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Hands-on Vet Science Course to be Offered in 2025

Oklahoma 4-H'ers interested in a career in veterinary science should mark their calendars for the third-annual 4-H Vet Science Short Course slated May 28-29, 2025, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Geared toward high school freshmen through senior students, this two-day course is designed for youth interested in the veterinary profession.

Leslie Lewis, [Oklahoma State University Extension](http://www.okstate.edu/extension/northeast-district/) Northeast District 4-H program specialist, said the course is designed to get youth thinking about their path from high school to veterinary school.

“There is a growing need for veterinarians, especially in rural areas,” Lewis said. “This course will provide information about what classes students interested in veterinary medicine should take in high school that will help prepare them for the college curriculum.”

The course is limited to 30 participants. There is an application and essay process, and more details will soon be available through each [county](http://www.okstate.edu/extension/) OSU Extension office. Applications and essays will be due March 7. There is a \$50 registration fee for those who are selected to attend.

The first day of the course will be spent at the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine where 4-H'ers will

experience a variety of hands-on activities. They will tour the facility and have the opportunity to do a basic evaluation on a dog from Pete's Pet Posse. They'll also participate in a dissection activity, use various medical instruments and do leg wraps on horses.

“The group will also participate in a simulation of a disease outbreak on a swine farm that will be led by a faculty member from vet med,” Lewis said. “Other veterinarians will be on hand to help with the other hands-on activities.”

Day two of the course will focus on the animal science aspect of the veterinary field. One activity will include a discussion on dystocia, or calving issues and assistance some heifers need during the calving season.

Chasity Schraeder, coordinator of prospective students, will talk with the group about what they need to consider when choosing their high school courses and helping them understand they can start their journey to vet school their freshman year of college.

“We'll also have a panel discussion with veterinarians about the different careers available to students who complete veterinary school,” Lewis said. “There are many rewarding careers available in addi-

tion to being a veterinarian.”

Evaluations from the 2024 Vet Science Course indicated 62% of participants increased their knowledge after the event and 79% said they now felt more comfortable in assisting with livestock births on their family farms. In addition, 59% of the participants said they learned something that changed their current management practices at home.

Complete details of the 2025 Vet Science Course will be available through county OSU Extension offices by the end of January 2025. Participants will need to secure their own lodging in Stillwater. For more information, contact the local OSU Extension office.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Robotics Club	Dec	4
Ring the Bells	Dec	4
State Record Book Workshop	Dec	9
Lego Club	Dec	10
Junky to Funky Craft Club	Dec	11
Sewing Club	Dec	12
Holiday Goodies	Dec	14
Cooking Club	Dec	16
AITC Entries Due	Jan	6
Horse Club	Jan	7
Robotics	Jan	7
Junky Funky Craft Club	Jan	8
Sewing Club	Jan	9
PLO	Jan	13
Share the Fun Entries Due	Jan	15
Lego Club	Jan	21
Cloverbuds	Jan	22
Cooking Club	Jan	23
Comm. Contest Entries Due	Jan	23
District 4-H Share the Fun	Jan	25
Tool Time	Jan	28
Pickens Scholarship App Due	Feb	1
Cnty Communication Contest	Feb	5



**PLO meeting
January 13th
5:30**

*There will be no meeting for
December.*

2024-25 COUNTY OFFICERS

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

CLOVERBUDS

- January 22nd, at 4:30 pm.
- There will be no meeting for December.
- *Please sign up by January 17th.*



COOKING CLUB

December 16th and January 23rd, at 4:30 pm.

*Must sign-up by
December 9th and
January 17th.*

Remember we are cook-
ing and practicing food safety.

Please have your child come with
their hair pulled back!



LEGO CLUB

Dec 10th & Jan 21st, at 4:15 pm at
the Extension office.

*Must sign up by
December 3rd
and January 14th.*



SEWING CLUB

December 12th and January 9th, at
4:00 pm.

*Must sign up by December 6th and
January 3rd.*

Information on project will be sent to
members closer to time.

Also, you ALWAYS
need your sewing kit.



State Record Book Workshop December 9 @ 5:30

If you are currently in the 8th grade and
up, you can complete a state record
book.

Come learn how to complete and get
any questions answered.

**This is for BOTH parents
and youth.**

Sign up by December 6th.



HORSE CLUB

January 7th, at 5:30 at
the Extension office.

There will be no
meeting for December.

You don't have to own
a horse to be in horse club.

Come learn something new!
Join the GroupMe!



ROBOTICS CLUB

Interested in coding
and robotics?

Come to the next
robotics club meeting
December 4th and
January 7th, at 4:00 at the Extension
office.

Join the GroupMe!



JUNKY TO FUNKY CRAFT CLUB

December 11th and January 8th @ 4:30.

Must sign up by December 5th and January 2nd.

HOLIDAY GOODIES

Come join us December 14th from 10-2 to make some great holiday crafts and goodies.

Cost is \$15 and you must sign-up by December 4th.

Lunch will be provided.

Space is limited and you must pay ahead of time to reserve your space.

If county officers wish to attend, they will need to sign-up and pay as well this year.



RING THE BELLS SCHEDULE December 4

4:00 — 4:30	Waukomis; Covington-Douglas
4:30 — 5:00	Garber
5:00 — 5:30	Enid
5:30 — 6:00	Kremlin
6:00 — 6:30	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale
6:30 — 7:00	Drummond
7:00 — 7:30	Chisholm
7:30 — 8:00	Hillsdale Christian



If you can't come with your club, come when you can.

COUNTY SPEECH AND JOB READINESS CONTEST

County Speech and Job Readiness Contest will be February 5th at 5:30 at Monroe Elementary.

MUST register at <https://bit.ly/countyspeech> by JANUARY 23rd at 5:00 PM.

If you plan to do the Job Readiness contest, contact the office for the packet. Information and rules can be found in the green yearbook on pages 33-35.

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.



Agricultural Microbiome Program

The Agricultural Microbiome Program (AMP) at Oklahoma State University is seeking applications for students interested in participating in the weeklong AMP summer camp, which will take place June 1–6, 2025, on the OSU campus in Stillwater. The camp will introduce upcoming 9th and 10th grade students to the microbiome sciences that promise to improve agricultural productivity and reduce the environmental impact of agriculture. In addition, students will develop laboratory and presentation skills to share what they learned with their communities. Participation in the program is at no cost to the students, parents or school, and each participant will receive a Chromebook and a stipend for successfully completing the program.

For more information, visit <https://agriculture.okstate.edu/departments-programs/biochemistry/osu-agriculture-microbiome-program/>

All current 8th and 9th graders may apply at:

https://okstatecasnr.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42bEu0Fa8t8Skg6



State Record Book and Scholarship Opportunities

Are you currently in the 8th Grade or older?

You are eligible to do a State 4-H Record Book. These books are due in April and can earn you scholarship money!

If you are interested in completing a book, please let me know so we can start now.



Attention Seniors and College Students:

Pickens Legacy Scholarships will be due February 1st. You MUST ATTEND OSU to receive Pickens scholarships.

Level III and Level IV Scholarships will be due in April and many can be used at any accredited college or trade school.

More information at: <https://4h.okstate.edu/members/record-book-and-scholarship-information/record->

4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME



For Volunteers, Parents and Extension Professionals

2025 Quarterly Webinars

6:30-7:30 pm

Registration Necessary

January 28 - Shutter Savvy: Improving Photos with a Smartphone

April 29 - Curriculum Smorgasbord: Recreation & Leisure Education; Aerospace & Rocketry; Meteorology

July 22 - Club Management: Strengthening Your Club Officers and/or Leadership Team

October 28 - Project Leaders and Project Groups Spark Interest



Registration Link

Lindy Pitts will be collecting eye glasses for the Lions Club throughout the year.

There will be a box at the Extension office where you can drop off your donations.

Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom Contests

Entries Due January 6, 2025

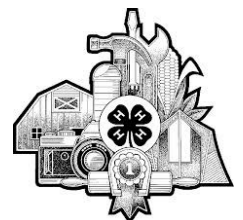
Theme: Aggie & Annie Discover Agriculture!

Categories:

- PreK-2nd grade – Coloring Contest
- 3rd-12th grade – Poster Contest
- 9th-12th grade – Photography Contest

Complete contest/entry information is available on the Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom website. <https://oklahoma.agclassroom.org/>

Be sure to note size and orientation requirements for each category.



OKLAHOMA CELEBRATION OF DEMOCRACY

Youth in grades 9-12 by January 1st, 2025 will explore the three branches of government, learn from experts in the civics field, participate in hands on planning of governmental events, and watch the peaceful transition of power in 2025 on January 20th, at the Grady County Extension office.

Space is limited to 35 youth. Applicants must have an ACTIVE status in ZSuites.

Complete the application below by **December 20th, 2024** and have the Extension educator sign.

The application can be found at:

<https://4h.okstate.edu/projects/civic-engagement/>

For more information, please contact Cathleen Taylor at the State 4-H Office.



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



Garfield County OSU Extension Office
will be closed
December 23, 2024 through January 1, 2025

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Enjoy the holidays with family and friends





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"Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact (Jessica Nickels, Extension Educator, 4-H) at (580-237-1228 or jessica.nickels@okstate.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event."

