

4-H Clover Connection

4-H Gardening Curriculum Cultivates Green Thumbs

Are you aware that 4-H has a gardening curriculum called Junior Master Gardener? It's not really surprising since 4-H offers something to pique the interest of nearly any club member.

Junior Master Gardener is a very versatile curriculum that can be used for 4-H groups, as well as camps, classrooms and any other group of youth, said Shelley Mitchell, associate specialist with Oklahoma State University Extension and the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program.

"There are two levels of Junior Master Gardener. The level one curriculum is geared for students in grades 3 through 5, while level two is geared for grades 6 through 8. Activities in both levels can be modified to suit basically any age," Mitchell said. "This program is a great way to grow good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success and service through gardening education."

The basic level one curriculum is divided into a teacher's/volunteer leader's guide and a student handbook. All the curriculum is research and evidence-based. The activities in the student handbook are written to be done by students on their own.

The teacher/volunteer leader guide has most of the group activities. Activities are organized by topic: water, soil, fruits, vegetables, insects, plant growth and development, ecology, landscape horticulture, and life skills and career exploration. Materials needed for activities are common and easy to find, such as paper plates, old socks and ties, gallon jugs, and basic school and art supplies.

Mitchell said participants who do 12 activities from a single chapter, as well as a life skill activity and a community service project, will become "Golden Ray Certified." If participants do this for each topic in the guide, they will become a certified Junior Master Gardener. Certificates and pins are available to celebrate accomplishments.

"It's fairly easy to become a Junior Master Gardener group. You'll need at least five youth and an adult leader. You can register as a group online," she said. "What makes this really easy is that there's no training necessary to lead a Junior Master Gardener Group, but trainings are available to introduce leaders to different activities in the curriculum.

In addition to the levels one and two basic curricula, there are curricula focused on one area.

Wildlife Gardener has chapters on birds, amphibians, small mammals and other garden visitors. Literature in the Garden uses six books available at any bookstore and has activities designed to go along with each book. The newest curriculum, Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! is a 10-week program devoted to healthy eating and exercise. Students learn how to start a garden and are introduced to new foods each week.

"All of the activities are garden related, and the program can be used in any way you need to fit the goals of your club. You can order the curriculum and just do a few activities with a group of youth, register a group and work toward certification, supplement lessons in your classroom or use it to fulfill requirements for scout badges," Mitchell said. "There are so many options."

The website for Junior Master Gardener has free sample lessons, giveaways, online learning modules, lists of activities linked to Texas Education Standards, a Kid Zone and a store, along with basic information about the program. Explore jmgkids.us and see what Junior Master Gardener has to offer you and your program. Contact Mitchell via email for more information.



Alfalpa County 4-H Day Camps



Tuesday June 22nd
Alfalpa County Fairgrounds
Cherokee, OK

8 A.M. - Beginning of Workshops

- Rocketry
- Archery
- Clay Art
- (Snacks)
- Squirt Gun Painting

*** Lunch on your own

3:00 P.M. - Alabaster Caverns Tour

Freedom, OK

*** Youth must provide their own transportation to and from the caverns

8:00 - 9:30 P.M. - Dance at Alfalfa
County Fairgrounds
Cherokee, OK

Wednesday June 23rd
Alfalpa County Fairgrounds
Cherokee, OK

8 A.M. - Beginning of Workshops

- Archery
- Herpetology
- Rock Painting
- (SNACKS)
- Side Walk Art Design
- Paint Craft
- Smoothies

*** Lunch will be provided

1:00 P.M. - Officer Elections

2:30 P.M. - Swimming at Cherokee Pool

***Youth must provide their own transportation to the pool and home.

There is a \$30 registration fee, this covers all activities, snacks and lunch on Wednesday. Registration forms and money are due on or before June 17th, in the Extension Office.

YOUTH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM DAY CAMP ACTIVITIES

Please fill out and return to the Extension office by June 17th.

Name			Age	Club
Address				Phone (Guardian)
City & State				Total Enclosed (\$30)
Zip Code				(\$ _____)
Day 1	Day 2	Both Days		
_____	_____	_____		

Alfalfa County 4-H Contests Results



Food Showdown Results



Junior Division:

1st Place Team - Rylee & Garrett Sims

2nd Place Team - Hudson Schupbach,
Newt & Larry Heatherman

3rd Place Team - Owen Bellamy, Wyatt
& Maddox Morgan

Intermediate Division:

1st Place Team - Rebecka Carlson,
Kaycee Matzke, Emma Schupbach



Cupcake Wars Results



Junior Division:

1st Place Team - Kendall Collins &
Aubree Hughes

2nd Place Team - Owen Bellamy, Wyatt
& Maddox Morgan

3rd Place Team - Rylee & Garrett Sims

3rd Place Team - Savelina Ofiu, Morgan
Matzke

Intermediate Division:

1st Place Team - Rebecka Carlson,
Kaycee Matzke

Speech Contest Results



Cloverbud Division:

Kreed Campbell

Junior Division Champion:

Hudson Shupbach

Intermediate Division Champion:

Emma Schupbach

PowerPoint Contest Results

Junior Division Champion:

Rylee Sims

Intermediate Division Champion:

Emma Schupbach

Senior Division Champion:

Mylee Sims

What about 4-H Contest Results



Junior Division 30 Second Clip Champion:

Zoey Graham

Junior Division Reserve Champion 30 Second Clip:

Owen Bellamy

Junior Division 1-3 Minute Video Champion:

Rylee Sims

Junior Division Reserve 1-3 Minute Video:

Garrett Sims

Senior Division 30 Second Clip Champion:

Mylee Sims

Senior Division 1-3 Minute Video Champion:

Mylee Sims



Illustrated Presentation Contest Results

Junior Division Champion:

Kortney Campbell

Junior Division Reserve Champion

Garret Sims

Intermediate Division Champion:

Kord Campbell

Senior Division Champion:

Kole Campbell

West District North Region 4-H Contest Day Results



The West District North Region 4-H Contest Day was held in Fairview, Oklahoma. We had several teams from Alfalfa County compete in the contests. There were three contests; Food Showdown, Cupcake Wars, and Vegetable Sculpting. The contestants from Alfalfa County 4-H were Emma Schupbach, Mylee Sims, Hudson Schupbach, Newt & Larry Heatherman, Remington Farney, Garret & Rylee Sims, Owen Belamy, Wyatt & Maddux Morgan, Aubree Hughes, Kendal Collins and Autum McMahan.

We had teams place in each contest, and want to congratulate all of the contestants representing Alfalfa County 4-H!

Food Showdown Results



- Junior - 2nd Place Team: Remington Farney, Garrett & Rylee Sims
- Senior - 2nd Place Team: Emma Schupbach & Mylee Sims

Cupcake Wars Results

- Senior - 1st Place Team: Emma Schupbach & Mylee Sims

Vegetable Sculpting Results

- Junior - 2nd Place Team: Kendal Collins, Aubree Hughes, Autum McMahan





Dates to Remember



June

- 15 State 4-H Roundup Registration DUE
- 15 Tractor Training
- 17 Tractor Training
- 22 Day Camp
- 22 Officer Applications DUE
- 23 Day Camp
- 30 County Record Books DUE on or before

July

- 12 Record Book Interviews for Special Awards
- 13 Kids in the Kitchen RSVP DUE
- 20 Kids in the Kitchen
- 20-22 Big 3 Field Days
- 28-30 State 4-H Roundup



4-H Kids in the Kitchen



July 20, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Learn Basic Cooking Skills and Recipes

Deadline to RSVP is July 13th by 4:30 p.m.

\$10 per 4-H member

Alfalfa County Fairgrounds

602 West 5th Street

Cherokee, OK 73728



TRACTOR & MACHINERY OPERATORS CERTIFICATON PROGRAM

Designed to meet labor requirements for 14 and 15 year old Youth

BE SAFE BE CERTIFIED



2021 Dates:

Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 8:30am – 4:30pm

Thursday, June 17th, 2021 8:30am – 4:30pm

Alfalfa County Fairgrounds
Cherokee, Oklahoma

Cost: **\$40.00** payable to Alfalfa County OSU Extension Center

Pre-registration is required

Learn How to be safe

Controls for Your Tractor

Tractor Safety on the Farm

Tractor Safety on the Highway

The Instrument Panel

Daily Maintenance & Safety Check

Starting and Stopping Your Tractor

Hitches, PTO & Hydraulic Controls



**For more information contact: Tommy Puffinbarger
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Participants are encouraged to maintain at least 6 feet spacing. If this spacing cannot be maintained with people outside your household, you should wear a mask.

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June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					West District North Region 4-H Horse Show	West District North Region 4-H Ranch Horse Show
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Lunchtime Learning	Clover Equine Challenge
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Tractor Training		Tractor Training	State 4-H Roundup Registration Deadline	
				Alfalfa County 4-H Day Camp Registration DUE		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Officer Applications DUE			Pickup Leader Lesson @ Office	
			Day Camps			
27	28	29	30			
			County 4-H Record Books DUE			

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Lunchtime Learning	10
11	12 Record Book Interviews for Special Awards	13 RSVP DUE for 4-H kids in the Kitchen	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Kids in the Kitchen	21	22	23 Leader Lesson @ 2:00 p.m.	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Big 3 Field Days

State 4-H Roundup