

Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program  
2008 HIGHLIGHTS

**FRTEP UNIT:** Muscogee (Creek) Nation 4-H, Oklahoma State University

**PROGRAM AREA** (Ex. Agriculture, Nutrition etc.): 4-H

**PROGRAM TITLE:** Creek Nation 4-H

**ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED:** The benefits of 4-H are well documented, these benefits include increased communication skills, positive self-image, more effective inter-personnel skills and increased public service. These skills are typically those very skills Native American youth need improvement in. Making the benefits of 4-H available to Creek Youth and keeping older teens active in 4-H, in order to take advantage of 4-H's benefits, is the main focus of Creek Nation 4-H.



**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Creek Nation 4-H assists Creek youth in taking advantage of the benefits of 4-H by providing financial assistance and educational programs.

Financial aid is provided by offering \$500 grants to individual Creek youth to purchase and feed livestock show projects, scholarships to attend 4-H activities (state roundup, district leadership conferences, county summer camps, science camps, and any official 4-H activity), \$2000 grants to County traditional 4-H programs, equipment purchase for use by Creek Nation 4-H and Traditional County 4-H Programs, Use of Creek Nation busses for transportation assistance to 4-H activities. Educational programs are picked that are likely to attract older teens. These programs include Shooting Sports, Science & Technology and Environmental.





**PROGRAM IMPACT:**

- \$35,000 spent on livestock show projects (90 Creek Youth)
- \$16,000 in grants to traditional County 4-H programs (2500 4-H youth)
- \$15,000 in scholarships for 4-H activities (100 Creek Youth)
- \$10,000 in funds sponsoring 4-H events and contests (2000 4-H youth)

17 Volunteer leaders trained in Shooting Sports

**School Enrichment Programs-**

- 10 Archery (500 Youth)
- 12 Science & Technology (400 Youth)
- 6 Environmental (700 Youth)

Programs were developed with input from a Program Advisory Committee; members consisted of 4-H parents, tribal members, tribal administrators, Oklahoma State Extension Educators.

Positive feedback from tribal members, pre-post tests, program evaluations and growing participation indicates the program is heading in the right direction and there is a continuing need for Creek Nation 4-H.

**CONTACT:** Rick Clovis-Oklahoma State Extension Educator, 4-H Youth

Development  
PO Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Office-918.732.7628  
Cell-918-521-7322  
Fax- 918-732-7629  
Email-

[rick.clovis@okstate.edu](mailto:rick.clovis@okstate.edu)

