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4-H CLUBS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE OF ORANGE

While green is the traditional color associated with the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program, clubs in all 77 counties will be seeing orange as they take part in the State of Orange project slated April 13.

“State of Orange is a statewide, collaborative effort of Oklahoma State University to engage in a day of meaningful service,” said Cathleen Taylor, State Leadership and Civic Engagement Specialist with the State 4-H office.

“Civic engagement and service learning are the cornerstones of the 4-H program. The time and effort club members put out each year is immeasurable,” Taylor said. “They’ve given millions of hours to their communities all across the state. This opportunity fits right into our programming.”

4-H clubs from around the state are encouraged to participate in a community service project in conjunction with State of Orange this spring.

Taylor said, “This is a great opportunity for 4-H volunteers to plan and implement an activity at the local level. One example is to plant a fruit or nut tree in a local park or community garden.”

“Think about all of the community service opportunities available in the county. We encourage 4-H

clubs to reach out to other local and county organizations such as *Master Gardeners* or *Oklahoma Home and Community Education* groups,” she said. “The more people who come together in this effort, the bigger the impact that can be made.”

4-H’ers from all 77 counties are working on the Change for Change project and have set a goal of raising \$12,000 for the Children’s Health Foundation.

A community service or civic engagement project for State of Orange could be another way for club members to raise funds to help meet the statewide goal. Volunteers and club members are encouraged to plan and implement their activity at the local level.

Currently, there are nearly 11,000 youth enrolled in community clubs; and of those, 437 are enrolled in the civic engagement or citizenship project.

Community service doesn’t end after this event is complete. Taylor encourages club members to discover what they like to do and find additional ways to give back to their communities by turning what they enjoy into service-learning opportunities.

“Taking part in this type of opportunity helps bring home the life

skills that are taught in the 4-H Youth Development program.

It provides a sense of generosity and giving back. It also helps our club members understand how they are connected to their community and how much of an impact they can have,” she said.

State of Orange is a great opportunity to show how 4-H and OSU Extension are vital parts of every community across the state; and how 4-H is connected to OSU.

“In addition, forming partnerships with other like-minded organizations within the community is a win-win for everyone involved. State of Orange can help us live the 4-H motto ‘To make the best better.’”

More information about how to register your county’s event will be available soon.

For more information contact:

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Leadership Summit	Mar. 1-2
Horse Club	Mar. 5
Robotics	Mar. 6
PLO	Mar. 18
Cooking Club	Mar. 21
Sewing Club	Mar. 25
Cloverbuds	Mar. 27

Dress Revue/Impressive Dress	Apr. 3
District Duds to Dazzle Contest	Apr. 6
Project Success Curriculum #1	Apr. 23

4-H Public Speaking Contest May 3

Capitol Camp	June 12-13
4-H Camp	June 12-14



PLO meeting to be held on March 18th, at 5:30, at the Extension office

2023 24 COUNTY OFFICERS

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- ◆ V. President Bailey Nickels
- ◆ Secretary Shelbi Prince
- ◆ Reporter Joe Sharp
- ◆ Recreation Leader Monte McReynolds
- ◆ Executive Josiah Benson

SEWING CLUB

Sewing Club will be March 25th at 4:00 pm. Must sign-up by March 18th. Supply list will be sent.



CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds will be March 27th at 4:30 pm. Please sign up by March 20th.



COOKING CLUB

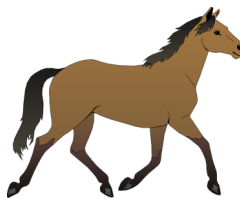
Cooking Club will meet March 21st at 4:30 pm. Must sign-up by March 14th.

Remember we are cooking and practicing food safety. Please have your child come with their hair pulled back!



HORSE CLUB

The next horse club meeting will be March 5th, at 5:30 pm 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

Interested in coding and robotics?



Come to the next robotics club meeting March 6th, at 4:30 pm, at the Extension office.

Join the GroupMe!



2024 BE THE BEST IN OKLAHOMA 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Members may only participate in either the prerecorded video contest or the in-person contest, but not both. Youth are limited to one (1) presentation.

Due to rising costs of awards: A \$5 registration fee per participant in both the prerecorded video and the in-person contest is requested mailed to:
Pontotoc County 4-H
1700 N. Broadway
Ada, OK 74820

Please note the participant name(s) along with the registration fee.
No refunds. Families will enter themselves.

Pre-Recorded Video entries are due on or before Friday, May 3.

Entries should be submitted at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/210336187529155>

In-Person entries are due on or before Friday, May 3. Entries should be submitted by postal mail using the provided entry form/scoresheet.

Contest date and location: Saturday, May 18, Pontotoc County Extension Office/
Agridex – Ada.

For entry form, please contact the office.



CAPITOL CAMP JUNE 12-13, 2024

OFB's Capitol Camp brings together incoming high school juniors and seniors from FFA and 4-H to learn about the Oklahoma legislative process and how a bill becomes a law.

Students will have the opportunity to write and discuss a piece of legislation about an issue important to them.

Sitting on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and debating bills before your fellow representatives is an experience you will not want to miss!

If you would like to register, please contact the office.

District Duds To Dazzle Contest April 6th in Cordell

Duds to Dazzle is a contest where youth can showcase their sewing and design skills. There are 3 age divisions:

All grades are as of August 1, 2023:

Juniors – Grades 3 – 6

Intermediates – Grades 7 – 9

Senior – Grades 10 – 12.

Each team must supply their own sewing machine and equipment box.

Design categories: There will be three categories in each age division:

Wearable — Accessory/Jewelry — Non-Wearable.

Teams will be randomly assigned to a category, but assignments will not be announced until check-in on the day of contest.

Wearable is clothing that is suitable to be worn by people or pets. Ex: shirt, coat, vest, dress, costume, leggings, swimsuit cover, etc.

Accessory/Jewelry is an article or set of articles that can be added to an outfit to make it more useful, versatile, or attractive. Ex: apron, earrings, purse, headband, hat, belt, necklace, etc.

Non-Wearable is an item that is not suitable to be worn. Ex: pillow, towel, jewelry pouch, cellphone or iPad case, stuffed animal, doll clothes, Christmas stocking, etc.

If you are interested in this contest, please register at the Extension office. Cost is \$10 per team.

4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME



For Volunteers, Parents and Extension Professionals

Below is information for 2024 continuing education for volunteers, parents, and Extension professionals' courtesy of the Oklahoma 4-H Volunteer Board. All sessions are on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Each session has its own registration link. These are on zoom.

2024 Quarterly Schedule and Registration Links:

April 23 – Registration for “Project” Success: A Curriculum Smorgasbord #1 – Forestry, Wildlife, Outdoor Skills

https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvceiuqDgvGtldoL_4IirED4s2INghCuFy#/registration

June 25 – Registration for “Project” Success: A Curriculum Smorgasbord #2 – 4-H Cooking 101-401, Hobbies/Textiles Design and Construction, and Electric Excitement

<https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqceisqjkiH9RV0pPFcvthr-ZPxQdRhHvK#/registration>

October 22 – Register for Set the Record Straight 4-H Record Books bring lots of questions. Most are answered with planning quality project work.

https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0of-6urDspEtN7GQKZIWBX_xwVB5F6v4Ai#/registration

4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors – Ruth Pratt

Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports is founded on Education with components of Recreation and Competition. In order to build on the Foundation of Education, Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports is accepting applications for a teen leadership opportunity through the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program.

This program will be taking applications again until April 8, 2024 for youth who will be in the 9th-12th grade for the school year 2024-2025.

If you are interested in applying, please let Jessica know.

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.



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-book-and-scholarship-info.html>



SAVE THE DATE! 4-H SUMMER CAMP IS JUNE 12-14!

Camp is changing this year! New location and new counties camping together! Summer 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 12-14, at Cedar Hills Campground in Binger, OK! If you only heard about the fun we had last year, wait until you hear what we have in store for you this year! To give you an idea, we're partnering with SEVEN other counties to make your camping experience go through the roof! Camp registration will be in the April newsletter.

HEY CAMP COUNSELORS! We need you to register NOW if you want to be a counselor!

This year counselors will come the evening of June 11th to prepare for campers!

If you would like to be a camp counselor, complete the application today. Counselor Applications are due April 1. You must be finishing the 8th grade and currently enrolled in 4-H. Counselors must be available to participate in a camp-wide interactive Zoom training on April 22 at 6-8 PM.

Camp cost for counselors is \$50.

NAME:

GRADE on

Jan. 1, 2024:

T-SHIRT SIZE:

ALLERGIES:

UPDATED MEDICAL FORM ON Z-SUITES:

YES

County Impressive Dress and Fashion Review

Contest will be April 3 at 6:00 at the Extension office. For rules, please see pages 28-30.

Entries due March 27.

All sewn garments entered in the Fashion Review portion must be at the office for judging by 4:00 on April 3.

IMPRESSIVE DRESS ENTRY

APRIL 3, 2024

(ENTRIES DUE MARCH 27, 2024)

YOU MAY ENTER ONLY 2 CLASSES

NAME	CLUB
CLOVERBUD	ACTIVE/CASUAL
BEGINNING (3 RD – 5 TH)	DRESS WEAR
INTERMEDIATE (6 TH – 8 TH)	FORMAL WEAR
ADVANCED (9 TH – 12 TH)	
CONSUMER BUYING CLASS (6 TH – 12 TH) MUST HAVE RECEIPTS	

FASHION REVUE ENTRY

SEWN ITEMS THAT MATCH COUNTY AND STATE FAIR CLASSES
UNDER APPAREL FOR APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP

BEGINNING (3RD – 5TH)

INTERMEDIATE (6TH – 8TH)

ADVANCED (9TH – 12TH)

**NARRATIVES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY
PLEASE ATTACH TO ENTRY FORM**

Example: “Chris Clover is modeling a green button-down oxford shirt and khaki pants. He accents his outfit with brown loafers and a brown belt. Chris wears this outfit to church. He says he chose this shirt because he likes the color green. Chris is a member of the XYZ 4-H Club and is an 8th grader at Enid Middle School.”



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