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Oklahoma 4-H'ers Compete at Shooting Sports National Championships

Oklahoma 4-H'ers showcased their skills on the national stage during the 2026 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, earning multiple team and individual top-10 finishes against some of the nation's best competitors.

A delegation of 43 Oklahomans, including 34 club members and nine volunteers, traveled to Grand Island, Nebraska, for the annual event. The competition drew 775 youth ages 14 to 18 from 42 states.

Oklahoma finished eighth overall and qualified for the sweepstakes award, 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."

The Oklahoma shotgun team led the state's team performances, placing third on Day 2, second on Day 3 and second overall. The hunting skills team placed fifth on Day 2, while recurve archery and air rifle each earned fifth-place finishes on Day 3.

Several Oklahoma 4-H'ers also posted strong individual perfor-

mances.

In shotgun competition, Garrett Schoonover of Logan County placed third on Day 1 and third overall. Clay Culver of Craig County placed first on Day 2 and finished fourth overall, while Kooper Pryor of Jackson County placed 10th on Day 3 and ninth overall.

Eli Bensch of Garfield County placed second on Day 2 in .22 rifle. In recurve archery, Blake Duncan of Pawnee County placed first on Day 3 and finished ninth overall. Paige Kelly of Creek County placed ninth on Day 3 in air rifle.

"Our delegates had a full schedule while in Nebraska competing, and they learned so much and had a chance to make new friends," Pratt said. "I'm so proud of each of them and their hard work to make it to this national competition."

Like other Oklahoma 4-H programs, shooting sports emphasizes personal growth and development. Participants build life skills that can be used 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."

Pratt said the program's focus extends beyond scores and competition.

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

For more information about [Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports](#), contact Ruth Pratt at 405-744-8886 or ruth.pratt@okstate.edu.



DATES TO REMEMBER

County Record Books Due	Aug 3
Back to School Bash	Aug 4
Horse Club	Aug 10
PLO	Aug 17

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

PLO
August 17
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.*

Instructions will be emailed.

Also, you ALWAYS need your sewing kit.



JUNKY TO FUNKY CRAFT CLUB

September 2 @ 4:30 pm. *Must sign up by August 26.*

COUNTY RECORD BOOKS DUE

DUE TO 4-H OFFICE: August 3, 2026

The form for the junior record book is located on our Garfield County website:

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



HORSE CLUB

August 10 @ 4:00 and

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 @ 4:30 pm.

Must sign up by September 8



TULSA STATE FAIR DEADLINES

July 10, 2026: Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadline

Aug 1 2026: Livestock & Horse Show Entries Open

August 28, 2026: Livestock & Horse Show Entry Deadline

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

FAIR DATES: OCT. 1 - OCT. 11



Oklahoma State Fair

September 17 - 20, 2026

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

State Fair Dates: Sept. 17- Sept. 27

OYE: (405) 235-0404

If you or your club would like to do an interactive booth at the State Fair, sign up here:

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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 will begin 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

August 4 — Volunteer & Leadership Development—TBD

November 3 — STEM in Your Club and Project Areas

December 1 — Next Steps of Leadership



Registration Link

Nature Navigators Summer Edition is Open

Summer is the perfect time to unplug, head outdoors, and create lasting memories with your family through

Nature Navigators Summer Edition!

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 encourage youth to learn outdoor safety and preparedness, build a simple first aid kit, explore pollinators, participate in nature scavenger hunts, and reflect on their experiences through nature journaling.

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.

As you embark on your summer adventures, don't forget to stay safe by drinking plenty of water, wearing sunblock, checking the weather, and bringing the essentials for a successful day outdoors.

Adventure awaits. Grab your family, lace up your shoes, and discover all that nature has to offer through



PROJECT CLUBS ARE STARTING BACK!

Cloverbuds: Sep. - Apr. @ 4:30 4th Wednesday of the month . **Exceptions:** Nov TBD / Dec TBD.

Cooking Club: Sep. - Apr. @ 4:30 4th Thursday of the month . **Exceptions:** Nov 19 / Dec 17.

Sewing Club: Sep - Apr @ 4:00 **Dates:** Sep 17 / Oct 6 / Nov 3 / Dec 10 / Jan 7 / Feb 2 / Mar 2 / Apr 6.

Junky to Funky Craft Club: Sep. - Apr. @ 4:30 1st Wednesday of the month . **Exceptions:** Apr 14.

Horse Club: Aug. - April -@ 4:00 2nd Monday of the month . **Exceptions:** None

Lego Club: Sep. - Apr. @ 4:00 3rd Tuesday of the month . **Exceptions:** Mar 11.

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.



Congratulations Joe Sharp
Newly elected
State 4-H Vice-President!!



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

Starting this August

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.

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, seahorses, 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 7:00 p.m. , on Friday, 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 on Saturday at 7:00am.

Date:
September 11-12

Location:
Oklahoma Aquarium
300 Aquarium Dr
Jenks, OK 74037

Cost:
\$50 per person*

Registration fees will be paid by credit card on Zsuite:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/50782>

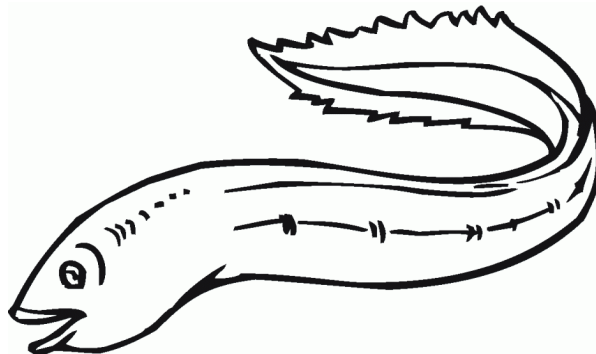
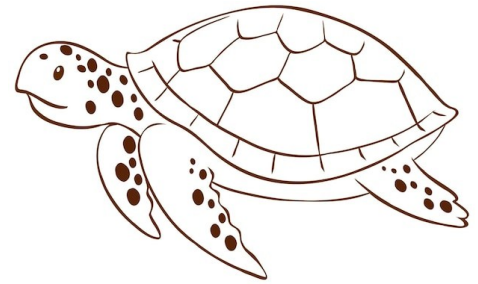
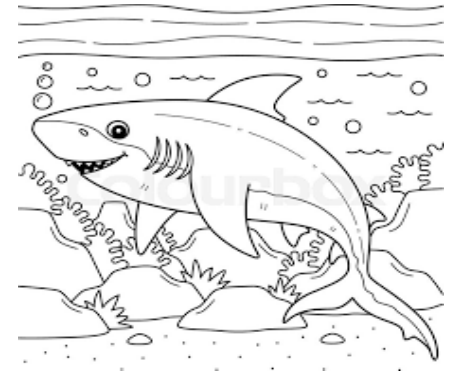
There will be no refunds for cancellations or no shows.

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

Registration will close on August 4, at 4:30 pm, or once capacity is reached, whichever comes first.

All participants will register online and have a current health form uploaded to their ZSuite account; *this includes all adult chaperones*

Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.





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 4th
5:30 - 7:30**

**FREE SWIMMING
PIZZA COOKIES &
DRINKS PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR
CLOVER KITS SERVICE PROJECTS:**

*** RAZORS * SHAVING CREAM * TOOTHBRUSHES
* TOOTHPASTE * DEODORANT *
* FEMININE PRODUCTS**



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