Team Chair
Matt Taylor

Keynote: It Builds Character
The purpose of 4-H is not to have 1st place 4-H projects but to develop blue ribbon 4-H members; members with determination, enthusiasm and character. "It Builds Character" is aimed at showing how 4-H helps develop positive character traits through project work. It challenges 4-H members to develop these traits that will eventually become their destiny.

Workshop: Plainly Speaking
One of the most important life skills that 4-H helps youth develop is public speaking. This workshop highlights the basics of public speaking. From an attention getting introduction through a well thought out conclusion, this workshop includes a hands-on activity that will help stretch the creativity and put new life into a public speaking project.

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Our Team Mission Statement
That in this our 100th year of Oklahoma 4-H, we must lay a foundation for the next one-hundred years. Leaving a legacy of passionate members who not only find opportunities through 4-H programs but MAKE opportunities for them self.

To help 4-H members find their passions while instilling an understanding that success is not a destination, but a journey. It is a journey where we are continually challenged to gain knowledge and develop skills through educational opportunities.

As leaders, our passion is to serve the people we have been elected to serve; to explore new perspectives; to be accepting of various view points; to be respectful of others talents, and to compensate for individual limitations.

“To make the Best Better,” we understand that there can be more than one right answer and we can not be afraid to explore those opportunities which will strengthen the 4-H program.

What we believe about our leadership roles
We believe it is our duty to:
- Be the “red bucket” in the big 4-H picture.
- Set the example
- Plan the work and work the plan
- Leave a legacy for the next 100 years
- Recognize Urban and Rural differences
- Find the extraordinary in the ordinary
- Find our 4-H passion and share it with Oklahoma 4-H
- Make our opportunities
- Care about, inspire and motivate other 4-H members

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2008-09 Team Goals
- Be effective communicators
- Integrate new team members
- Positive advocate for transitioning to a leadership team structure which will draw upon our rich heritage while providing meaningful leadership experiences while better serving Oklahoma’s youth
- Support 4-H enthusiasm through Centennial activities

Team Projects
- Each One Reach One – “100” new members per county
- Traveling Workshop Spring 2009 – Centennial Alumni Video Production - how to interview, film and edit interviews with Alumni
- Life in the Time of 4-H – 1990’s – decade 4-H Member - Historical perspective of what was going on in that decade; what kinds of projects 4-H members did, club meetings, uniforms, service projects based on social needs, etc. Presenter will assume a “character,” wear a period costumes and re-enact the “script/speech” at banquets, 4-H birthday parties, ceremonies, etc.
- Top 100 Creative Citizenship projects - Clubs will report projects through YouTube type video’s and they will be posted on the 4-H web site. Each district will get to select and submit their top 25. At 2009 Roundup the top 10 will be recognized.
- Traveling Workshop Fall 2008 - Officer Training

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NW Representative
Sarah Major

Keynote: Are you worth eight cows?
Sarah shares an endearing story about confidence and helping others discover their self worth. We will explore ways to build up self esteem in ourselves and others as we learn about Johnny Lingo, a man who goes above and beyond what is expected of him to show his loved ones how much he is worth.

Workshop: Teamwork
Team work and Communication are a necessity for success. Through interactive games and activities members will learn effective ways to work and communicate with others.

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SE Representative
Clint Maxcey

Keynote: Working Together
Anything worth doing is worth doing well so why not work together during this Keynote I hope to pass along the importance of teamwork and working together to accomplish a common goal

Workshop: The Inner You
You constantly hear people say be yourself, but how can you do this if you don’t know who you are. Through this workshop I hope to help you find out who you are and what that means.

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SW Representative
Aerial Smith

Keynote: Every Choice
We are all faced with decisions and opportunities. Through this keynote 4-H members will learn how choices affect others! Each day we effect others more than we could ever realize and in this keynote we explore what it means to make "choices."

Workshop: Communication: Designed To Engage
Through this interactive workshop 4-H members will learn the skills necessary to be a good communicator in a fun and exciting environment. Using tools like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and 2x4 wood planks we can all learn a lot about communication.

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NE Representative
Robbie Maples

Keynote: A Life in 4-H: It's Really Simple
Come find out the simple man’s philosophy regarding involvement in the 4-H program. Through the up’s and down’s, challenges, and successes...it all comes down to being willing to learn, persevering, and serving others. These three things can help accomplish any goal in the 4-H program.

Workshop: 4-H Livestock Projects: More Than the Show
Explore the world of opportunities outside of the show ring. Participants will gain insight into their livestock projects regarding educational opportunities, promotional methods, as well as examples of community service. This hands-on workshop also includes games and activities as you discover the interrelationship between a 4-H livestock project and other related 4-H project areas.

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SW Representative
Sam Durbin

Keynote: The Simplest Exercise
In this interactive keynote, 4-H members will learn the importance of smiling and how this “strenuous” workout can make someone’s day. The goal of this workshop will also help them realize that smiling is crucial to performing workshops, speeches and project work. They will receive examples of how to relate the four  “H’s” to smiling and learn simple ways such as jokes that will help them teach others and themselves to become, well, happy!

Workshop: LOL: Getting Laughter Outta' Leadership
Here you will learn the importance of humor while in a leadership position. We explore the four laughing styles and absorb the fact that each one affects the people surrounding them. We will learn how laughter changes relationships between friends and how to give good compliments and the appropriate times for sharing the compliment.

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