

OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Logan County 4-H Newsletter

Junior Master Gardener program



While historically known to focus on traditional agricultural projects, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has something for everyone. Something that many young people will find fun and exciting is the Junior Master Gardener Program.

This curriculum covers all aspects of horticulture and landscape architecture, said Shelley Mitchell, Oklahoma State University Extension 4-H Youth Development horticulture specialist.

"It's not just about growing pretty flowers or tasty fruits and vegetables. The Junior Master Gardeners program incorporates soil and water conservation, ecology, plant growth and development, insects and diseases, and even nutrition. 4-H has a big emphasis on STEM activities and the JMG fits right in with that," Mitchell said. "There are two levels of the curriculum, including Level 1 for 3rd through 5th grade and Level 2 for grades 6th through 8th."

Level 1 covers plants and landscape architecture along with career exploration and life skills. There are supplemental curricula including literature activities to go with several popular children's books. Level 1 also covers basic gardening, nutrition and physical activity.

Level 2 covers plant growth and development along with water and soil conservation. It also expands on the lessons learned in Level 1.

Mitchell said the lessons can stand alone as needed or be used in conjunction with other programming and activities such as summer camps or after-school programs.

"There is plenty of material available if someone wanted to start a JMG club," she said. "The materials for the activities are inexpensive and readily available. It takes just five youth and one adult to start an official JMG group. It's easy to get a group registered at jmgkids.us."

The lessons can also be incorporated into the classroom. Each activity has background information for the teacher or volunteer leader.

4-H strives to provide opportunities for club members to develop *Continued on Page 2*

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citizenship, leadership and other life skills through hands-on activities. The JMG program inspires youth to be of service in their communities through service-learning projects. Clubs could start a school or community garden. As part of a 4-H citizenship project, 4-H'ers can donate excess produce from their own gardens to a local food bank.

"4-H'ers can get involved in exploring their world through meaningful activities that encourage leadership development, personal pride and responsibility," Mitchell said. "Through these activities, they'll develop critical thinking skills and the ability to identify community concerns and take action to address them through individual and group projects."

For more information about the Junior Master Gardener program, email Mitchell at shelley.mitchell@okstate.edu. Or contact Logan County Extension office if interested.

Check with Local Club for Challenge during March 2023!!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Whether you collect loose change at club meetings, work with local schools and businesses to raise money or ask family and friends for donations, every penny helps! Change for Change benefits the Children's Hospital Foundation of Oklahoma City. The Children's Hospital serves youth in each county of the state.

DUE to Logan County Extension Office: FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023



A handful change can make a difference in the lives of **Oklahoma youth.**





4-H Golden Service Support the Ronald McDonald House Charities

Help Oklahoma Families!

In order to better partner with the Ronald McDonald House, Pull for Kids has been expanded to also include new stuffed animals and non-perishable canned foods.

How to Participate:

• We will continue to collect pop tabs

Pop Tabs can be dropped off at the Extension Office during Office Hours (8am-4:30pm).

Goal is 50 pounds per county!

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Calling all Logan County residents! This includes all ages!

It is time to start baking your breads, cakes, cookies, candy and pies for the Annual Bake Show

Sponsored by Logan County OHCE and 4-H

> Logan County Bake Show and 4-H Food Showdown Saturday, April 15 9am Education Building



Bake Show Schedule

9:00-9:45am-Exhibits entered

10:00–11:30am–Judging of exhibits

11:30–12:30pm–Open for public viewing

12:30pm—Awards Assembly

9:30–12:00pm–4-H Food Showdown

Bake show entries released at conclusion of awards assembly.

Anyone wanted to donate baked goods may leave items in kitchen.

For more information, contact Logan County OSU Extension office, 405-282-3331.

Guideline sheets are available in the Extension office.

What is 4-H?

Interested in 4-H? Contact the Logan County Extension Office

Logan County 4-H Youth Development Programs actively provide positive opportunities for informal learning experiences that build character and develop life skills.

Logan County Teen Leaders

President—Bobby FergusonVice PresideSecretary—Bridger ArringtonReporter—JRecreation Leaders—Jace Taylor & Jimmy Ferguson

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LOGAN COUNTY CLUB INFORMATION

Coyle 4-H South Logan Co 4-H Katrina Oldham 580-748-0732 Susan Allen 405-623-3261 Crescent 4-H **Cloverbuds Mulhall-Orlando** Melissa Spurlock 405-401-0877 Cynthia Taylor 405-649-2503 **Guthrie 4-H** Shooting Sports Brandie Ferguson 405-620-5966 Kayce Arrington 580-307-2103 Mulhall-Orlando 4-H *Robotics (new club starting 2023)* Kayce Arrington 580-307-2103 Jennifer DeJonge 405-249-2380

4-H Enrollment Information

2022-2023 Enrollment Open

4-H Year:

August 1st – July 31st is the program year. The enrollment site opened on August 1st.

Enrollment:

The Oklahoma 4-H enrollment site is <u>https://4h.zsuite.org/</u>

There is an annual \$20 enrollment fee for each 4-H member. This fee can be paid by credit card on the 4-H enrollment site or by check/cash at the OSU Extension Office.

Who Should Enroll:

Cloverbuds: K-2nd Grade 4-H Members: 3rd-12th Grade 4-H Volunteers & Club Leaders



Important Deadlines:

Enrollment MUST be completed, submitted, and approved 30 days before 4-H members can participate in contest/events such as: the county fair, Oklahoma State Fair, the spring livestock show, and county contests.

Questions and help with enrolling:

Call the OSU Extension Office at 405-282-3331.



Logan County Robotics Club Logan County Fairgrounds Education Building



The Robotics Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. The LEGO® robotics program continues to inspire 4-H members to learn how to build basic robots that move using motor and sensors. They will also be exposed to simple computer coding, learn teamwork and leadership skills. Please call Jennifer DeJonge if you have questions at 405-249-2380.



March 25, Contest Days #1

April 15, Bake Show/Food Showdown May 20, Contest Days #2 May 31, ATV/Leadership for Teen Leaders June 6-8, NED Contest Days June 21-22, Mini Roundup June 27-30, 4-H Camp, Lew Wentz, Ponca City July 18-20, OSU Big 3 Field Days July 26-28, Round Up

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>March 2023</u>

March 7-17: Oklahoma Youth Expo, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds

- March 14: 4-H State Record Book Workshop, 4:15pm—6:15pm, RSVP to Dawn
- March 15: Bake Show Workshop, registration required
- March 16: Chef's Apron Workshop; Sewing Project Workshop, registration required
- March 20: 4-H Teen & Leader Meetings
- March 21: NE District Mini Volunteer Conference, Payne County
- March 23: Impressive Dress Pre-registration due 4pm
- March 24: Design & Construction registration due 10am; Job Readiness packet due 4:30pm
- March 25: Contest Days #1-Impressive Dress; Fabric & Fashion Design & Construction
- March 29: Job Readiness Interviews; State Record Book Review, 4pm (RSVP to Dawn)

<u> April 2023</u>

- April 5: 4-H Day at the Capitol
- April 10: 4-H Teen & Leader Meetings
- April 14: State 4-H Record Books Due to Dawn
- April 15: Bake Show/4-H Food Showdown

<u>May 2023</u>

May 20: Contest Days #2—Livestock Quiz Bowl; Skillathons *May 31:* ATV/Leadership Day for Teen Leaders



4-H Contest Days #1 Saturday, March 25, 2023 Logan County Fairgrounds Education Building

Impressive Dress March 25th at 9:30am (Registration at 9am) ***Pre-registration is required by Thursday, March 23rd 4pm**

Fabric & Fashion Design & Construction March 25th at 9:30am (Registration at 9am) *Entries due by 10am Friday, March 24

Job Readiness Written material due on Friday, March by 4:30pm Interviews will be Wednesday, March 29 2-6pm

Contact Club leader or Logan County Extension office at 405-282-3331 for more information.





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