Through Project Work

4-H members who submitted project record books or scholarship applications in 2007

• Presented 14,000 speeches, demonstrations or illustrated presentations

• Organized, taught, or conducted 20,000 workshops

• Conducted 27,000 community service activities

• Reached more than 12 million youth and adults with educational information

• Contributed more than 300,000 hours of service to their communities at a value of just under $2 million

Through Community Service & Education

• Southwest District 4-H’ers packaged almost 49,000 pounds of non-perishable food, which will provide 37,622 equivalent meals for needy Oklahomans. They also raised more than $500 for Habitat for Humanity and pledged 1600 hours of individual service in their “Back Home Service Plans.”

• Northwest District Extension educators and certified coaches in eight counties established a “winter series” shooting sports competition that categorizes youth by skill level, rather than age, so the bar is raised for each participant as he/she advances to predetermined levels. An average of 125 youth participated in the four disciplines.

• Northeast District 4-H’ers collected 2,700 pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Muskogee County alone collected 1,050 pounds of aluminum pop tabs (approximately 1.7 million tabs), which is enough to provide housing for a family at the Ronald McDonald House for almost 500 weeks.

• Southeast District 4-H’ers in Atoka County partnered with their county commissioners and developed a presentation to educate high school students about the cost and danger associated with road sign vandalism. Youth and adults together contributed 250 hours to the project and reached 4,660 community members.

• Through LU’s “Goat Kid in the Classroom” program youth were educated about goat biology, goat food and fiber products, and sampled goat cheese, ice cream and jerky.

2007 Statistics

• 31,371 Oklahoma Youth enrolled in 4-H Clubs

• 4-H reached 127,363 Oklahoma youth through school enrichment and short-term educational programs

• 27 percent of Oklahoma 4-H youth represent minority racial, cultural & ethnic populations

• 3,860 4-H volunteers invested their time and talents
At a Glance

1907: First known corn club in Oklahoma organized in Orlando.

1909: W.D. Bentley, known as the father of Extension in Oklahoma, started the first 4-H club in Tishomingo.

1911: Fourth “H” added for “hustle,” which was later changed to “health.”

1912: Girls canning and tomato clubs were formed and special interest clubs started for dairy, cotton, kafir, peanuts, pigs, poultry, horticulture, and better bread.

1914: Smith-Lever Act established Cooperative Extension. 4-H enrollment reached 7,255 members.

1917: Volunteer leaders became part of 4-H and the first local clubs formed.

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

1938: The 4-H Clubs and Student Activities Building, now named Gallagher-Iba Arena, was dedicated.

1942: The “feed a fighter” campaign challenged each member to produce enough food to feed one World War II soldier for a year. 4-H’ers also collected milkweeds for use in parachutes and sold liberty bonds to support the war effort.

1950s: Special-interest programs such as auto safety, flower gardening, public speaking, community development, and photography targeted urban youth.

1968: 54,863 youth were enrolled in Oklahoma 4-H.

1973: "And my world" added to the 4-H pledge.

1988: Langston University Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program initiated. Goat and fish clubs organized in under-served areas. Beginning of aquatic and goat school enrichment programs.


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

2001: The 4-H Youth Development Building dedicated at Oklahoma State University.

2005: LU’s Agricultural Research, Education and Extension complex opened, which houses the 4-H Youth Development Program.

2008: 127,363 youth enrolled in 4-H programs in Oklahoma.