



NEWSLETTER

National 4-H Week slated October 3-9

Although the month of October is typically awash in the color orange and decorated with pumpkins, Oklahoma 4-H'ers celebrate with four-leaf clovers and the color green. Why? Because the first full week of October is National 4-H Week. As an added bonus, Oklahoma celebrates National 4-H Month throughout October. This year's theme is Find Your Spark!

The theme expresses the core of the 4-H Youth Development effort. This youth organization always has been about helping young people identify their spark. Mary Arnold, chair of the 4-H Thrive Model task force, said "A spark is a passion for a self-identified interest or skill, or a capacity that metaphorically lights a fire in a young person's life, providing energy, joy, purpose and direction. Having spark or sparks gives a person a sense of direction and encourages goal setting."

This is exactly what the Oklahoma 4-H program does for its youth, said Karla Knoepfli, OSU state volunteer specialist. "National 4-H Week always is an inspirational spark for our clubs, youth and volunteers. Creativity abounds as we showcase how 4-H members and volunteers have identified their unique gifts and talents and how they are using them to make the world a better place for others."

For more than a century, 4-H has continued to adapt and thrive in diverse environments, using many delivery methods, and offering ever-changing project areas which will spark a youth's growth and passion. Caring adult volunteers provide a safe environment, giving members a voice, choice and hope in their future. Having hope and a sense of meaningful purpose in life is an important part of our positive youth development effort. As a result, members thrive with a greater sense of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery.

During National 4-H week, Knoepfli said we can illustrate to the communities in all 77 counties in Oklahoma that the research is true, "youth with a sense of purpose are more goal-directed, and have increased life satisfaction, better emotional well-being, and greater positive effect."

"We are encouraging 4-H members, volunteers and alumni to show their 4-H spirit on Nov. 9, which is National 4-H Spirit Day, by wearing shirts promoting 4-H," Knoepfli said.

For more information about National 4-H Week or National 4-H Month, contact your local OSU Extension office.

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September 2021

- 15 4-H Judging Day
- 16-26 OKC State Fair
- 22 County 4-H record book interviews (by invitation)
- 23 Registration due for West District Action Conference
- 24 Registration due date for state .22 Rifle/.22 Pistol and skeet
- 25 Cupcake Wars at OKC State Fair
- 26 Fruit and Vegetable Sculpting Contest at OKC State Fair
- 27 OKC pick up day
- 28 4-H Tuesday Tool Time
- 28 Tulsa State Fair judging day
- 29 county 4-H officer elections, Taloga @ 4:15
- 30- Oct. 10 Tulsa State Fair

October 2021

- 1 Registration due for county awards program
- 2 This is 4-H open house at Vici City Hall, 9:00-2:00
- 7 County 4-H awards program, Camargo @ 6:00
- 8 Registration due date for state archery
- 9 State .22 Rifle/ .22 Pistol. - OKC gun club muzzle loader range
- 10 Tulsa State Fair pick up day
- 10 state skeet - Arcadia, OKC Gun Club
- 12 Registration due for county pinewood derby
- 13-15 West District Action Conference
- 22 Registration due date for muzzle loader
- 23 County Pinewood Derby, Leedey @ 10:00
- 23 State Archery - Stillwater, Payne County Fairgrounds

November 2021

- 6 State muzzle loader - Arcadia, OKC Gun Club
- 13 Horse Science Academy, Cline Center, Stillwater
- 26-30 National 4-H Congress
- 30 Innovative Ideas for Club Volunteer Conversation

December

- 7 4-H Tuesday Tool Time

Upcoming in 2022

- Jan. 7 Registration due date air rifle and air pistol
- Jan. 22 State air rifle and air pistol contest, Stillwater
- Feb. 5 Communication contest, Stillwater
- Feb. 11 Science Night at the Museum
- March 7-18 OYE
- June 8-10 Summer horse judging camp
- June 24 ZZZ's Under the Sea
- July 14-16 State 4-H Horse Show
- July 19-21 Big Three, Stillwater
- July 27-29 State 4-H Round-up



County 4-H officer elections

The county 4-H officer elections will be held on September 29th at 4:15 at the fairgrounds in Taloga. Each club will have five voting delegates for the election of each office. Club leaders may rotate the delegates to allow more members to experience the electoral process.



Qualified candidates may submit applications to the extension office by 4:30 on September 24th. Each candidate will have 2-4 minutes to present a campaign speech before the elections. If a candidate is unable to attend the officer elections, a fellow club member may speak on his/her behalf.

Candidate qualifications: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer - must be 14 years old with 4 years as a 4-H member and must have turned in a record book for the 2020-21 year.

Game and song leaders - must be 12 years old with 2 years as a 4-H members and must have turned in a record book for the 2020-21 year.

* age as of January 1st 2022.



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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>

County 4-H Awards Program

The county 4-H awards program will be on October 7, 2021 at the South Canadian Neighbors Community Center in Camargo. The program will begin at 6:30 with dinner, followed by the presentation of individual and club awards. 4-H members, parents, and guests are welcome to attend. There is no fee, but you must pre-register by contacting the Dewey County Extension Office (580)328-5351.

Registration deadline is October 1st at 4:30 P.M.



WAC - West District Action Conference (formerly "Fall Leadership Conference")

4-H members in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in WAC. It will be held in Weatherford, October 13-15. The cost is \$130.00, which covers motel room, four meals, t-shirt, and conference expenses. Registration deadline is September 23, 2021. Contact the extension office for more information.

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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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