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Shooting sports team participates in national competition

Twenty-nine [Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development](#) members representing 16 counties recently participated in the 2023 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska. In all, 718 youth, ages 14-18, from 42 states participated in the competition. This was a record number of states participating, with the last record being 39 states in 2022.

Garfield County 4-H'ers who made the trek north include Brayden and Elisabeth Bensch, Enid.

Ruth Pratt, [Oklahoma State University Extension](#) assistant specialist in the state 4-H office, who serves as the statewide coordinator for the shooting sports program, said this is the major competition in the country for 4-H shooting sports youth.

"Our 4-H members work hard and set goals year after year to be able to be a part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports

team. Oklahoma sends the top four participants from our qualifying contests to the national championships," Pratt said.



"This event is a national championship, so these kids are competing against the best youth from across the nation. They arrived on a Sunday and their schedule was packed full until the following Friday. They learn so much and meet people from all over the United States."

The national competition offers nine disciplines in which to participate, and Oklahoma was

represented in eight of the disciplines. Elisabeth competed in muzzleloader. She placed 11th overall out of 71 youth.

Pratt said the shooting sports program encompasses all the goals of the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program. Shooting sports provides participants with hands-on learning opportunities on the range and builds life skills that can be used off the range.

"Shooting Sports is all about education and positive youth development. Members learn life skills, safety and personal development through the shooting sports project," Pratt said. "They gain skills in working on their own, as well as working collaboratively."

For more information about shooting sports, contact your county OSU Cooperative Extension office.



DATES TO REMEMBER

County Cloverbud Workshop	Aug. 2
Back to School Bash	Aug. 2
County Recordbooks due	Aug. 7
First Shots	Aug. 20
Garfield Co. Fair	Sept 6-9
Lifeskills Judging	Sept. 6
OK State Fair	Sept. 14-24
PLO	Sept. 18
Cloverbuds	Sept. 27
Tulsa State Fair	Sept. 28-Oct. 8
Achievement forms due	Oct. 2
County-wide 4-H meeting	Oct. 4
National 4-H Week	Oct. 1-7
Dist. Fall Trap Shoot	Oct. 7
Achievement Reception	Oct. 8
W Action Leadership Conf.	Oct. 11-13
Photography Club	Oct. 12
State Trap	Oct. 21
State Skeet	Oct. 22
State .22 Rifle/.22 Pistol	Oct. 28
State Muzzle loaders	Oct. 29



**PLO meeting to be
held on August 21
at 5:30**

2023 24 COUNTY OFFICERS

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

JUNIOR RECORD BOOKS DUE TO 4-H OFFICE: AUGUST 7, 2023



The form for the junior record book is located on our Garfield County website -
<https://extension.okstate.edu/county/garfield/4-h.html>

TULSA STATE DATES & DEADLINES

August 1, 2023: Livestock & Horse Show Entries Open
August 25, 2023: Livestock & Horse Show Entry Deadline
September 1, 2023: Contest Deadline
September 1, 2023: Livestock & Horse Show Late Entry Deadline
September 8, 2023: Late Contest Entry Deadline
September 22, 2023: 4-H & FFA Competitive Exhibits Entry Deadline
September 25, 2023: Junior Livestock Show Substitution Deadline

WEST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE October 11-13

This learning experience will be held in Midwest City. It is an excellent chance to share ideas and information that youth can take home and share with their county or community, as well as improve themselves. All 4-H members 7th grade and up can attend. Conference fee will be \$125 per youth. Registration and payment are due by August 31st. If we don't have a health form on file, you will need to fill one out.

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 13-17. Entries will open July 1 and close August 25, there are NO nominations for EYO.



2023-2024 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the new 4-H year will begin August 1, 2023 . 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. If you are enrolling more than three 4-H'ers, please only pay for three 4-H'ers. Enter all information and after the first 3 enrollments are approved, the rest of the enrollments will be approved. If you have any questions, please call or stop by the office.

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

COUNTY FAIR

FAIRBOOKS

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 are available at the office.



PLO FUNDRAISER

The County PLO Council will be having their annual fundraiser. Each club is to bring 2 items. We need youth and volunteers to sell chances each evening at the fair. Be on the lookout for small items that would make good donation items or if you are crafty and can make something, those items would be great

LIVESTOCK, CONSUMER & FCS SKILL-A-THON JUDGING

Livestock, Consumer, and the FCS Skill-a-thon will be set up to judge at the extension office September 6, from 1 to 6. This is a come and go and a great way to test your knowledge. All are encouraged to participate.

CLOVERBUDS

All cloverbuds are invited to come join the fun at the extension office September 27th at 4:30.



ATTENTION TRAP SHOOTERS



First shots will start on August 20, at 2:00. This is mandatory for anyone who is interested in starting trap shooting. This will be at the Grand National Gun Club, North on 81.

First trap practice will be on August 23rd, at 5:30.



ANNUAL



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

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



WHERE: 4RKIDS MINI GOLF

AUGUST 2ND

6:30

**DRINKS AND
COOKIES PROVIDED**

**FREE GOLF FOR
YOUTH MEMBERS
AND THEIR FRIENDS**

**GOLFERS,
PLEASE BRING
DONATIONS OF
BOTTLED WATER
AND CANDY
(NO CHOCOLATE) FOR
4RKIDS CARNIVAL**



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