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### 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 [jmg-kids.us](http://jmg-kids.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 re-

sponsibility,” 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.”

For more information about the Junior Master Gardener program, email Mitchell at [shelley.mitchell@okstate.edu](mailto:shelley.mitchell@okstate.edu).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Cloverbuds	Jan. 25
Robotics Club	Feb. 1
Photography Club	Feb. 9
District Livestock Judging	Feb. 9
District Speech Contest	Feb. 11
County Speech	Feb. 15
Cooking Club	Feb. 16
PLO	Feb. 20
Cloverbuds	Feb. 22
Sewing Club	Feb. 23
Spring Co. Livestock Show	Feb. 23-25
Dist. Livestock Show	March 1-6
OYE Livestock Show	March 8-17
4-H Day at Capital	April 5
Dress Revue/ Impressive Dress	April 12



**Next PLO meeting  
February 20, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**

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## County Speech And Job Readiness Contest

County Speech and Job Readiness Contest will be February 15th at 6:00PM at Kremlin High School. To register, you must complete the online form. Registration is due February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Guidelines for the contest are in the green yearbook on pages 33-35.

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

Here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/pPbvxbU9qj>



## Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds will meet in the extension office January 25th and February 22nd at 4:30. Come join the fun!



## Sewing Club

Sewing Club will meet February 23, to finish up our quilts. Please sign up by February 20th, to reserve a machine.



## Photography Club

If you are wanting to learn how to take better pictures come join Mandy Schroeder, photography club leader, on February 9th, at 5:15 in the extension office. Mandy has some great ideas!



## Cooking Club

Cooking Club will be February 16th, at 4:30. Must sign up by February 10th.



## Robotics Club

Robotics Club will be from 4-5:30 on February 1st, in the extension office.



## District Livestock Judging Contest

District Livestock Judging contest is February 9th. All 4-H members must be entered on the 4-H certification form to compete. Please work with your Ag teacher to sign-up or call the extension office with questions.



# COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

## FEBRUARY 23-25





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