project)
• Write and present a speech or Powerpoint about 4-H history or your 4-H heritage. (Public Speaking)
• Research how photography has changed over the past 100 years. (Photography)
• Research heirloom varieties of crops and plants and compare how they are different to today’s varieties. (Agriculture, Plant Science)
• Consider changes in fashion design over the past 100 years. What is different? What is the same? What’s old that is coming back into fashion? What different fabrics are there compared to the decade you’re researching? (Fabrics and Fashion)
• Envision how your 4-H project might be different in 5, 25, 50, and/or 100 years. What new projects might exist? What will the typical 4-H member be like? How many 4-H members will there be in 50 years?

This is just a small sample of ways to incorporate heritage and history into current 4-H projects. Get creative and discover what your club’s 4-H has been about for the past 100 years!
Tips for a SUCCESSful Centennial

Simplicity — Strip it down to the core message, and be a master of the exclusion. Being simple and profound is the key. “Less is more.” You don’t have to develop a million events to celebrate the Centennial. Focus on one goal and stick with that goal.

Unexpectedness — Must generate interest and curiosity – something contrary to expectations or not in accordance with what would naturally be assumed or expected. “I know it’s counter intuitive, but the highest grade in this system is D and the lowest is A.”

Concreteness – Explain ideas in terms of human actions, in terms of sensory information. An example would be a proverb — a short well-known saying that expresses an obvious truth and often offers advice. Examples: “A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.” “You can’t have your cake and eat it too.”

Credibility — Sticky ideas (important ideas) have to carry their own credentials. We need ways to help people test our ideas for themselves — a “try before you buy” philosophy. Statistics and facts don’t cut it for most folks. But give them a way to relate that information to their daily lives and they will understand the relevance.

Emotions — How do we get people to care about our ideas? We make them feel something. Harness emotions! Think of commercials that get you to act or buy! Example: What does “think GREEN” mean to you?

Stories — How do we get people to act on our ideas? We tell stories. Think of the children’s game “Grapevine” or “Gossip.” And as we know in real life, the outcome is not always good. Stick with a positive story or message. Think of Jared and the Subway commercials, which epitomized the “sticky” idea — it was simple, unexpected, easy to understand, credible, and harnessed emotions.

Adapted from Made to Stick by Chip Heath and Dan Heath
Oklahoma 4-H Centennial History Book

The reason we are creating an Oklahoma 4-H Centennial History Book is to chronicle the history of Oklahoma 4-H. We realized that no comprehensive history of Oklahoma 4-H exists; as a result, many of the important events and key people in 4-H may be lost if we do not archive this information now.

The stories that need to be written for the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial History Book are stories about people, events, places of significance to 4-H, and how 4-H has changed the lives of those who have been involved with the program. Oklahoma 4-H began as corn clubs around the state; the first 4-H club in Oklahoma is believed to have started in 1909 with 50 boys in Tishomingo, Okla. Today, Oklahoma 4-H involves more than 158,000 Oklahomans.

Three key points for the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial History Book include:

• The tentative theme for the book is the impact 4-H has had on Oklahoma and its people
• The book must have Oklahoma-specific 4-H stories
• Authors include students, 4-H members, Extension Educators and 4-H alumni

The book will cover the past 100 years of Oklahoma 4-H through its Centennial year in 2009.

We need your submissions for this project. Whether stories, interview nominations, or photographs, your input to this project is vital for its success.

Please see submission information on pages 11 and 12 before sending in your story or photographs.
History Book Submission Guidelines

• Provide a story of 750 words or less on a person, event, or place significant to 4-H

• Title submission “Your County” with your county’s name (i.e. Payne County) with the author or authors listed at the close of the submission as “Contributed by:”

• Submissions should be in 12 point type, double spaced, with 1” margins (top, bottom, left and right sides) submitted in a Word (.doc) or Rich Text Format (.rtf) document. Do not add columns or spacing for photographs, Text should be typed with only paragraph indentions in formatting.

• Quoted material must be cited. Use parenthetical references in text rather than footnotes. Be sure to include at the close of your text a full bibliography for your material.

• E-mail your submission to Jessica Stewart (jessica.stewart@okstate.edu) with “Your County History” as the subject line. Also send a hard copy of your submission to:

  Jessica Stewart
  Attn: Centennial History
  205 4-H Youth Development Bldg.
  Stillwater, OK 74078

• The Oklahoma 4-H Centennial History Book committee reserves the right to select stories for publication. If stories are not selected for use in the Centennial History Book, stories may be used for other media purposes.
**History Book Photography Guidelines**

- Black and white or color photographs are permissible. Glossy photos should be 4x6 or larger. No photos smaller than 3x5” will be accepted.

- If photos are “one of a kind” photos, please make a copy prior to submission. Copies should be professional reproductions and not copier (such as XEROX) copies.

- Scanned and digital photos may be submitted on disk. **Scanned and digital photos MUST meet the following criteria or they cannot be used:**
  - Resolution must be 300 dots per inch or higher
  - 4x6 or 5x7 photos should be scanned at 250 percent and 8x10 at 100 percent
  - Photos should be in RGB or grayscale mode
  - File extensions (type) must be TIFF, JPEG or EPS
  - Name each file with the county name and image number (i.e. YOURcounty1, YOURcounty2)
  - Label your disk with the county name

- Label photos in pencil with your county name. If photo backing is slick and a pencil will not adhere, use a piece of Scotch brand Magic tape adhered to the back of the photograph and mark accordingly. Do NOT use ink.

- **Photo captions should be included.** Captions should be numbered to correspond with the photographs and should be thorough but concise. Captions should be no more than 50 words and typed in 12 point font and submitted in Word or Rich Text Format formats. Details and anecdotes are acceptable. Include attribution to the photo if known. This includes the photographer as well as the owner of the photo.

- **Secure permission for use of photographs not in the public domain or property of the Extension Service.** A sample permission form is available on page 13. Keep one copy of the permission form for your files and submit the original with your photographs.

- Do not paperclip photos to submission. Submit photos to:

  Jessica Stewart  
  Attn: Centennial History  
  205 4-H Youth Development Bldg.  
  Stillwater, OK 74078
Sample Permission Letter

Dear __________________:

Oklahoma 4-H, a youth development program that reaches more than 158,000 Oklahomans, is working with 4-H members, alumni, Extension Educators and others throughout Oklahoma to develop a limited edition Oklahoma 4-H Centennial History Book. The book will be a high quality volume of pictures with descriptive captions and historical text in commemoration of 100 years of the Oklahoma 4-H Program.

As a contributor to this project, I am requesting your permission to reproduce your photographs/illustrations as listed below. These photographs/illustrations may also be used in promotional materials such as brochures, advertisements, and posters for the book. If selected for publication, your contribution will be acknowledged in the volume. Please sign your name at the bottom of the page to indicate your consent to reproduction of your photographs/illustrations.

Sincerely,

PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS/ILLUSTRATIONS

Photographs/Illustration Description:

Permission granted by: __________________________________________ Date: __________________________

Authorized Signature: __________________________________________________________________________
Story Submission Checklist

☐ Word count 750 words or less
☐ Document is 12 point type and has 1” margins
☐ Document is a Word (.doc) or Rich Text Format (.rtf) file
☐ Sources are cited
☐ Submission is titled YOUR County (i.e. Murray County) and contributor’s names are included
☐ A hard copy has or will be sent to the Oklahoma State 4-H Office

Photography Submission Checklist

☐ Photos are 3x5 or larger
☐ Digital or scanned photos are high resolution - at least 300 dpi
☐ Photo captions are included
☐ Permission form, if applicable, is included with submission

Submit stories and/or photographs to:

Jessica Stewart
Attn: Centennial History
205 4-H Youth Development Bldg.
Stillwater, OK 74078

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History Book Sample Story

Not many people can say that they come from four generations of Oklahoma 4-H members. One family, residing in Pittsburg County is one family that can say that though. Not many families that are still alive can say, “we’ve seen it all.”

Blanche Ray was born October of 1904 and thus was alive five years before Oklahoma 4-H began in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Since Blanche was in the early years of 4-H, her activity was limited to very few project areas, but still she managed to stay active in her main project area: canning. Canning was the main project area for girls of her age in that era of Oklahoma 4-H due to the fact that they could be occupied for great amounts of time and still return a profit off of the food they grew and canned. At 104 years of age, she is still active in canning her own fruits and vegetables.

J.B. Ray was born in February of 1922, only thirteen years after the origination of Oklahoma 4-H. By now the project areas were not so limited and he was able to be active in the following: Corn, Cattle, and Leadership. J.B. was definitely a great leader on the local and county level. He was the “creator” of the Pittsburg County Free Fair and also was a volunteer leader for the Kiowa 4-H club.

Charlotte Maxcey, JB’s nephew and Blanche’s granddaughter, was born April of 1963 and continued the legacy of Oklahoma 4-H in the family. She attended State 4-H Roundup numerous years and many other trips. She was a local and county 4-H officer, and to this day still has ties with Oklahoma 4-H. Her main project area of Public Speaking has helped her to lead two of Pittsburg County’s most successful and active local 4-H clubs. She has seen her “kids” become County 4-H Officers, District 4-H Officers, State 4-H Ambassadors, State 4-H Officers, State 4-H Project Finalists, and even State 4-H Project Winners.

Charlotte has three sons: Chas, Clint, and Chris. They have all been very active on the local, county, district, state, and national levels. All three have become Oklahoma State 4-H Ambassadors and County 4-H Officers. They have all attended State and District Trips and two of them have attended National trips. Chas was selected as an Oklahoma State 4-H Ambassador in 2004, Clint was selected in 2005, and Chris was selected in 2008. Chas served as Southeast District Reporter and was a delegate to two national trips: National Congress and Kansas City Global Conference. Clint is serving in the 2007-2009 term as Oklahoma State Southeast District Representative and has been a delegate to three national trips including National Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Denver Western Roundup. Clint has also been a finalist for Oklahoma State 4-H Hall Of Fame.

In all, this family truly has seen it all in Oklahoma 4-H. Oklahoma 4-H has definitely made an impact on this family and it is definitely visible. 4-H has given this family many memories that even a 104 year old can recollect. 4-H truly teaches people to “learn by doing.”

Contributed by Chris and Clint Maxcey, Oklahoma 4-H State Ambassadors
Sample Interview Sheet

Remember:
- Good listeners encourage great storytelling
- Ask questions about people, places, events, important transitions, work or travel
- Take a tape recorder if you have access to one
- Report facts and information; do not add your own thoughts or opinions
- Ask where events took place, who was involved, what happened, and why

Questions to think about

Using the sample questions below, think about other questions you could ask and prepare an interview questions list.

What was your 4-H project?

What trips did you attend while in 4-H?

Did you serve as a county, district or state officer?

How many projects were there when you were in 4-H?

What was the most popular project?

Why did you decide to join 4-H?

What years were you a member of 4-H?

What was going on in Extension and 4-H during (pick a year or event)? How did that affect 4-H?

Did you have any traditions in your 4-H Club? What were they?

How has 4-H influenced your career, family, or way of doing things?

What would you do again? Why?

What was your greatest challenge? How did 4-H help you in overcoming that challenge?

Tell me about your fondest memory.

Who in 4-H had the most influence on you?
You’re already submitting Oklahoma 4-H Centennial information to various media outlets and using the Centennial logo on items. Why not keep a record of your promotion efforts and enter the Promote the Centennial Contest?

The purpose of the Promote the Centennial Contest is to:

- Encourage 4-H members, leaders and educators to develop promotional and marketing skills during this once-in-a-lifetime celebration
- Promote the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Celebration
- Increase the number of people who join, support and understand Oklahoma 4-H

The contest is open to individuals or teams of two. Youth may partner with adults in a team.

Divisions are as follows:

Youth Junior Division (Under 13)
Youth Senior Division (13 and over)
Team Division (can be youth/youth, youth/adult, adult/adult)

Promotional methods may include radio, television, illustrated talks, method demonstrations, newspapers, posters, projected images, exhibits, photographs, puppets, public service announcements, speeches, drama, skits, videos (YouTube, etc.) computer programs, Powerpoint presentations, workshops, online social networking pages, Web sites, brochures, banners, magazines, etc.

Contestants may promote to 4-H or non-4-H audiences. The goal of the contest is to gain Oklahoma 4-H Centennial recognition.

Contest Rules

1. Contestants will be judged on materials chosen, message delivery, creativity, effectiveness of promotion, approximate audience reached, and presentation of promotion.
2. Promotional packages should include copies or photographs of promotions used, i.e., copies of a brochure or pictures of a demonstration or skit.
3. Use of graphics created by others is allowed, but permission must be gained to use any copyrighted material.
4. Promotional packages must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by September 1, 2009, for consideration.

The top 10 promotional packages will be recognized at the Oklahoma 4-H green tie gala in November 2009.

Submit all materials to:

State 4-H Office
Attn: Promotion Contest
205 4-H Youth Development Building
Stillwater, OK 74078
Sample Press Release

STILLWATER, Okla. - [Who attended] joined together [When and where] to kick off Oklahoma’s 4-H centennial in [name of your county] County. [Add details of what participants did at event].

“The Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Celebration is a perfect time for different generations of 4-H’ers to get together,” said [Name of participant]. “It gives 4-H members and alumni a chance to learn how 4-H has evolved.”

The current 4-Hers enjoyed [what they did]. [Add something they learned from the event].

“[Insert a quote from a youth member]”

[What did the participants have the opportunity to do].

“[Insert quote from a youth member].”

The alumni were able to see how the club has grown in both participation numbers and activities offered.

“It feels really good to watch 4-H grow,” said [Name of alumni/participant]. “It offers youth so many great opportunities to become involved in their communities and to learn life lessons.”

Oklahoma 4-H started in 1909 as a corn club in Johnston County. It is now in all 77 counties and more than 160,000 are directly involved in 4-H. Projects include rocketry, livestock, aerial kite photography, forestry and leadership. For more information call your local extension office or visit http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu.

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Your Contact Information
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone number
E-mail address
Radio Public Service Announcements

60 Second Spot

HONORING THE PAST. CELEBRATING THE PRESENT. ENVISIONING THE FUTURE. FOUR-H MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUNG LIVES IN OKLAHOMA FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. FOUR-H-ERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO REMAIN IN OKLAHOMA, TO VOLUNTEER, TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE, TO SHOW STRONG CIVIC IDENTITY AND TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS. FOUR-H-ERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE DEPRESSED DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN RISKY BEHAVIORS. FOUR-H IS A PROVEN SUCCESSFUL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR A SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE. WATCH FOR OKLAHOMA FOUR-H CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN YOUR AREA. CALL (PHONE NUMBER) OR VISIT THE CELEBRATION WEB SITE AT H-T-T-P COLON BACKSLASH BACKSLASH CELEBRATE O-K FOUR-H DOT O-K STATE DOT EDU

30 Second Spots

LOYALTY, EDUCATION, SERVICE, IDENTITY. OKLAHOMA FOUR-H HAS HELPED YOUTH FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. WATCH FOR OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN YOUR AREA. CALL (PHONE NUMBER) OR VISIT THE CELEBRATION WEB SITE AT H-T-T-P COLON BACKSLASH BACKSLASH CELEBRATE O-K FOUR-H DOT O-K STATE DOT E-D-U

RECONNECT WITH YOUR FOUR-H PAST. ATTEND FOUR-H ALUMNI GATHERINGS. FIND YOUR 4-H FRIENDS. GET A STORY WRITTEN ABOUT YOU. HONOR, CELEBRATE, AND ENVISION WITH FOUR-H. CALL (PHONE NUMBER) OR VISIT THE CELEBRATION WEB SITE AT H-T-T-P COLON BACKSLASH BACKSLASH CELEBRATE O-K FOUR-H DOT O-K STATE DOT E-D-U

20 Second Spots

HONORING THE PAST. CELEBRATING THE PRESENT. ENVISIONING THE FUTURE. OKLAHOMA FOUR-H IS CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL. WATCH FOR EVENTS IN YOUR AREA. CALL (PHONE NUMBER) OR VISIT THE CELEBRATION WEB SITE AT H-T-T-P COLON BACKSLASH BACKSLASH CELEBRATE O-K FOUR-H DOT OK STATE DOT E-D-U

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR 100 YEARS. OKLAHOMA FOUR-H HELPED YOUTH TO REMAIN IN OKLAHOMA, TO INCREASE THEIR SELF ESTEEMS, AND TO VOLUNTEER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WATCH FOR CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN YOUR AREA. CALL (PHONE NUMBER)
Radio Public Service Announcements

OKLAHOMA FOUR-H HAS BEEN HELPING YOUTH FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. IT IS THE TIME OF HONORING THE PAST. CELEBRATING THE PRESENT. ENVISIONING THE FUTURE. WATCH FOR FOUR-H CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN YOUR AREA. (PHONE NUMBER)

10 Second Spots

OKLAHOMA FOUR-H IS CELEBRATING A HUNDRED YEARS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WATCH FOR OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN YOUR AREA. CALL (PHONE NUMBER) FOR MORE INFORMATION

FOUR-H ALUMNI. RECONNECT WITH YOUR FOUR-H HISTORY. LOOK FOR UPCOMING FOUR-H EVENTS IN YOUR AREA AND CALL (PHONE NUMBER) FOR MORE INFORMATION
Historical Society Resources

Historical societies are a great source of information, photographs and artifacts. As you research 4-H history, consider calling your local historical society for further information.

Oklahoma Historical Society
405-521-2491
2401 N. Laird Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
www.okhistory.org

Preservation Oklahoma 405-525-5325
405 N.W. 15th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73103
preservationok@preservationok.org
www.preserveok.org

Museums USA - directory of museums and historical societies
http://www.museumsusa.org/
(From the main page, click on “Museums” tab. Search for museums by type (historical societies) then by state)
Other Resources

Oklahoma 4-H isn’t the only one having a birthday. Visit the web sites below to view other state 4-H pages with information about their centennial celebrations.

Arkansas 4-H Centennial Celebration (celebrated in 2008)
http://www.kidsarus.org/centennial/default.htm

Florida 4-H Centennial Celebration (celebrating in 2009)
http://florida4h.org/events/centennial.shtml

Louisiana 4-H Centennial Celebration (celebrated in 2008)
http://www.louisiana4h.org/en/4H/about_4H/4H+Centennial+Celebration/

North Carolina 4-H Centennial Celebration (celebrating in 2009 and 2010)
http://www.nc4h.org/4hcentennial/index.html

Texas 4-H Centennial Celebration (celebrated in 2008)
http://texas4hcentennial.tamu.edu/
Personal Investment in 4-H

★ Leaves a legacy and touches the future by investing in young lives
★ Perpetuates a proven successful youth development for a second century of service

4-H Makes a Difference

★ Positive development for youth
★ Loyalty to remain in Oklahoma
★ Less likely to be depressed or to be involved in risky behaviors

4-H Facts

★ 4-H is the leading youth organization with 6.5 million youth involved. The second largest youth organization has 1.9 million less than 4-H. 4-H also leads youth programs in Oklahoma by more than 90,000 participants
★ 4-H has 91 percent name recognition
★ More than 50 percent of Oklahoma 4-H alumni have received college degrees compared to 20 percent of the regular population
★ The 4-H program’s mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults
Number of Oklahoma 4-H alumni who continue to live, raise families and spend money in Oklahoma: 88 percent

Number of Oklahoma 4-H alumni who volunteer in their communities: 95 percent

Number of youth and adults Oklahoma 4-H reached with educational information: 13 million

Value of Oklahoma 4-H community service projects: $2 million

Years of Oklahoma 4-H: 100

Youth involved in Oklahoma 4-H: 158,000

National 4-H alumni: 60 million