



OSU EXTENSION KAY COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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State leadership council working toward goals

They've been in office since the closing assembly of the 2023 State 4-H Roundup, and these 14 club members are working hard toward the goals they set at that time.

What is the role of the state leadership council? Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the State 4-H office at Oklahoma State University, said this group sets goals that all 4-H'ers from across the state work toward.

"There are several state service projects that all club members to toward and the leadership council encourages clubs to help meet these goals," Taylor said.

A new offering from these leaders that will be available in Spring 2024 is the State Council Workshop Catalog.

"The leadership team will be available to present workshops across the state on a variety of topics," Taylor said. "Not only will club members gain valuable information from the officers, but this gives the officers opportunities to continue honing their public speaking and leadership skills."

The workshop topics include personal growth, goal setting, drunk driving/safe driving, public speaking, STEM and poultry. OSU Extension educators who would like a state leadership council member to present a workshop in their county will need to contact the leadership team member. More detailed information about the workshops and how to schedule a workshop will be available after the first of the year.

Service projects have long been a part of the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program. Change for Change is a project that benefits the Children's Health Foundation, which brings researchers to Oklahoma to study childhood diseases. This year's goal is \$12,000 and all counties are encouraged to participate.

"One of the fundraisers we have planned for Change for Change is the winter formal," Taylor said. "This dance will take place Jan. 27 in Logan County and all funds raised will go to this service project. All 4-H'ers from across the state are invited to participate."

Counties have a new opportunity this year in the Change for Change service project. All counties that turn in a quarterly report of their progress will be entered into a drawing for a prize to be awarded at the 2024 State 4-H Roundup next July.

The Ronald McDonald Charities benefits from the Pull for Kids campaign. Club members in all 77 counties collect pop tabs that are turned in for money. Each county is challenged to collect at least 50 pounds of pop tabs this year. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with sick children who are hospitalized.

Taylor said the leadership council does more than raise funds for the various projects.

"This group of leaders sets the tone for the 4-H year. They are encouraged to be active not only at the state level, but at the district, county and local levels as well," she said. "They are role models for younger club members, as well as role models for those currently serving in leadership positions who may be looking to further their leadership opportunities by serving at the state level one day."

These leaders also assist at a variety of statewide activities by leading the pledges, presenting workshops and helping make sure the participants are having a good time.

"I love working with the officer team each year and seeing how they each grow," Taylor said. "It's a lot of work to serve as a member of the leadership council. These positions come with great responsibility, but they also learn that it's an honor to serve."

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Upcoming Dates

2023-2024

December 1 – Ponca City Christmas Parade

December 2 – Newkirk Christmas Parade

**December 2 – Horse Volunteer Conference
Stillwater**

December 4 – Blackwell Christmas Parade

December 5 – Tonkawa Christmas Parade

December 8 – All KCJLS nominations due

December 18 – Jr & Sr Achievement Trip

December 18 – Teen Leader Christmas Party

December 19 – KCJLS Meeting 6 pm

December 25 - Merry Christmas!

**January 15 – Bread Show, Food Show Down ,
Cupcake Wars**

January 19 - KCJLS entries due

January 25 – Speech Workshop

February 3 – Speech Contest

Teen Leader / PLO Meetings

December— No Meeting

**December 18th –Teen leader
Christmas Party - 6pm**

Registration links

Bread Show Registration Link --> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUPoVYv0I8M73tUsSFzH5yh1ef88sxUSDEBIHnKj8Pw9Sjkw/viewform?usp=pp_url

Food Showdown Registration Link --> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDVPuRQIJO-4yb_HsYppsTakD1UllLUCW6vIGr5eONq7w8nQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Cupcake Wars Registration Link --> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeweJbJhntrHOBwAKVVJqhvZiqhSC9U7WVS_o-bJae9j4HYbw/viewform?usp=pp_url

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Bread Show Food Showdown



January 15th, 2024

**Location: Kay County
OSU Extension Office**

Registration: 10:45-11:45 AM

Bread Judging 12:00 PM

Food Showdown: 12:30 PM

Cupcake Wars to follow

**Pre-register and pay \$15 by 1/8/24 at 4 pm to
reserve your spot for the Food Showdown.**

**Pre-register for the Cupcake Wars and Bread
Show by 1/8/24 at 4 pm, free entry.**

Cupcake Wars



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UPDATED Kay County Christmas Parade Schedule!

Every year the Kay County Teen Leaders decorate a Christmas Parade Float for members to ride on in the local Christmas Parades! 4-H members are encouraged to join! The Parade Schedule is as follows!

December 1st, 2023 - Ponca City - Lineup begins at 5:15 pm on the south side of Elm to Osage. The parade starts at 6:00 pm.

December 2nd, 2023 - Newkirk - Line up at 9th and Maple at 5:30 pm. The parade begins at 6:00 pm.

December 4th, 2023 - Blackwell - Parade lineup begins at 5:45 pm at the farmer's Coop. The parade begins at 6:30 pm.

December 5th. 2023 -Tonkawa - Line up at 4th & Grand (Methodist Church). Lineup begins at 6:00 pm, parade begins at 6:30 pm.



Achievement Trip Information

Juniors and seniors will meet at the Kay County Extension office at **8:30 am on December 18th, 2023**. Juniors and seniors will travel separately.

Juniors will go to the Ultimate Air Trampoline park from 10 am-12 pm. The cost for the trampoline park is covered. Children will need a signed wavier form from their parent/guardian. After jumping we will eat lunch in Stillwater and plan to go to a movie. Children need to bring money to cover lunch and a movie. We will know pick up times for parents as we get closer, but plan for 3-5:30 pm.

Seniors will tour the OSU Willard Sparks Beef Research Center from 10 am –12 pm. Depending on the weather, please dress warm. The tour is primary outside in unpredictable December weather. This is a feedlot research center, wear shoes you don't mind getting dirty. After the tour we will eat lunch in Stillwater and plan to go to a movie. We will know pick up times for parents as we get closer, but plan for 3-5:30 pm.



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