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4-H'ers Compete in National Shooting Sports Competition

A group of Oklahoma 4-H'ers and volunteers were among representatives from 40 states participating in the 2025 Shooting Sport National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Oklahoma's delegation was 45 members strong, including 36 club members and nine volunteers, said Ruth Pratt, Oklahoma State University Extension Specialist and Statewide Coordinator for the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

"This is the major shooting sports competition in the nation," Pratt said. "Our 4-H members work hard and set goals year after year to be a part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports team. We send the top four participants from our qualifying contests to the national competition, where they compete against the best youth from around the country. We'd set a goal of being able to take a full team of 36 and we were able to meet that goal in the qualification events."

In all, 740 youth, ages 14-18, from 40 states participated in the competition. As a team, Oklahoma placed eighth. The shotgun-trap team placed first and the shotgun team placed fifth.

"Our delegates had a full schedule while in Nebraska competing, and

they learned so much and had a chance to make new friends," she said. "I'm so proud of them and their hard work to make it to this national competition."

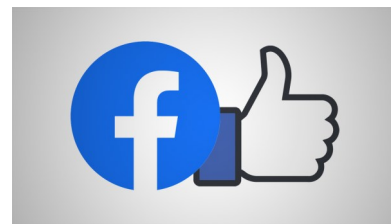
As with other 4-H clubs and teams, human growth and development is the primary focus of the Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports program. Participants can use the life skills they've learned in all areas of life.

"All of our shooting sports coaches are certified and go through extensive training to prepare them for introducing safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment to Oklahoma youth," Pratt said. "These leaders also help instill self-discipline, sportsmanship, ethical behavior and an appreciation for the outdoors."

Contact Pratt at 405-744-8886 or ruth.pratt@okstate.edu to learn more about the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

"It's all about education, positive youth development, working with caring adult volunteers and having fun," she said.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Shooting Sports Instructor
Training Registration Due Aug. 4
County Record Books Due Aug. 4
Back to School Bash Aug. 5
ZZZ's Under Seas Reg Due Aug. 15
Shooting Sports Instructor
Training Aug. 16-17

Junky to Funky Sep. 4
Robotics Sep. 10
Garfield County Fair Sep. 11-14
Oklahoma State Fair Sep. 12-21
Lego Club Sep. 16
Cooking Club Sep. 24
Sewing Club Sep. 25
Tulsa State Fair Sep. 25-Oct. 5

Achievement Reception Oct. 5
Dist. Leadership Conf. Oct. 15 - 17
Tuesday Tool Time Oct. 28



TULSA STATE FAIR DEADLINES

August 1, 2025: Livestock & Horse Show Entries Open

August 25, 2025: Livestock & Horse Show Entry Deadline

September 5, 2025: Contest Deadline

September 5, 2025: Livestock & Horse Show Late Entry Deadline

September 8, 2025: Late Contest Entry Deadline

September 19, 2025: 4-H & FFA Competitive Exhibits Entry Deadline

September 22, 2025: Junior Livestock Show Substitution Deadline

FAIR DATES: SEPT. 25—OCT. 5

QUESTIONS:

**Michelle Helm, Agribusiness Event
Coordinator
(918) 744-1113 x2051
(918) 744-1113 x2012**



**PLO meeting
August 18
5:30**

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 10 - 14.

Entries: Online starting Aug. 1 - Aug. 22.

State Fair Dates: Sept. 12- Sept. 21

OYE: (405) 235-0404



2025-26 COUNTY OFFICERS

- ♦ President— Shelbi Prince
- ♦ V. President— Joe Sharp
- ♦ Secretary— Bailey Nickels
- ♦ Reporter— Sydnee Prince
- ♦ Recreation Leader— Bentley Wickersham
- ♦ Executives — Jayton Zimmerman & Lindy Pitts

JUNIOR RECORD BOOKS

DUE TO 4-H OFFICE: August 4, 2025.

The form for the junior record book is located on our

Garfield County website:

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



2025-2026 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the new 4-H year will begin August 1, 2025

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

4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME

4-H TUESDAY
TOOL TIME



For Volunteers, Parents and Extension Professionals

2025 Quarterly Webinars
6:30 – 7:30

Registration Necessary

October 28 – Project Leaders and Project Groups Spark Interest



Registration Link

SEWING CLUB SEPTEMBER 25 @ 4:00

MUST sign up by September 19.

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

Also, you ALWAYS need your sewing kit.



COOKING CLUB SEPTEMBER 24 @ 4:30

Must sign-up by March 20th.

Remember we are cooking and practicing food safety.

Please have your child's hair pulled back!



LEGO CLUB SEPTEMBER 16 @ 4:15

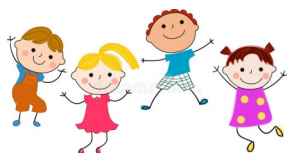
Will be held at the Extension office.

Must sign up by September 9.



CLOVERBUDS

No meeting for September.



ROBOTICS CLUB SEPTEMBER 10 @ 4:00

Interested in coding and robotics?

Come to the next robotics club meeting at the Extension office.



JUNKY TO FUNKY CRAFT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 4 @ 4:30

Must sign up by August 28.

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CAPITOL CAMP SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2025



Capitol Camp is an immersive two-day experience for incoming high school juniors and seniors to learn about Oklahoma's legislative process and how bills become law through a mock legislature held on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Sponsored and put on by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, this camp proves to be a premier event to educate youth through hands-on methods about the government and legislative process.

Before the camp, students will have the opportunity to write a piece of legislation about an issue important to them with help from mentors through informative Zoom calls.

Capitol Camp will be Sept. 3-4, 2025, and applications are available now and due on Aug. 15 to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

For more information or the application, please visit:

[Application Center | Oklahoma Farm Bureau.](#)

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

Certification Training for 4-H Adult Volunteers in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is one of the largest 4-H programs in the nation. Community-based and family-oriented, it offers a diverse curriculum that not only helps young people develop good citizenship, personal responsibility, and leadership skills but also teaches shooting safety and gun owner responsibility. Leaders will be trained to help youth learn self-discipline, sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and an appreciation for the great outdoors.

Training Dates: August 16-17, 2025

Location: Fairview, OK – Major County Fairgrounds and Historical Society

Cost: \$100, registration fee covers instructor manual, class materials, meals, snacks, and insurance.

Courses: Shotgun, Archery, Rifle/Pistol, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, Western Heritage

Registration fee must be paid online or to County OSU Extension Office by August 4, 2025.

Requirements:

- ♦ Shooting Sports Instructor Training participants must be a certified 4-H Volunteer in their home county.
- ♦ All adults serving as county coaches in any discipline or as the county coordinator of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program must complete and pass the entire training in their discipline or as a coordinator and the Youth Development/Risk Management component.
- ♦ The instructor in each class reserves the right to NOT certify a person if he/she feels the candidate will not be a competent instructor or coordinator.

An Adult Medical Form 4 is required for each participant.

We highly recommend you complete &/or update the Medical Health form in your ZSuite volunteer enrollment.

Registration - <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/39987>



EVER DREAMED OF DREAMING WITH THE SHARKS OR SEA TURTLES?

Come join us at the Aquarium for our **ZZZs Under the Seas** overnight event!

You will get to see thousands of salt and freshwater fish and animals.

See the LARGEST bull sharks in captivity through a one-of-a-kind walk-through tunnel, plus thousands of other captivating creatures including sea turtles, sea-horses, jellyfish and eels. If sharks aren't your idea of a relaxing night's sleep, then feel free to slumber in any of our other approved areas.

The fun-filled night begins with check-in at 6:30 p.m. , on Friday, Sept, 5, and includes a light snack, drinks, self-guided tour, a movie and then sweet sea-themed dreams. A light breakfast is provided before you depart at 7:30am, on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Youth must be accompanied by a chaperone who is at least 21 years old.

Chaperones are not provided.

Registration for this event is limited to 150 participants, first come/first served.

Registration will close on August 15, 2025, or once capacity is reached, whichever comes first.

Who can attend?

Everyone is invited to participate in this event, even non-4-H members. Please see the links below for online registration. All participants will need to register online and have a current health form uploaded to their ZSuite account, this includes all adult chaperones at least 21 years old. Chaperones are not provided.

Date:

September 5-6, 6:30PM – 7:30AM

Location:

Oklahoma Aquarium
300 Aquarium Dr
Jenks, OK 74037

Cost:

\$50 per person*

Registration fees will be paid on Zsuite using a credit card.

*Refunds will not be given to those who have registered and cannot attend.

ZZZ's Under the Seas Registration Links:

System Registration Link (4-H members and certified volunteers):

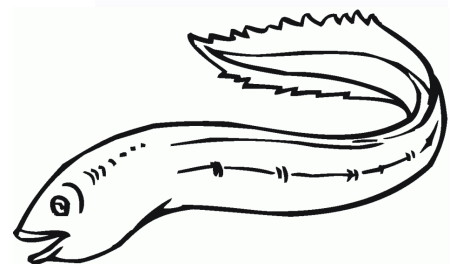
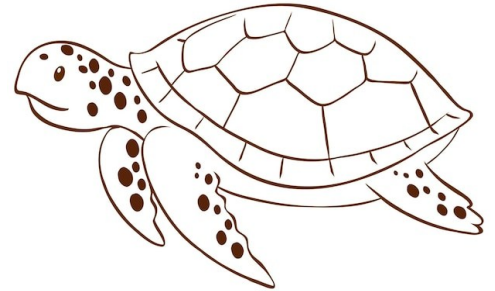
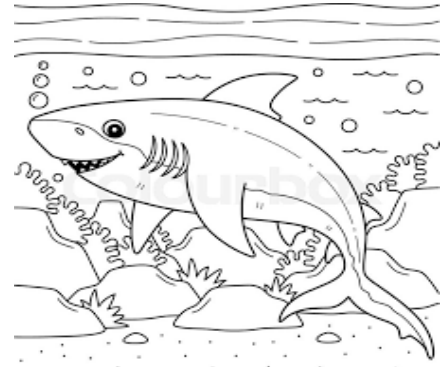
<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/40776>

External Registration Link (non- 4-H members and adults):

<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/40776>

For more information about the event, please visit the website:

<https://4h.okstate.edu/events/zzz-under-the-seas/>



PROJECT CLUBS ARE STARTING BACK!

Cloverbuds: Oct.. - April – Last Wednesday of the month. Exceptions: Nov 20 / Dec 15.

Cooking Club: Sept. - April – @ 4:30 Dates: Sep 24 / Oct 7 / Nov 11 / Dec 18 / Jan 29 / Feb 26 / Mar 26 / Apr 30.

Junky to Funky Craft Club: Sept. - April - 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 4:30. Exceptions: Sep 4 / Oct 6 / Mar 9.

Lego Club: Sept. - April – 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 4:30. Exceptions: Mar 24/ Dec 9.

Robotics Club: Sept. – April - 1st Wednesday of the month @ 4:15. Exceptions: Sep 10 / Apr 2.

LIVESTOCK, CONSUMER & FCS SKILL-A-THON JUDGING September 3, 1:00 - 6:00

Livestock, Consumer, and the FCS Skill-a-thon will be set up to judge at the extension office.

This is a come and go and a great way to test your knowledge. All are encouraged to participate.



GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR Wed. Sept. 10 - Sun. Sept. 14 Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid



Changes for 2025 County Fair

There will be a few changes in the fair due to the fair date changing that will affect 4-H entries only. In order to have 4-H entries judged so they can be entered in the state fair, we will judge entries the week before the county fair.

September 3: ALL 4-H entries due to Expo Center for judging by 6:00. 4-H food entries may still arrive on September 5 by 9:30.

September 3: Consumer Judging, FCS Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Skill-a-thon will be open 1-6 at the County Extension office.

September 4: 4-H Exhibit judging and building will be open from 3-7 for viewing of judged items.

September 10: ALL OPEN Class entries due to the fair by 6:00 for judging on September 11.

All 1st place 4-H items will be collected and taken to the OK State Fair on September 10 by our office and will not be on display during the county fair. 4-H entries need to be entered through the Expo Center by August 27 at 5:00PM.

The newspaper will no longer be printing the 4-H portion of the county fair. The 4-H entry information can be found online at the Chisholm Trail Expo website and copies will be available at the Extension office mid-July.



ANNUAL



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

COME CELEBRATE THE START OF SCHOOL AND INVITE A FRIEND TO GET THEM INTERESTED IN JOINING 4-H!



WHERE: KREMLIN POOL

August 5th
6:00 - 8:00

FREE SWIMMING
PIZZA COOKIES &
DRINKS PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR
YOUTHS' COUNTY SERVICE PROJECTS:
RAZORS * SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS *
SHAVING CREAM * TOOTHBRUSHES
TOOTHPASTE * DEODORANT *
*** BIRTHDAY PLATES & NAPKINS**



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