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State 4-H Ambassadors continue to Make the Best Better

Oklahoma 4-H'ers looking to further develop the life skills they have learned in 4-H should consider applying to become a State 4-H Ambassador. For more than a quarter of a century, club members have been serving as ambassadors to the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program, and continuing to make the best better.

Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator at the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University said applications to be part of this select group are due March 15. Applicants must be 13 years of age or older by the application deadline and have at least one year of high school remaining.

"Ambassadors have a unique role within 4-H as they serve dual roles in working with club members, as well as adult partners. They make 4-H more visible in their counties and across the state, maintain relationships with 4-H alumni and supporters and help club members tell the 4-H story," Allen said. "Our ambassadors this last year were involved in a variety of activities that not only enhanced the 4-H program overall, but also helped them build upon the life skills they had already started developing."

Clarissa Smith, a State 4-H Ambassador from Okfuskee County, said her ambassador experiences have truly enriched her overall 4-H experience.

"The State 4-H Ambassador program has allowed me to network, learn valuable life skills and create memories that will last a lifetime," Smith said. "Since becoming an ambassador, I've been able to participate in and learn

more about 4-H than I ever had."

Smith was instrumental in helping with the Ambassador Alumni Tailgate event that took place last fall at an OSU football game and said she used many of the life skills she had developed during her years in 4-H.

"My favorite part of working on this event was seeing the ideas come to life, from talking about buying football game tickets to working with the ticket office to secure them," she said. "I also enjoyed working with local donors while planning the tailgate. I was able to use skills such as time management, responsibility, communication and organization."

Smith said she would eagerly encourage other club members to become ambassadors because of the amazing opportunities the program provides.

"This is a great way to make new friends. As ambassadors we're taught important skills such as writing thank-you cards, speaking at banquets and donor relations, all of which will be useful in the future," she said. "I feel that the State 4-H Ambassador program is an amazing opportunity to create personal growth and to become part of an amazing community."

Seminole County 4-H'er Ella Allen also said deciding to apply and being selected to serve as a State 4-H Ambassador has had a positive impact on her 4-H experiences.

"This has introduced me to so

many amazing people and opened doors to countless opportunities," Ella Allen said.

The skills Ella Allen has learned as an ambassador helped her when she was part of the planning team for the Clover Classic Golf Tournament. She used her public speaking skills as she addressed the group to express her appreciation to the 4-H donors. She was also part of the awards presentation following the tournament.

"Becoming an ambassador has been one of the greatest decisions I've made in terms of bettering my 4-H career," she said. "Just submitting your application and going through the interview process allows

club members to grow and better themselves."

Cathy Allen said the three-part interview process includes an extemporaneous speech, a face-to-face interview and a writing assignment.

"We're looking for 4-H'ers who are self-motivated, enthusiastic about the program and youth who are looking to enhance their leadership skills and accept responsibility," Cathy Allen said. "As an ambassador, youth will also develop their public speaking skills to promote the 4-H organization across the state."

For more information about the State 4-H Ambassador program or the application process, contact Cathy Allen at 405-744-8892 or cathy.allen@okstate.edu.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Robotics Club	March 1
OYE Livestock Show	March 8-17
Photography Club	March 9
Cooking Club	March 14
Sewing Club	March 15
PLO	March 20
Horse Club	March 23
Cloverbuds	March 29
4-H Day at Capital	April 5
Dress Revue/ Impressive Dress	April 19
Youth Leadership Summit	April 21-23
Be the BEST contest due	May 20
Sr. Night/County Elections	May 22
Volunteer Conference	June 23-24
Farm Bureau Camp	June 27-28
4-H Camp	June 28-30



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

2022-23 COUNTY OFFICERS

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2023 Innovate Youth Leadership Summit

Are you ready to innovate change in your 4-H program? Oklahoma 4-H is excited to invite you to our fourth annual 4-H Innovate Youth Leadership Summit!

April 21-23, 2023

Springhill Suites 5815 KL Drive, Enid OK

Registration Fee: \$100

The Innovate Summit is a youth development program designed to teach youth life skills and introduce teens to career opportunities in agriculture, computer science, STEM, and education.

Registration must be done on your ZSuite account and closes on Friday, March 31st, by 5:00 p.m. Registration fee must be paid at the Extension Office.

More information is found at:

<https://4h.okstate.edu/events/4-h-youth-innovate-summit/index.html>

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Capitol Camp

Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Oklahoma 4-H and Oklahoma FFA are once again offering youth the opportunity to learn hands on about their government and the way laws are made in our great state. Capitol Camp (formerly the Oklahoma Youth Legislative Experience) is targeted to youth who are upcoming Juniors and Seniors in high school who have an interest in policy development. Youth younger than upcoming Juniors or graduating Seniors are welcome to apply as well. Camp will be June 27-28, 2023. The cost of the camp is \$50 and that includes registration, lodging, meals and swag.

Register at:

<https://www.okfarmbureau.org/capitol-camp/>



Dress Revue/Impressive Dress



Due to a conflict the date for Dress Revue/Impressive Dress has been changed to April 19, at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Be The BEST in Oklahoma 4-H Pre-Recorded Video Public Speaking

Members may only participate in either the pre-recorded video contest or the in-person contest, but not both.

Due to rising costs of awards: A \$5 registration fee per participant in both the pre-recorded video and the in-person contest is requested mailed to Pontotoc County 4-H, 1700 N. Broadway, Ada, OK 74820. Please note the participant's name(s) along with the registration fee. No refunds. Self/family entries are **PRE-FERRED** over Extension Office's entering youth.

Pre-Recorded Video entries are due on or before Friday, May 5. Entries should be submitted at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/210336187529155>

In-Person entries are due on or before Friday, May 5. Entries should be submitted by postal mail using the provided entry form/scoresheet. Contest date and location: Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m. Pontotoc County Extension Office/ Agriplex – Ada. For entry form, contact the office.

For more information, contact the office or visit the Facebook page - Be The BEST In Oklahoma 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

•Cooking Club

Cooking Club will be March 14, from 2-4 at the Extension Office. Must sign up by March 8.



•Robotics Club

Robotics Club will be from 4-5:30 on March 1, in the Extension Office.



•Photography Club

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



•Sewing Club

The final time to work on your quilt will be March 15, from 10 to 2. Please sign up by March 8, to reserve a machine.



•Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds will meet in the Extension Office March 29, at 4:30. Come join the fun!



•Horse Club

Horse club will meet March 23, at 4:30 in the Extension Office.



2023 State 4-H Parent Volunteer Conference

June 23-24 in Stillwater

The primary purpose for this conference is to strengthen the local club or project group experience for youth, families, parents and volunteers. We want parents and volunteers to gain greater confidence in developing and implementing a local experience which will retain youth, gain youth and use an increasing number of volunteers as project and activity leaders.

Find more information at:

<https://4h.okstate.edu/volunteers/parent-volunteer-conferences/index.html>

State Record Books

Attention 8th grade and up who are completing a State Record book: They have changed the record book form margins. The new form can be found at https://4h.okstate.edu/members/record-book-and-scholarship-information/record-book-and-scholarship-info.html?fbclid=IwAR2FPGCLK9s6fQeU2s_DopT-jIHXYi9w_G5oCTJYipEpUHUXZZrw4uBUA8Y

You should be able to copy and paste a previous book into it. Let me know if you have questions. Record books are due digitally to the county by April 7th to be reviewed. All final hard copies with signature page due to the office by April 19.

National Congress application (10th & 11th grade), Sidwell Ag scholarship (8th grade and up), and Key Club (9th grade and up) are all due April 19th as well. These applications are also found at the above website.

Please let Jessica know what awards you plan to enter so nothing gets missed.



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