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Oklahoma 4-H Youth Invited to Participate in Junior Governor Program

Oklahoma 4-H'ers in fourth through sixth grade will have the opportunity to learn about the government, develop leadership skills and explore the democratic process during the [Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor](#) program, scheduled for Nov. 7 on the [Oklahoma State University](#) campus in Stillwater.

The one-day civic engagement event introduces youth to the three branches of government through hands-on workshops and interactive activities. Participants will learn how state government works, explore the legislative process and discover ways they can become involved in their communities.

"With civics no longer being required in schools, it is becoming even more important for 4-H members to learn about government and the processes that go hand in hand with government so they start to understand how state government works for them and how they can be involved," said Cathleen Taylor, Oklahoma 4-H Leadership and Civic Engagement Specialist.

Throughout the day, 4-H'ers will take part in activities designed to bring government to life. Youth will learn how a bill becomes a law, explore the responsibilities of elected officials and gain firsthand experience with the election process.

Fifth-grade participants will have the opportunity to run for offices within the program. Candidates will select a platform they are passionate about, develop campaign messages and share their ideas with fellow 4-H'ers before participating in an election.

Participants will vote to elect an Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and cabinet members. Those elected will serve as Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor officers throughout the coming year and will be formally inaugurated during a ceremony at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

"The 4-H members who run for office have to choose a platform they are passionate about and share their ideas for making an impact on the issue with the other members," Taylor said. "The other members then can be inspired to become involved in their communities as well."

Taylor said this type of program helps 4-H'ers develop skills that will benefit them long after the event concludes.

"Experiences like Junior Governor give youth a safe place to practice their public speaking skills, learn leadership development and learn life skills beyond their regular 4-H

meetings," she said. "These skills help prepare youth to not only be future leaders, but also to take on roles in their clubs, schools and communities, and become even more involved in Oklahoma 4-H."

The Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor program is presented by Oklahoma 4-H and the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy. Registration will be available through ZSuite beginning Sept. 1. For more information, contact a local [OSU Extension office](#).



DATES TO REMEMBER

Junky to Funky	Sep 2
Livestock, Consumer, FCS Judging	Sep 9
Garfield County Fair	Sep 9-14
Horse Club	Sep 14
Lego Club	Sep 15
Oklahoma State Fair	Sep 17-27
Sewing Club	Sep 17
PLO	Sep 21
Cloverbuds	Sep 23
Cooking Club	Sep 24

Tulsa State Fair	Oct 1-11
Achievement Reception	Oct 4
Dist. Leadership Conf.	Oct 14-16
Horse Play Day	Oct 24

PLO
September 21
5:30

2026-27 COUNTY OFFICERS

- ♦ President— Joe Sharp
- ♦ V. President— Bailey Nickels
- ♦ Secretary— Bentley Wickersham
- ♦ Reporter— Lindy Pitts
- ♦ Recreation Leader—Sydney Prince

CLOVERBUDS

September 23 @ 4:30 pm.
Must sign up by September 16.



COOKING CLUB

September 24 @ 4:30 pm. *Must sign up by September 17.*
Remember we are cooking and practicing food safety.
Please have your child come with their hair pulled back!



SEWING CLUB

September 17 @ 4:00 pm. *Must sign up by September 10.*
We will be making a rope bowl. All you need to bring is your favorite color of thread.
Also, you ALWAYS need your sewing kit.



JUNKY TO FUNKY CRAFT CLUB

September 2 @ 4:30 pm. *Must sign up by August 26.*
Please bring a tin can or 2 and make a pencil holder.



HORSE CLUB

September 14 @ 4:00 at the Extension office.
You don't have to own a horse to be in horse club.
Come learn something new!



LEGO CLUB

September 15 @ 4:00 pm.
Bring your favorite Lego creation.
Must sign up by September 8



ACHIEVEMENT RECEPTION October 4 @ 2:30 Covington Fire Station

Anyone that turned in a Record Book, Standard of Achievement form, or competed in the FCS Skill-a-thon, Livestock Skill-a-thon, or Consumer Judging will be recognized.



Tulsa State Fair Deadlines

September 9, 2026: Livestock & Horse Show Late Entry Deadline

FAIR DATES: OCT. 1 - OCT. 11

Oklahoma State Fair

September 17 - 20, 2026

STATE FAIR DATES: Sept. 17- Sept. 27



Get to know our new Ag Educator!

Angela Hurst has a passion for extension, farmer education, and community outreach.

Raised in rural Oklahoma, she got her start in agriculture raising meat rabbits through 4-H - a simple beginning that sparked a lifelong commitment to food and nutrition security.

She went on to earn a B.S. in Animal Science and an M.S. in International Agriculture, shaping her expertise in global farming systems, sustainable food production, and community resilience.

Angela believes that sustainability is not one-size-fits-all — it must be adapted to each individual farm, its land, its people, and its mission.

Her experience stretches across Oklahoma, Uganda, Michigan, and New Mexico, where she has worked with farmers, ranchers, 4-H students, and agricultural organizations to improve soil health, livestock systems, conservation practices, and access to nutritious food.

Angela loves teaching, learning, and working side-by-side with producers. She's excited to come back home to Oklahoma and continue working with community members to build sustainable solutions that will last for generations to come.



GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR September 9-13 Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid



September 9: ALL 4-H entries due to Expo Center for judging by 6:00. 4-H food entries may still arrive on September 10 by 10:00.

September 9: Consumer Judging, FCS Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Skill-a-thon will be open 1-6 at the County Extension office.

September 13: Pick up items at 4:30

September 14: Premium Sale

Please call the office if you have any questions.

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

2026-2027 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the new 4-H year began August 1, 2026.

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. Enroll at: 4h.zsuite.org

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

4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME



2026 Quarterly Webinars

6:30 – 7:30

Registration Necessary

November 3 — STEM in Your Club and Project Areas

December 1 — Next Steps of Leadership



Registration Link

Nature Navigators: Wellness in the Wild - Fall Season

Are you ready to step outside, breathe in the crisp fall air and make memories in nature?

Join us for Nature Navigators: Wellness in the Wild, - Fall Season 4-H adventure that combines the outdoors, healthy living, and fun.

Register through **ZSuite** to receive all of the educational resources, activity guides, and challenges designed to help youth explore Oklahoma's great outdoors.

This season's activities include taking a hike or other outdoor challenge; educational exploration; nature craft; healthy recipes; mindful minutes; and nature journaling or reflection.

Whether your family enjoys hiking, camping, bird watching, fishing, or simply spending time outside, Nature Navigators offers fun and meaningful ways to connect with nature while building confidence and outdoor skills.

Stay curious, stay active and enjoy your wild wellness adventure!

Need to verify date when registration opens and what the deadline is.

**NATURE
NAVIGATORS**
WELLNESS IN THE WILD



HORSE PLAY DAY

October 24, Garfield County Outdoor Arena

Please see the Horse Club GroupMe for more information.

Here is the link to view the Horse Club Newsletter:

<https://canva.link/35zlvh8irubkj8a>



LIVESTOCK, CONSUMER & FCS SKILL-A-THON JUDGING

September 9, 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.

TRAP PRACTICE

Trap practice will be starting soon.

Stay up to date with information on the Shooting Sports GroupMe.



ARCHERY COACH NEEDED

Our County is currently without an archery coach.

If you are interested in being an archery coach, please let the office know ASAP.

There are limited coach trainings throughout the year.

SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY COURSE



ALL new and returning shooting sports members and coaches will need to complete a shooting sports safety course **EACH** year.



This can be completed through your family ZSuite account under the "Clover Academy".

This must be completed before practicing.

The OK Hunter's education is no longer required to participate but is **STRONGLY** encouraged to complete as an additional safety measure.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

4-H Standard of Achievement (for One Year's Work)

Due October 1, 2026

NAME _____ CLUB _____

THESE EVENTS COVER OCTOBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

Leader's Signature _____

DO NOT USE AN EVENT MORE THAN ONE TIME

	Green Clover ✓	Bronze Clover ✓	Silver Clover ✓	Gold Clover ✓	Double Gold Clover ✓
Attend at least four (4) 4-H Club meetings.					
Participate in 2 county 4-H events or activities. 1. _____ 2. _____					
Exhibit a project in county fair or stock show					
Give one county or two club demonstrations or talks. List _____					
Help another 4-H member with their 4-H projects.					
Submit county 4-H record book.					
Enrolled 3 years in 4-H.					
Give 2 demonstrations/ speeches. 1. COUNTY _____ 1 county AND 1 district OR State 2. DISTRICT or STATE _____					
Participate in 1 district activity or event. List _____					
Teach 1 workshop/ lesson at local 4-H club or county program. List _____					
Give 4-H talk to a non 4-H group (civic club). List _____					
Participate in 4 more county 4-H events and/or activities not listed above. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____					
Organize a community service project. List details on back. (who, what, when, where)					
Attend State 4-H Roundup as a delegate.					
Submit state record book.					
Set up educational display at a district and/or state event. List _____					
Radio/television/social media appearance/video reaching 1,000+ promoting 4-H. List _____					
Participate in 6 more county 4-H events and/or activities not listed above. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____					
Participate in 3 state 4-H events and/or activities. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____					
Participate in an out-of-state 4-H event or activity. List _____					

REPORT EACH EVENT ONE TIME ONLY!

Ex. of county events: Back to School Bash, judging contests, National Youth Science Night, workshops, summer camp, science club, sewing club, robotics practices, shooting sport practices (count each discipline once). You may only count each project club for 1 event.

Ex. of civic groups: Lions, Rotary, Kiwanas, county farm organizations, OHCE groups, school boards, etc.

Garfield County 4-H T-Shirt Order Form

Kick off the new 4-H Year right with a brand new 4-H T-Shirt!! Shirt will be gray softstyle.

Front across chest



Back of shirt



Order Deadline

September 25th, 2026

Payment Details

\$15 per shirt

Cash or Checks are accepted

Please make checks payable to Garfield County 4-H

Please Indicate Size with the quantity number in the box

Youth Sizes

XS	S	M	L

Adult Sizes

XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL

TOTAL # OF SHIRTS _____ X \$15 each = _____ Amount

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Money and form are due on or before September 25th, 2026 to the Garfield
County Extension Office



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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."

