



NEWSLETTER

4-H ATV safety program under new guidance

The Oklahoma 4-H ATV RiderCourse is under new leadership, and she's revving up plans to increase rider safety training across the state.

Abigail Daniel is the new 4-H ATV safety program specialist for Oklahoma State University Extension. She came on board in July and is fully immersed in bringing educational training opportunities to 4-H'ers and others.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with the kids," Daniel said. "ATVs are popular for all ages, and I'm ready to provide educational training that will teach them the right and safe ways to ride."

Oklahoma ranks high in ATV-related fatalities, averaging 20 to 26 deaths per year. This is just one reason why it is imperative to have ATV safety training.

ATVs can be used in various ways, including recreational activities such as trail riding and hunting and functional ways on farms and ranches. People of all ages enjoy these activities, so learning the safe way to ride is vital.

Daniel said the ATV RiderCourse is open to 4-H youth ages 10 to 18, as well as families or other groups. Groups are limited to eight participants and must be at least 10 years old.

There are two types of classes –

the original three-hour rider course, which can be taught at schools, and the seven-hour leadership course, both conducted by licensed ATV Safety Institute instructors. The shorter course is \$10 per person, and the longer course, which can be taught only at the facility in Guthrie, Oklahoma, is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Group classes require at least four participants.

The ATV RiderCourse is two parts. All participants must complete the e-course ahead of the hands-on rider course. Through interactive activities and videos, the e-course helps participants develop safety knowledge and awareness. This course covers protective gear, environmental concerns, riding strategies and local laws.

The hands-on course allows participants to practice basic riding skills in a controlled environment under the supervision of a licensed instructor.

"I'm excited about teaching everyone the importance of ATV safety and general safety skills overall," Daniel said. "I want them to know they can have fun and be safe on an ATV at the same time, and be comfortable and confident in any riding situation."

To schedule a class, call Daniel at 405-744-4141 or email abigail.daniel@okstate.edu.

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Dewey County 4-H

Family Day

October 12, 2025 ~ 2:00-5:00 ~ Community Center in Camargo

County 4-H public speaking contests - Registration deadline is October 8th.

Categories include:

Demonstration – Show and tell how to do something step by step. Can be an individual or a team of two.

Illustrated Talk – Use visual aids like posters, digital slides, or props to support your message.

Speech – Just you and your voice! Share your thoughts or tell a story without any props.

Workshops:

State STEM innovators will be conducting a fun, interactive STEM workshop for 4-H and cloverbud youth.

Parents will learn more about new 4-H programs including Nature Navigators and the new county record books.

Public Speaking Contest Registration - Due in the extension office by October 8, 2025

Contest is October 12, 2025

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Club: _____

Check contest(s) you plan to enter:

Speech: ____ Cloverbud (ages 5-8) ____ Juniors (grades 3-7) ____ Seniors (grades 8-12)

Illustrated Talk ____ Cloverbud (age 5-8) ____ Junior (grade 3-7) ____ Senior (grade 8-12)

Demonstration:

Individual ____ Cloverbuds ____ Junior ____ Senior

Team (2 members) ____ Cloverbuds ____ Juniors ____ Seniors

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STEM for Y'all November 22, 2025

STEM is for you, STEM is for me, STEM is for Y'all! From the Achievement Project to Wildlife and Fisheries and all other projects in between, STEM is everywhere! 4-H members in 3rd thru 8th grades, certified volunteers, and educators are invited to come explore STEM in a variety of hands-on workshops and participate in a service-learning project to take STEM back to their counties. Participants may also choose to take part in a Share Fair where they can show how they use STEM on their 4-H Journey.

There is a registration fee of \$5 to cover t-shirt, meals, and other supplies. Registration is available on Zsutes from Oct 1-Oct 31, or until filled. Participation is limited.

Members interested in participating in the Share Fair should sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/x9s9YShyNb>

Say YES to FCS Education Day

Say YES to FCS Education Day will be held October 30, 2025; 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM on the Oklahoma State University Campus. The program is open to current juniors and seniors in high school interested in pursuing a career in Family and Consumer Sciences Education in public schools or as an FCS Extension education. Come tour the facilities, learn about the application process, funding for college and so much more! Must register to attend. Registration opens September 2, 2025 at oklahomafccla.org/say-yes-to-fcs-day

2025 Make it Yourself With Wool Contest

Both the District I Contest and the state contest will be on - November 8 with registration at 9:00 A.M.
Woodward Co. Fairgrounds & Event Center

National competition will be January 29-31 in Reno, Nevada.

Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor

Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor program will launch on November 1, 2025. This program is for 4-H members in 4th to 6th grade. This hands-on civic education program is in partnership with the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy and Oklahoma 4-H. This event is sponsored by Google.

Youth who attend this high-energy day will learn about the government resulting in one Oklahoma 4-H member being elected as the Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor! Registration is \$20 and provides a T-shirt and lunch.

Registration is on ZSuites and available here:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41940>

The event will take place on November 1st at Agricultural Hall in Stillwater from 9 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

Oklahoma 4-H Dog Adventure Day

Join us for Dog Adventure Day on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Totusek Arena (2707 W. McElroy Rd., Stillwater, OK). This fun, educational event is perfect for 4-H members in the Dog project!

Cost:

- \$15 per handler/dog (includes 3 activities)
- \$5 for each additional activity

Vaccination form due by Oct. 31 at 5 p.m.

Activities include: Agility, Trick Dog, Rally, Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Showmanship and more! Each activity is limited to 50 participants.

Register on zsutes

4-H Tuesday Tool Time

2025 Quarterly Schedule:

- Jan 28 – **Shutter Savvy**: - Improving Photos with Your Smartphone Learn more about the full potential of your smartphone camera. Explore mobile photography's art and science, master composition, lighting, editing tools, and creative strategies. Transform your smartphone into a powerful creative tool. No prior experience needed—just bring your passion for visual excellence! Dr. Audrey King, Ast Prof, Agricultural Ed, Comm & Leadership
- April 29 - **Smorgasbord**: Recreations & Leisure Education, Aerospace & Rocketry; Meteorology. Great opportunity to learn more about these projects and supporting curriculum.
- July 22 – **Club Management**: Strengthen Your Club Officers and/or Leadership Team. Healthy clubs have a healthy leadership structure which includes engaged membership. Is the club engaging members in meaningful committee activities? Does the officer team understand and accept their responsibilities to the club and membership?
- October 28 – **Project Leaders and Project Groups Spark Interest**: Sparking a 4-H member's interest in project work is facilitated with caring project leaders eager to learn with the youth or knowledgeable of the subject matter. Project groups are a safe environment where youth will flourish with their peers as they challenge one another to grow in project knowledge.

4-H Calendar

Oct. 1-31: Oklahoma 4-H Month
 Oct. 5-11: National 4-H Week
 Oct. 12: County 4-H Family Day
 Oct 7: Project Learning Tree: In-Service
 Oct 26: State Sporting Clays and Hunting Skills Contests
 Oct. 28: Tuesday Tool Time Webinar
 Oct. 30: Say YES to FCS Day
 Nov. 1: District 4-H Officer Retreat
 Nov. 1: State Trap Contest
 Nov. 2: State Skeet Contest
 Nov. 3: Clover Classic Golf Tournament
 Nov. 8: 4-H Dog Adventure Days
 Nov. 8-9: State Outdoor archery Contest
 Nov 22: STEM for Y'all Conference
 Nov. 28: National 4-H Congress
 Dec. 3: Wheat Show Banquet
 Dec. 4: County volunteer meeting
 Jan. 22-26: On the Road to Leadership Trip
 Jan. 24: 4-H Has Talent
 Feb. 7-10: County livestock show
 March 8: County 4-H Family Day
 March 10-21: OYE
 March 27: District culinary contests
 March 31: District speech contest
 March 31: District contest day

- consumer judging
- livestock quiz bowl
- livestock skill-a-thon
- educational displays

 May 29-30: District horse show
 April 1-June 1: Fishing tournament
 June __: Multi-county camp
 July 1: Discovery Day
 July 22-24: State 4-H Round Up
 Sept. 9-12: County Fair

DEWEY COUNTY 4-H MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Two exciting 4-H Family Days have been scheduled -

Each 4-H Family Day will include county 4-H contests, workshops, 4-H meeting with the county officers, food, games/songs, and other fun activities. All ages are invited. There will be something for everyone in the family.

OCTOBER 12, 2025

2:00-5:00

CAMARGO COMMUNITY CENTER

Workshop choices will include

- ✓ STEM
- ✓ cake decorating
- ✓ Nature Navigators
- ✓ 4-H parents

Contests - Public Speaking Contests: Speech, Demonstration, and illustrated talks

MARCH 8, 2025

2:00-5:00

DEWEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS –
TALOGA

Workshop choices will include

- ✓ 4-H posters / communication entries
- ✓ Sphero Bots
- ✓ Manners Matter
- ✓ 4-H Parents

Contests – Food show (baked goods), Table Setting contest, and Food Showdown

Watch for additional details.

Oklahoma 4-H On The Road To Leadership Trip

Trip: January 22-26, 2026

After a few years of enjoying New Mexico 4-H's hospitality, we are taking this leadership trip to another state!

On The Road to Leadership will continue as an annual out of state trip, and each year we will visit one of our neighboring states to learn about their state industries, culture, and 4-H program. This year, we will be traveling to Lafayette, Louisiana and are making plans to visit Galveston, Texas as well.

Cost of the trip will be \$900 for youth participants. As On The Road to Leadership provides different opportunities each year, we are going to allow participants who previously attended to return, if space allows.

Contact the county extension office by November 17th, to apply to go on this trip.

Nature Navigators: Wellness in the Wild – Fall Season

Are you ready to step outside, breathe in the crisp fall air and make memories in nature? Join us for **Nature Navigators: Wellness in the Wild**, a new seasonal 4-H adventure that combines the outdoors, healthy living and fun!

Sign up through **4-H Z-Suite** to be part of Nature Navigators. Once registered, you'll receive your fall lesson straight to your inbox. Each season brings new activities, and you can do them on your own, with your family or alongside your 4-H club.

Project Learning Tree: Explore your Environment Inservice

Calling all educators, volunteers, and nature enthusiasts! This in-service will introduce you to the *Explore Your Environment: K–8 Activity Guide*, a comprehensive resource offering 50 multidisciplinary activities designed to connect youth with nature, enhance critical thinking skills, and foster environmental awareness.

During the workshop, you'll learn how to effectively navigate and implement the *Explore Your Environment* curriculum. Participants will receive a copy of the guide and leave with a ready-to-use lesson plan tailored for immediate implementation with your youth audience.

Volunteers can register via a Microsoft form (links for each event below).

Date: October 7, 2025

Time: 9am – 4pm

Location: OSU Botanic Gardens, Horticulture Education Center

Microsoft

form: <https://forms.office.com/r/rMKHH1DnGa>

Date: December 15, 2025

Time: 9am – 4pm

Location: Tulsa County Extension

Microsoft

form: <https://forms.office.com/r/XfqndqmBRy>

County 4-H Volunteer meeting December 4, 2026 5:30 at the county fairgrounds

Agenda items will include –

- tips for teaching parliamentary procedure
- fair entries / state fair book
- Successful fund-raising idea sharing
- planning spring and summer events and activities

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Announcements

\$1,000 COMMUNITY HARVEST GRANT DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1

If you are looking at a project for spring and have plans to create some kind of food supply for your school or community (garden, greenhouse work, chicken coop, grow towers, incubators, processing meat, growing food to can, etc), then this grant is for you! It is a little more funding and targeted specifically at creating a food source or helping expand a current project you have going.

<https://okfbfoundationforagriculture.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Community-Harvest-Grant-2022.pdf>

28th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Clover Golf Tournament

The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation invites supporters to join the **28th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament** on **Monday, November 3**, at Oak Tree Country Club in Edmond.

Proceeds from the Clover Classic play a vital role in supporting Oklahoma 4-H's ability to provide scholarships, awards, and educational programs to youth across the state. Participation directly impacts the lives of young people by helping them develop leadership skills, build confidence, and prepare for bright futures.

This year's tournament will feature exciting opportunities, including a **Hole-in-One prize of \$10,000** and the chance for the **1st Place Team** to claim the coveted **4-H Clover Classic Champions Traveling Trophy**, along with yearlong bragging rights.

The deadline for sponsorships and player registrations is **Friday, October 17, at 5:00 p.m.** Tournament space is limited, and registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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