



NEWSLETTER

New enrollment management system kicks off Aug. 1

Beginning Aug. 1, Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development families will see a fresh new web presence when they are going through the enrollment process. Oklahoma 4-H is moving to a new software called ZSuite in order to manage all online enrollment for both members and volunteers.

Steve Beck, State 4-H program leader, said the state staff is excited to be able to provide this new system to 4-H families.

“We are really excited to be able to offer our families a product that is so user friendly,” Beck said. “What’s really great is this is multi-tasking software. It does more than just enrollment. It also provides options for managing club records, event registration, on-line learning and recordkeeping.”

A state marketing campaign for the new system will begin the end of July. Families will begin seeing social media posts on the Oklahoma 4-H Facebook page and other social media platforms, as well as county and state communications on how to enroll for the upcoming 4-H year.

“The Live Chat is a ZSuite feature which most excites us,” said Karla Knoepfli, associate state specialist. “Families can get friendly help directly from the ZSuites support team during staffed hours or send them an email. The site also has a ‘Help’ feature which has easy-to-access resources.”

Families will continue to need an email address and password to create a family profile. Once logged in, the family will be able to enroll members and volunteers for the new year.

County staff received training this spring and were excited with what they saw and experienced. Beck and Knoepfli both expect some growing pains as everyone is introduced and learns to navigate the new system.

“We are working closely with the company to customize the system for our specific needs,” Beck said. “We look forward to the system evolving into a great resource for families, volunteers and Extension personnel.”

For more information, contact your local OSU Extension county office.

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Dewey County delegates (left to right) Dylan Moss, Amberly Gilmore, and Kaci Moss, at the 100th state 4-H Roundup in Stillwater. They enjoyed many activities including, great speakers, fun assemblies, outdoor picnic, a hypnotist, and a dance.

Shooting sports program under new leadership

The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development shooting sports program is under new leadership. Ruth Allard, former OSU Extension educator in Cleveland County, stepped into the role of state coordinator earlier this summer and already has a national competition under her belt.

“My goal as the new shooting sports coordinator is to grow the program, create leadership opportunities for youth within the shooting sports project area and find new and exciting ways to engage youth and their families in this project,” she said.

Allard said she also hopes to help people realize 4-H is so much more than animal projects.

“4-H often has the reputation for being livestock based. While livestock and agriculture are big projects within the program, there are so many more aspects to 4-H,” she said. “Rural and urban youth all can participate in shooting sports. Young or old, new or experienced – we welcome anyone and everyone to try it. We’re focused on youth development safety and use shooting sports as a tool to teach youth life skills.”

It's no secret 4-H is all about positive youth development and shooting sports fits right into this philosophy by using firearms and bows as tools to teach not only positive youth development, but also safety, STEM, healthy living, civic engagement and life skills.

“It’s all about making champion kids, not champion marksmen. Shooting sports is about setting and reaching self-set goals and having fun while doing so,” she said. “It incorporates the four pieces of positive youth development – independence, belonging, mastery and generosity.”

Just as with many of the projects available in 4-H, shooting sports is family oriented and hands on.

“Youth work with their county instructors and other youth while building positive youth-adult partnerships with compassionate and caring adults,” she said. “It also is a good independent study project because youth can practice their skills outside of their 4-H club. As an added bonus, shooting sports is a life-long project that youth can learn and use later in their life. Many counties have equipment club **members** can use, so the start-up cost can vary.”

In addition, some colleges offer scholarships for shooting sports.

Allard was an active 4-H'er in Pittsburg County, where she also served as a summer intern while in college. She's earned her bachelor's degree from NWOSU and a master's degree from OSU. She is a level 2 certified shooting sports coordinator.

To learn more about the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development shooting sports program, contact your county extension office.

County 4-H leaders and volunteers meeting

There will be a meeting for all Dewey County 4-H leaders and volunteers on August 31st. The meeting will begin at 5:30 at the fairgrounds. Agenda items include awards banquet, county officer elections, and the finale plans for the county fair. Please, bring school and personal calendars to explore possible dates for fall contests and events.



4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME



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September 28 – Shifting 4-H Stereotypes

<https://dasnr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvdOqqqDsvH91H0fO5Pw2DTcnY8wtu8BdD>

December 7 – Appreciation – developing and sharing the life skill through 4-H

<https://dasnr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqduGgrDkjHdNfgBnEf5odAUkLPLO35O5f>

Make it Yourself with Wool Contest



4-H'ers are welcome to sew an item from wool fabric and enter the annual Make it Yourself with Wool contest. District 1 contest will be November 20th at the Ellis County Fairgrounds. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th.

Juniors (age 13-16) and seniors (age 17-24) may enter – one piece garment; - two-piece outfit; - or ensemble (3 or more items worn together). Pre-teens (age 12 & under) may enter a dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, blouse, jacket or a combination of garments.

Contact the extension office for more information or registration form.

4-H at the Ballpark

Oklahoma 4-H has partnered with the OKC Dodgers and Braum's to create a fun family outing on August 17, 2021. OKC Dodgers will be playing RoundRock at 7:05PM. Check out the link below to buy tickets, and learn more information.

<https://fevo.me/4hokla>



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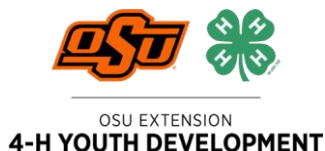


Enroll in 4-H for the 2021-2022 year:

- 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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