



March – April 2020 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H member and parents,

This letter is packed full of information and due dates so please read it carefully, I don't want you to miss out on any of the fun things coming up. Thanks to all the leaders, parents and volunteers that worked in the concession stand at the spring livestock show. We made almost a \$1000.00 profit. That is money that helps with camp, summer workshops, trips, awards, etc. Also, congrats to all of the livestock exhibitors, good luck at district and OYE. There are lots of things coming up. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out. Also, don't be afraid to try new things. Hope to see you at some of these upcoming things!

Becky

4-H Zoo Snooze 2020 at the Oklahoma City Zoo

Join Oklahoma 4-H for an overnight sleepover at the OKC Zoo! All 4-H members, volunteers, parents are invited to join in on the fun on April 3rd. This year's theme is: Zoolympics. Can you build the highest ant hill? Jump as far as a wallaby? Catch some slimy fish? Do you think you're as skilled as a Zoolympian? Whether it's capturing their lunch or hiding with ease, animals have amazing abilities that help them survive! Test your abilities as you complete to like the animals do! Check with your club leader to see if a group is going from your club, if not, parents you can still go and take them. Registration is due by March 20th. It does fill up fast so, you might want to get your registration in earlier. Cost is \$35 for youth and \$20.00 for adults. Check-In begins at 6:45pm Friday evening and the sleep over is over at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Contact the office for more information. We must have your money before we can send in your information. This is really a fun time, so parents please consider getting a group together and going.

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Tuesday, April 7th, Fairgrounds 5:30 p.m.
Check in from 5:00-5:20 p.m. Entries are due
No later than April 1st.

This is a great way to show off your culinary and food safety skills. There must be at least 3 teams to have a contest. Each team consist of 2-3 members, must be in the same age group. Each team will be directed to cooking station. There will be a written clue, a set of secret ingredients and a food pantry to select from. Each team will be given 35 minutes to complete their recipe. 4-H members need to bring their own apron and head covering. Winners from each age group will be represent Blaine County at the District Contest at Woodward, May 29th.



Blaine County Cup Cake Wars!
New This Year!!

On April 7th the Contest will start at 6:15p.m. or at the conclusion of the Food Show

Down. Entries Due No Later Than April 1st by calling the Extension Office at 580-623-5195.

The Rules are as followed:

Teams will consist of 2-3 team members.

- Each team will display three cupcakes.
- Each team will bring “naked” cupcakes. The cupcakes should have no frosting and be in the paper wrappers only.
- Each team will bring the frosting mixed in bowls. The frosting should not be tinted prior to contest. Teams will tint and place in frosting bags, if needed at the contest. Frosting can be either store bought or homemade. If store bought, can be either white or chocolate frosting.
- If teams are using fondant, they can use either homemade or purchased fondant. Teams are allowed to purchase tinted (colored) fondant to use or may tint fondant off site.
- Teams are allowed to use purchased edible decorating items. Only edible items can be used on the cupcakes.

There will be three team divisions. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Each team will have thirty minutes to prepare their entry and clean up the preparation area. Teams are allowed to bring their presentation scripts with them. Teams are allowed one picture no bigger than 8 x 10 of the item they are creating. It must not have any writing or directions on the picture. Electricity will not be available, and you must bring your own equipment.

Cloverbud Cup Cake Wars

Cloverbuds will have their own Cup Cake Wars. The Contest will be April 7th at 6:15pm or directly after Food Show Down. Cupcakes will be provided for the Cloverbuds .One per Cloverbud, along with icing and decorations. They need not pre-enter but they must be enrolled to participate. There Contest is for Fun! Plan on bringing your Cloverbud!

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2020 Design Institute - Interior Design and Construction

Audience – Youth 13-19 years old and 4-H Volunteers

Registration - Cost \$40, includes supplies and lunch. Registration will be completed through 4-H Online March 13 – April 30. Registration and payment due on or before April 30, 2020. Call the Blaine County OSU Extension Office if interested.

Housing and chaperones are the responsibility of the family.

Institute Objectives:

- Discover how science, technology, engineering, art and math is part of interior design
- Gain skills needed to design and construct an interior design project for you, your family or that meets a social, economic or community need
- Understand the application of the Elements and Principles of Design as they apply to interior design projects
- Learn to coordinate construction mediums using principles of design
- Learn how to communicate your interior design “project and/or end product”
- Explore careers in the interior design industry

WEST DISTRICT (North Region) CONTEST DAY
Saturday, April 18, 2020
NW Technology Center, Fairview
801 Vo Tech Drive, Fairview
1.5 Miles West of Fairview on Highway 60

All divisions are based on the grade as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Age divisions will be:

- Junior (3rd-5th grades)
- Intermediate (6th-8th grades)
- Senior (9th-12th grades)

(Fashion Revue has 4 grade divisions- 3rd & 4th/5th & 6th/7th & 8th/9th-12th)

All entries are due to the West District Office by April 8, 2020. Blaine County 4-H will pay entry fee for all county 4-H members participating.

- Fashion Revue
- Speeches and Illustrated Presentations
- Speeches

Prepared Public Speaking: Speeches (No Illustrated Presentations or Props). **Illustrated Presentations,**

PowerPoint Presentation or **Extemporaneous** – The Extemporaneous speakers will draw a topic, such as “Using Technology in Agriculture Production”, “Proper Flag Etiquette for the American Flag”, “The 4-H Foods and Nutrition project teaches Youth Life Skills”. The youth will have 30 minutes to research and write a speech on the topic provided. There will be packets available for the youth to research as they write their speech

- Job Readiness

Also, there will be the following contests that members do not have to be present for:

-Photography -Graphic Arts -Video Story -Posters

Contact the Extension Office, if you want more information. Don't miss out on this opportunity!!

4-H State Roundup

4-H youth who are completing the 7th grade are eligible for State 4-H Round-up. Roundup is held on the OSU Campus July 22nd-24th. It is a great time of learning, fun, meeting new friends. All forms will be due June 1st. Plan now to attend and watch for more information to be out soon.

Here is an opportunity to explore Entomology as a CAREER!

The Oklahoma State University Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology would like to announce an Entomology Open House recruitment event on the OSU campus on **Saturday, April 11th, 2020**. Students (age 13-18) and their families will have a chance to talk with academic advisors, meet OSU entomologists and entomology students, and tour entomology labs. Discussion will focus on entomology courses at OSU, career opportunities in entomology, and scholarship availability, with the live insects of the Insect Petting Zoo on-hand to entertain. The event will be held at the **Insect Adventure, Stillwater, OK, from 10 am until 2 pm** with a catered lunch provided. Please contact Mrs. Sharon Hillock (sharon.hillock@okstate.edu) to register for this exciting event.

Be the Best in Oklahoma Public Speaking Contest

2020 Be The BEST in Oklahoma 4-H Public Speaking Contest May 9, 2020 at Stillwater Middle School. Entries due April 17, 2020. This is a great contest to participate in. It is open to all 4-H members 8-19 yrs. of age. Contact the Blaine County OSU Extension Office for entry form and more information. Connect with the Facebook page for timely updates

<https://www.facebook.com/BTheBestInOK4H/>. You can also find information at <http://oces.okstate.edu/pontotoc/4-h>

Looking for Something to do on Spring Break?

Insect Expo at the Skirvin Hotel, Downtown, OKC. Admission is free and there will be LOTS OF BUGS! Contact andrine@okstate.edu to register.



4-H'ers have opportunity to attend presidential inauguration

Oklahoma 4-H'ers who want to experience a piece of American history are eligible to apply to become a delegate for the Citizenship Washington Focus Presidential Inauguration trip. Delegates will spend four days in Washington, D.C., attending workshops, informative sessions and, of course, the inauguration of the next president of the United States. Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University, said eight 4-H'ers from across the state will be selected to participate in this historic event.

"The National 4-H Center offered CWF-PI for the first time for the 2017 inauguration. It was such a success, it's being made available once again," Taylor said. "It truly is a wonderful opportunity for our delegates to be part of history. Even though those who take part likely won't even be old enough to vote, it'll be a very educational experience and they'll learn a lot."

Delegates will explore the history of the presidency, the election process and the role of the media, as well as discover the intricacies of the Executive Branch and careers in politics.

"Citizenship plays a large role in all of 4-H programming and this trip provides an opportunity for delegates to practice their role in citizenship through service, civic education and engagement.

Club members who want to apply are required to write a 300 to 500 word essay titled "Why is it important to take part in the Democratic process." Application materials are due digitally by April 15 to cathleen.taylor@okstate.edu. All application information can be found at <https://okla.st/2SF5nHm>. Applicants must be 16 years old by Jan. 1, 2021 and have an active status in 4-H Online, as well as be an active member at the time of the trip. In addition, applicants must still be in high school at the time of the trip.

Taylor said eight club members and two adult chaperones will be selected to attend CWF-PI and will be notified by May 15. The trip will take place Jan. 17-21, 2021.

Hadley Griffith, who served as a delegate to the inaugural CWF-PI in 2017, said this was one of her most amazing 4-H experiences.

"Getting to attend the presidential inauguration was just one of the amazing opportunities 4-H has given me," said Griffith, who currently is a student at OSU. "It was so humbling and empowering to actually get to see the peaceful transition of power. This trip truly connected the dots for me to what 4-H and citizenship means. 4-H prepares us to be the leaders we see and gives us the skills to ensure we can accomplish those goals and high aspirations we set for ourselves." In addition to the educational and hands-on learning opportunities, delegates will visit memorials, historical sites and museums, as well as have an opportunity to hear motivational speakers. Following the inauguration day events, delegates will celebrate the evening on an Inaugural Ball dinner cruise.

"The 4-H program has long been known for providing club members with excellent hands-on, experiential learning opportunities, and CWF-PI is no different," Taylor said. "I encourage club members from across the state to apply for this great opportunity to learn more about our national government, but to create more lifelong memories, as well."

For more information about CWF-PI, contact Taylor at cathleen.taylor@okstate.edu, or via telephone at 405-744-8888.



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