



NEWSLETTER

Junior Master Gardener program

While historically known to focus on traditional agricultural projects, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has something for everyone. Something that many young people will find fun and exciting is the Junior Master Gardener Program.

This curriculum covers all aspects of horticulture and landscape architecture, said [Shelley Mitchell, Oklahoma State University Extension 4-H Youth Development horticulture specialist](#).

“It’s not just about growing pretty flowers or tasty fruits and vegetables. The Junior Master Gardeners program incorporates soil and water conservation, ecology, plant growth and development, insects, and diseases, and even nutrition. 4-H has a big emphasis on STEM activities and the JMG fits right in with that,” Mitchell said. “There are two levels of the curriculum, including Level 1 for 3rd through 5th grade and Level 2 for grades 6th through 8th.”

Level 1 covers plants and landscape architecture along with career exploration and life skills. There are supplemental curricula including literature activities to go with several popular children’s books. Level 1 also covers basic gardening, nutrition, and physical activity.

Level 2 covers plant growth and development along with water and soil conservation. It also expands on the lessons learned in Level 1.

Mitchell said the lessons can stand

alone as needed or be used in conjunction with other programming and activities such as summer camps or after-school programs.

“There is plenty of material available if someone wanted to start a JMG club,” she said. “The materials for the activities are inexpensive and readily available. It takes just five youth and one adult to start an official JMG group. It’s easy to get a group registered at [jmgkids.us](#).”

The lessons can also be incorporated into the classroom. Each activity has background information for the teacher or volunteer leader.

4-H strives to provide opportunities for club members to develop citizenship, leadership, and other life skills through hands-on activities. The JMG program inspires youth to be of service in their communities through service-learning projects. Clubs could start a school or community garden. As part of a 4-H citizenship project, 4-H’ers can donate excess produce from their own gardens to a local food bank.

“4-H’ers can get involved in exploring their world through meaningful activities that encourage leadership development, personal pride and responsibility,” Mitchell said. “Through these activities, they’ll develop critical thinking skills and the ability to identify community concerns and take action to address them through individual and group projects.”

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Lamb Lead

The Dewey County Lamb Lead will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 1:00. Interviews will be scheduled from 12:00 noon – 1:00 after registrations are submitted. Registration due in extension office by February 6th.

This contest is a time to recognize the importance of the agricultural industries in fashion and clothing. It show cases the beauty of farming from fields to fashion. 4-H members will make a garment from wool or cotton fabric (or blend) and model the garment.

New this year -4-H'ers will model outfit without leading a lamb.

District Lamb Lead

February 22, 2023

Woodward, OK

Registration forms are available at the county extension office. Registration deadline is February 3, 2023.

4-H Has Talent

Congratulations to the county 4-H Has Talent winners-

Senior Champion – Raquel Todd

Senior Reserve Champion – Cloe Laird

Junior Champion – Kenley Krows

Junior Reserve Champion – Brennon Case

Champion Group Act – Madison Morrison & Hannah Billings.

Cloverbud Awards- Emma Jones, Leland Jones, Austin Jones, Laynie Krows, and Laityn Bensch.

The District 4-H Has Talent Show is Scheduled for January 28th in Fairview. It is open to all 4-H members.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per act. Registration Forms and fees must be in county extension office by January 13th.

County 4-H Leaders/Volunteers Meeting

January 23, 2023, ~ 6:30 PM

Fairgrounds

All 4-H leaders and volunteers are encouraged to attend the meeting on January 23rd. Agenda items include Spring Livestock Show, food show, lamb lead, record books, district and state spring contests and events.

Finger foods are welcome.

Public Speaking Contests

County – February 1, 2023, at fairgrounds in Taloga.

District – February 11, 2023, in Hydro, OK.

Registration for county and/or district contests are due in county extension office by January 24th.

Dewey County Public Speaking Contest

February 1, 2023

County Fairgrounds ~ 4:00 PM

There will be three contest categories. **Speech:** Oral presentation without any illustrations or props. May be any topic. **Illustration Presentation:** Demonstrate how to make or do something. Or oral presentation with posters, illustrations, or props to clarify points. **Digital Presentation:** oral presentation using digital slides to illustrate or clarify points. Digital slides must be created by 4-H member.

There will be four age divisions. All participants must be enrolled 4-H members.

- Cloverbuds
- Junior members (grades 3-5)
- Intermediate members (grades 6-8)
- Senior members (grades 9-12)

Dewey County Public Speaking and Demonstration Contests

February 1, 2023

Registration is due January 24, 2023

Name: _____ Age _____

Club: _____ Phone: _____

Age Division

Cloverbud Jr. Int. Sr.

Category:

Speech _____ Illustration Presentation _____

Digital Presentation _____

Title: _____

Citizenship Washington Focus 2023

Citizenship Washington Focus is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H members 15 and over to learn about our nation's history and government processes while on the backdrop of our nation's capital. **Citizenship Washington Focus 2023 will be June 15-24, 2023, and the cost will be \$2,500 per delegate.**

Contact the extension office if you are interested in attending.

4-H Night at the Museum

Registration due January 20, 2023

Oklahoma 4-H is excited to announce the annual 4-H Night at the Science Museum. Experience what it's like to be a real-life detective or forensic scientist as we lift fingerprints, extract DNA, interrogate suspects, and much more! The science of solving crimes awaits you at this year's 4-H Night at the Science Museum. Pack your magnifying glass and your badge because we have a case to crack!

4-H'ers can sleep under a giant dinosaur, by a rocket engine, or in an oversize mouth. They can experience blood type analysis, coding and decoding secret messages, ride a Segway, and explore the stars. A special feature of Science Overnights is a selection of hands-on activities and experiments that fit with the theme of the evening.

Date:

January 27th-28th, 2023 : 7:00PM - 7:00AM

Location:

Science Museum of Oklahoma

Cost:

\$45 for Youth

\$25 for Chaperone

Participants need to register through ZSuite and pay registration fee at the county extension office.

State Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contest

Contact the extension office or shooting sports instructor to register

Registration due January 9, 2023

Event location:

Payne County Fairgrounds Heritage Hall

Date: January 21, 2023, 9am

4-H Volunteers/Leaders Opportunity

4-H Tuesday Tool Time

2023 Quarterly Schedule and Registration Links:

- January 10 – Registration for [Project Wild](#)
- April 11 – Registration for [Jr Master Gardener Resources](#)
- June 13 – Registration for [Engaging Volunteers Meaningfully](#)

4-H Day at OSU

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We are Cowboys. We live by the [Cowboy Code](#), which means “We dream only as big as the sky.”

We know your 10th, 11th and 12th grade 4-H members have big dreams too. The OSU [College of Education and Human Sciences](#) and the [Ferguson College of Agriculture](#) want to help them find their pathway for making their dreams a reality. We have dedicated faculty, staff and student leaders who study and work in areas that 4-H members learn about through their projects, activities, and competitions. Help us extend an invitation to your 10th, 11th and 12th grade 4-H members to join us on **Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023**, for our inaugural **4-H Day at OSU**, where they'll discover how to connect their 4-H passions to their dreams and future purpose.

Participation is free but **limited to the first 125 4-H members**. Register at orange.okstate.edu/register/4-H_Day.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Registration opens on January 1st, 2023.

<https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl-study-materials/>

- Teams consist of 3 or 4 members, with the highest three scores counting as the Team Score.
- Team members will automatically be registered in the Individual Competition as well as the Team Competition. Quiz Can be taken anytime between January 16 and January 20, 2023
- Scores will be based on the number of correct answers and the amount of time it takes to complete the quiz.
- Contact the county extension office for more information - 328-5351

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8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday

Closed for lunch from 12:00 noon – 12:30 PM

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Enroll in 4-H for the 2021-2022 year:

- Sign up at 4h.zsuite.org
- Using your email and password (you create)
- Make a household account
- Enroll your 4-H member(s)

Contact your local 4-H leader or the county extension office 328-5351

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DEWEY COUNTY STOCKSHOW
2023 PROGRAM

Saturday, February 11

5:00-8:00 PM

Goat & Sheep weigh in

Sunday, February 12

7:00-8:00 AM

Finish goat & sheep weigh in

8:00-8:30

Classify Sheep

8:30-9:00

Doe Fitting Contest

9:00-10:00 AM

Classify sheep

11:00 AM

Church service - Ray Perryman

1:00 PM

Lamb Lead Contest

2:30 PM

Goat show

Sheep show

GOATS AND SHEEP RELEASED AFTER SHEEP SHOW

5:00-8:00 PM

Swine weigh in

Monday, February 13

7:00-8:00 AM

Complete swine weigh in

9:00 AM

4-H food show

10:00 AM

Swine show

SWINE RELEASED AFTER SWINE SHOW

5:00-8:00 PM

Check in heifer papers

Cattle weigh in

6:30 PM

Cattle fitting contest

TUESDAY, February 14

7:00-8:00 AM

Complete cattle weigh in

9:00 AM

Heifer show

Prospect steer show

Market steer show

5:00 PM

Exhibitors, parents, and supporters' banquet

6:30 PM

Presentation of awards

Premium auction



West District Speaking Guidelines 2023

Public Speaking

Definitions of 4-H Presentations

SPEECH

Speech Defined

A 4-H talk/regular speech is one means of sharing information and educating an audience about a specific subject. It is an oral presentation in which the member does not rely on posters/illustrations or objects. All illustrations are communicated through descriptions used in the speech. Basically, the 4-H member paints a picture or tells a story through oral communication. *There are no props/posters/costumes in a speech.*

ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS (FORMERLY ILLUSTRATED TALK & DEMONSTRATIONS)

In Illustrated presentation member will share information and educate the audience about a specific subject. They must use a visual aid of some sort. The visual aid may be but not limited to a poster or posters and supplies to actually demonstrate how to do something. Illustrated Presentations can be done by an individual or a team.

DIGITAL-PRESENTATION DEFINED

Digital presentations are much like an illustrated presentation, digital technology replaces posters and the presenter is demonstrating the skills they have mastered when integrating technology into a speech/presentation. Members will be evaluated on their ability to design and create effective slides (Prezi, PPT, Google Slides, etc.) which complement the oral content of the presentation. Participants should not simply read the slides they created, they should use the slide to help guide the oral presentation.

Grade Division	Speech Time Requirements	Illustrated Presentation Time Requirements	Digital Presentation Time Requirements
3 rd to 5 th Grade	3 to 5 minutes	3 to 10 minutes	5 to 7 minutes
6 th to 8 th Grade	5 to 7 minutes	5 to 12 minutes	5 to 7 minutes
9 th to 12 th Grade	5 to 7 minutes	5 to 12 minutes	5 to 7 minutes

Penalties

- Presentations under or over the time limit will be penalized five (5) points for each full minute over or under the time limit. Any presentation going 2 minutes over the allowed time will be stopped.
- Presenters using note cards will be penalized up to 10 points at the judge's discretion.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CATEGORIES AND GUIDELINES

- Pre-registration is required. Entries will be done through an online form, no paper entries will be accepted.
- General categories have been established and an explanation of each is provided. Choose the category which best fits the topic. The category must be noted on the registration form or processing will be delayed.
- Event management reserves the right to divide and combine categories based on registration numbers.
- If there are a large number of entries in one category, the event management reserves the right to split the entries into groups or heats. The winners of the heats will present a 2nd time to determine a winner.

The number used to register for a category			
Illustrated Presentation	Speech	Digital Presentation	Categories
#1	#6	#11	Animal Science – Livestock/Large Animal/Companion Animals (includes Dog, Cats, Rabbits-companion or meat, Pocket pets, Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Meats and Respective Vet Science, Animal Welfare, Technology, etc).
#2	#7	#12	Plant, Natural and Mechanical Sciences (includes Agronomy, Horticulture, Entomology, Wildlife, Forestry, Environment, Natural resources, Camping, Shooting Sports, Rocketry, Bicycle, Electric, Woodworking, Energy Conservation & Usage, Weather, Geology, Energy: Petroleum/Solar/Wind/Hydro/etc. Power, etc.).
#3	#8	#13	Water Protection, Conservation and Usage
#4	#9	#14	Family, Consumer and Social Sciences (includes Foods & Nutrition, Foods Preservation and Safety, Breads, Childcare, Design & Construction, Safety, Consumer Education, Health & Fitness, Personal Development, Citizenship, Leadership, Government and Community Service).
#5	#10	#15	Communication & Expressive/Visual Arts and ALL other topics (includes Photography, Film Making, verbal/non-verbal communications, Recreation, Arts/Crafts, Performing Arts, Recycling, 4-H Promotion, etc.).

Preparation of Speeches/Illustrated Presentation/Demonstration

- Resources: [Communication and Expressive Arts Curriculum | Oklahoma State University \(okstate.edu\)](https://okstate.edu)
- Special equipment will not be provided. Each member will be responsible for providing his/her own equipment. (I.e. Easel, extension cords, props, audio-visual devices, spoons, trays, tablecloth, etc.) A computer with PowerPoint installed will be provided for Digital Presentations.
- Participants in the Digital Presentation category should bring at least 2 printed copies of their presentation/slides to give to the judges as a backup if technology fails.
- No Firearms or Live Animals are permitted.
- Note cards may be used but should be used sparingly. Participants using note cards can be penalized up to 10 points.
- Participants may be asked questions about the information presented.
- Participants may present up to 2 presentations. The presentations must be on different subject matters. You may not use the same presentation in 2 categories (example: How to make a Pillowcase as a Digital Presentation and How to make a Pillowcase as an Illustrated Presentation)

Evaluation of Public Speaking Presentation

JUDGING & FEEDBACK:

- In most cases there will be two judges.
- Judges will be asked to provide constructive comments to each participant. A copy of the score sheet will be sent to the county extension office after the event.