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Charitable Gifts Have a Lasting Impact on 4-H Members

Oklahoma 4-H'ers have gained new skills, built confidence, made lifelong friends and created memories they'll be able to tell their grandchildren about, thanks in part to charitable giving to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. The Foundation is gearing up for its annual fundraiser of unrestricted funds and this year's theme is "It matters to me!"

"Our 4-H youth wouldn't have the opportunities they have without the generous charitable support of philanthropic donors," said Milford Jenkins, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation executive director. "This fundraising effort is another opportunity to further bolster the capacity of the 4-H Foundation to better serve Oklahoma's 4-H youth."

The Foundation's original fundraising goal was set at \$50,000 to be achieved through generous, unrestricted charitable contributions. If this goal is met, an anonymous donor will provide an additional \$20,000 unrestricted donation.

"In keeping with the theme 'It matters to me,' the Foundation has increased its original goal to \$75,000 to provide even more opportunities for our youth. These unrestricted funds play a crucial role in the Foundation's budget and our ability to provide more opportunities to 4-H club members," he said. "Charitable donations made through this campaign can be of a tax benefit, too."

These unrestricted funds are used in various ways and the impact is felt statewide. Just this year, the 4-H Foundation has provided \$7,500 for State 4-H Roundup and \$10,000 for the ATV Safety Training program, as well as \$25,000 to the state parent/volunteer leader program including the educational conference offered this summer. These unrestricted funds also help offset travel ex-

penses to educational activities such as Citizenship Washington Focus.

Jenkins said the 4-H Foundation also welcomes restricted funds that are used specifically how the donor wishes, whether for a certain activity or scholarship, to provide funding in a specific county or another aspect of 4-H the donor chooses to support.

"An even more meaningful and powerful way for individuals and couples working on estate plans and considering planned giving strategies with their financial advisors and legal counsel is to name the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation as a charitable beneficiary," he said.

At the State 4-H Roundup this past July, 4-H'ers were awarded nearly \$168,000 in educational scholarships, thanks to continuous support from donors

Bridger Arrington, state 4-H leadership council president, said the contributions made to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation don't go unnoticed.

"Many 4-H'ers have benefitted greatly from their donations, and on behalf of Oklahoma 4-H, we are very grateful," Arrington said.

Former 4-H'er Tori Booker is pursuing her doctoral degree in crop science with a concentration in cropping systems at Oklahoma State University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in agribusiness and plant and soil science. 4-H matters to her.

"The scholarships I received from the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation were extremely beneficial in obtaining a degree," Booker said. "Because of the scholarships, I attended OSU for my bachelor's degree with almost no cost. This enabled me to focus on my courses and make deeper connections in my de-

partment, which further provided me with an opportunity to continue my education in graduate school. I'm where I am today because of the generosity of the many donors who believe in the next generation. I have been so deeply impacted and I am inspired to be a donor one day."

Jenkins is available to visit with 4-H alumni and friends of the 4-H Youth Development program who are interested in contributing to 4-H. The establishment of permanent endowments, charitable provisions for 4-H in estate plans and giving outright cash gifts or appreciated securities annually are just a few of the charitable giving strategies available to donors who want to make a difference by supporting 4-H youth in Oklahoma.

Giving end-of-year charitable cash gifts to support 4-H youth is easy, simple and no different than any other time of the year. Simply write a check payable to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and mail it to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, 293 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078; visit the [Foundation's website](http://oklahoma4hfoundation.com) at oklahoma4hfoundation.com and click the Donate button; or call Jenkins on campus at 405-744-5390, or email him at milford.jenkins@okstate.edu.

"Every donation makes a difference in supporting club members and volunteers, pushing existing programs to new levels of success, stimulating the development of new programs and providing scholarships for pursuing higher education," Jenkins said. "Our 4-H'ers are rising to the challenge thanks to the generosity of our supporters. 4-H matters to all of us."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Horse Club	Nov 5
Robotics Club	Nov 6
OK Virtual Rally Dog	Nov 9
Cooking Club	Nov 12
Junky to Funky Craft Club	Nov 13
Sewing Club	Nov 14
4-H Has Talent	Nov 16
STEM Day	Nov 16
PLO	Nov 18
Lego Club	Nov 19
Cloverbuds	Nov 21
Ringing the Bells	Dec 4
Robotics	Dec 4
Holiday Goodies	Dec 7
Lego Club	Dec 10
Junky Funky	Dec 11
Sewing Club	Dec 12
Cooking Club	Dec 19



PLO meeting
November 18th
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

CLOVERBUDS

November 21st, at 4:30 pm.

Please sign up by November 14th.



COOKING CLUB

November 12th, at 4:30 pm.

Must sign-up by November 6th.

Remember we are cooking and practicing food safety.

Please have your child come with their hair pulled back!



LEGO CLUB

November 19th, at 4:15 pm.

Must sign up by Nov 13th.

Bring your favorite Lego item you have built.



SEWING CLUB

November 14th, at 4:00 pm. *Must sign up by November 8th.*

We will be making a reading pillow or travel pillow. We will end at 5:30 and finish the next month if needed.

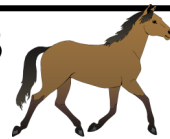
You will need:

- 1 yard of main fabric and ½ yard of coordinating fabric (OR you can make it all out of the same fabric and use 1 yard) Fabric needs to be cotton.
- 18 inch pillow form
- Coordinating thread

Also, you ALWAYS need your sewing kit.

HORSE CLUB

November 5th, at 5:30
 at the Extension
 office.



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

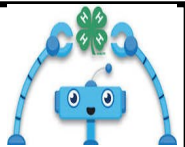
Come learn something new!

Join the GroupMe!



ROBOTICS CLUB

November 6th, at 4:00.
 at the Extension office.



Come learn about 3-D printers!

Join the GroupMe!



JUNKY TO FUNKY CRAFT CLUB

November 13th @ 4:30. *Must sign up by November 6th.*

Remember to bring a fruit or vegetable can with both ends removed and rinsed.



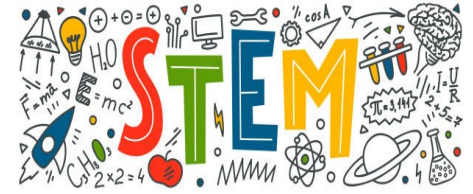
STEM Day - November 16, 2024

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 through 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.

There is a registration fee of \$10 to cover a T-shirt, meals and other supplies.

Registration is available on **ZSuite** until Oct. 31 or until filled. Participation is limited to the first 100 who sign up.



Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom Contests – Entries Due January 6, 2025

Theme: Aggie & Annie Discover Agriculture!

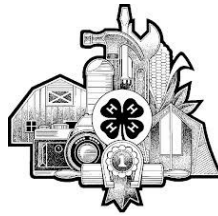
Categories:

- 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.



Tuesday Tool Time: Parent-Volunteer Continuing Education

4-H Record Books bring lots of questions. Most questions are answered with youth and families planning and carrying out quality project work.

Register now for our next Tuesday Tool Time webinar, Set the Record Straight, on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJOof-6urDspEtN7GQKZIWBX_xwVB5F6v4Ai#/registration



Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development
Tuesday Tool Time

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



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.

“4-H HAS TALENT” CONTEST
November , 2024 @ AM
Glenwood Elementary
(Entry form due November , 2024)

ENTRY FORM

NAME OR CLUB

Individual

JR.

SR.

Cloverbud

Groups

Small

Large

Cloverbud

TITLE OF ACT

MUSIC

NOVELTY

DRAMATIC

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

**REMEMBER ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ENROLLED 30 DAYS
BEFORE CONTEST**

Junior 3rd – 7th grades

Senior 8th – 12th grades

Small and Large Groups are divided into 4-H Age and Cloverbud Age



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Just a reminder that our office will be closed November 28 & 29, 2024 for Thanksgiving! Hope you and your family have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.