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Shooting Sports Ambassador program offers leadership opportunities

The Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program is completing its inaugural year and it has been a success. Modeled after the National Shooting Sports Ambassador program, the state program is open to high school freshmen through seniors.

Ruth Pratt, [Oklahoma State University Extension](http://extension.okstate.edu/county/west-district/) state specialist and statewide coordinator for the Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports program, said the purpose of the ambassador program is to provide club members participating in the shooting sports project with leadership and civic engagement opportunities at the state level and potentially the national level.

“Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports at all events and activities,” Pratt said. “In addition, being an ambassador provides opportunities to teach STEM, healthy living and civic engagement on local, county, district and state levels, which is part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports mission mandates.”

Pratt, who was involved in the shooting sports program during her time as a 4-H'er, said she saw first-hand youth who wanted to be part of the program, but not compete.

“Competition is just a small part

of our shooting sports program. We're more focused on positive youth development,” she said. “My goal as the state coordinator is to have a statewide opportunity for those youth who want to be part of 4-H shooting sports and to lead and educate other youth, adults and partnering organizations across Oklahoma and the U.S.”

As for leadership opportunities, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program allows each state to send two delegates to the Leadership Institute each year. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for those selected to participate and they bring home information to share with the state program.

To be eligible to apply to become a National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador youth must have served at least one year as an Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.

“The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has always provided opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills, and becoming part of the Shooting Sports Ambassador program is another way to enhance your 4-H experience,” Pratt said. “Our program is still new, but we have eight ambassadors ready to tackle their new opportunities this year.

I'm excited to see what ideas these youth have and where the journey takes us.” Pratt said applications for the next state ambassador group will open in spring 2025, so club members have plenty of time to learn more about the program and participate in activities that will help them become qualified applicants.

For more information, contact Pratt at 405-744-4141 or ruth.pratt@okstate.edu.

Be sure to 'like' and follow Garfield County 4-H to keep up on reminders and the latest in 4-H.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spheros Workshop	July 11
PLO	July 18
Weaving Workshop	July 16
Wheat Show Samples Due	July 17
Rocket Workshop	July 19
State 4-H Roundup	July 23-26
CSI Workshop	July 30
Cloverbud Workshop	Aug. 1
County Record Books Due	Aug. 5
Back to School Bash	Aug. 6
Oklahoma State Fair	Sep. 12-22
Garfield County Fair	Sep. 14-17
Tulsa State Fair	Sep. 26-Oct. 6
Dist. Leadership Conf.	Oct. 16-18



PLO meeting to be held in July 18 at 5:30

2024 25 COUNTY OFFICERS

- ◆ President Bailey Nickels
- ◆ V. President Shelbi Prince
- ◆ Secretary Joe Sharp
- ◆ Reporter Brett Gainer
- ◆ Recreation Leader Josiah Benson
- ◆ Executive Jayton Zimmerman

TULSA STATE FAIR DEADLINES

July 1, 2024: Junior Market Broiler Order Deadline

July 8, 2024: Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadline

August 1, 2024: Livestock & Horse Show Entries Open

August 26, 2024: Livestock & Horse Show Entry Deadline

September 2, 2024: Contest Deadline

September 2, 2024: Livestock & Horse Show Late Entry Deadline

September 9, 2024: Late Contest Entry Deadline

September 20, 2024: 4-H & FFA Competitive Exhibits Entry Deadline

September 23, 2024: Junior Livestock Show Substitution Deadline

FAIR DATES: SEPT. 26—OCT. 6

QUESTIONS:

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EYO at the Oklahoma State Fair

If you haven't heard already, the OYE staff will be running EYO at the Oklahoma State Fair

September 12 - 15.

Entries: August 1 - August 25.

State Fair Dates: Sept. 12 - Sept. 22

OYE: (405) 235-0404



JUNIOR RECORD BOOKS

DUE TO 4-H OFFICE: August 5, 2024.

The form for the junior record book is located on our Garfield County website:

<https://extension.okstate.edu/county/garfield/4-h.html>

2024-2025 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the new 4-H year will begin August 1, 2024 . Anyone that is 8 AND in the 3rd grade or 9 years old may join 4-H. Members must be enrolled 30 days prior to compete in a county event and 60 days prior to compete in a state event. Enrollment is not complete until the \$20 enrollment fee is paid.

YOU MUST BE RE-ENROLLED TO COMPETE AT THE COUNTY FAIR

COUNTY FAIR BOOK

The newspaper will no longer be printing the 4-H portion of the county fair. The Fair book is available online at the Chisholm Trail Expo website and copies will be available mid-July at the office.



2024 4-H Wheat Show

If you are interested in more information about the state wheat show, please contact the office.

All 10 pound wheat samples will need to be delivered to Stillwater by 8:15 July 17.

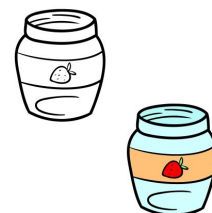


Food Preservation Class July 17, 12:30

Each participant will have 2-3 jars to take home at the end of class that can be entered in the fair.

Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies needed.

Youth need to be 3rd grade and up. This class will be with the OHCE members.



Must register by July 10.

Summer Workshops

Workshops are for 4-H age members, not Cloverbuds EXCEPT the Cloverbud workshop. This means youth who have just completed the 3rd grade.

SPHEROS WORKSHOP: July 11, 2:00 – 4:00: This workshop is geared towards kids that ARE NOT in the robotics club. Come learn all about the new Sphero robots. Must sign-up by July 3.

WEAVING WORKSHOP: July 16, 2:00 – 4:00: Learn to weave a coaster or bookmark out of yarn. Must sign-up by July 10th. Space is limited.

ROCKET WORKSHOP: July 19, 2:00--4:00: Come learn how to make a hydro rocket and other fun facts about rockets. Must sign-up by July 12.

CSI WORKSHOP: JULY 30, 2:00-4:00: Do you enjoy solving mysteries? Come learn how science is used to solve crimes every day. Must sign-up by July 23.

COUNTY CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP: August 1, 2:00-4:00: All Cloverbuds welcome to craft and learn with the teen leaders! Must sign-up by July 24.



COUNTY SERVICE PROJECTS

We have several youth with service projects in the county and they would love your help!

Any donations can be brought to the Extension Office and we can get them to the youth.

Shelbi and Sydnee Prince, Garber, are collecting items for their pillowcases for kids at the youth shelter. They need hygiene items and other small items that kids like.

Joe Sharp will take any coats you have off your hands to donate for his coat drive project.

Bailey Nickels is collecting birthday plates, cups, and napkins for her Birthday in a Bag project. It costs \$7/ bag and monetary donations can be accepted too.

Averly Conner & Hadleigh Simpson, Chisholm, are collecting items for their H.U.G.S project for seniors. They need hand cream, house shoes, soap, gift cards, night gowns, undershirts, shampoo socks game books, or monetary donations.



AUGUST 6

MORE DETAILS TO COME

SAVE THE DATE



GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR
Wed. Sept. 14 - Sat. Sept. 17
Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid

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