

April 2020



Citizenship Washington Focus Presidential Inauguration 2021

Oklahoma 4-H will be taking 8 youth and 2 chaperones to the 2021 event. This special session of Citizenship Washington Focus will help youth understand more about the peaceful transition of power that takes place in our country and the democratic process of electing a new President of the United States. The youth must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, 2021. The National 4-H Conference Center, National 4-H Council, and Oklahoma 4-H are excited to announce that Oklahoma 4-H will be taking a delegation to the 2021 CWF Presidential Inauguration. 4HOnline at the time of application and the time of the trip. For more information about CWF Presidential Inauguration... Youth must have an ACTIVE status in 4-H in 2021 and still be in high school.

For more information,
please use the link below or contact
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Save the date, tell your friends and begin making plans to attend the 99th State 4-H Roundup, July 22-24 on the campus of Oklahoma State University. County night out is optional and will be held Tuesday, July 21st. The cost for 2020 Roundup will remain the same at \$135. Each county will again receive two paid chaperones. Registration materials will be released no later than May 1st, 2020 and will be due to Ag Conferences on June 5th, 2020.



Approp. Dress & Fashion Revue-Warner-Postponed TBD
County Speech Competition-Oktaha Postponed TBD
April 1st State Record Books due to Extension
Office for Review
April 27th State Record Books due by noon at the state office
May 22nd County Record Books Due to E.O.
June 5th 4- H ZZZZs Under the Sea
June 30-July 3 Summer Camp
August 7th 2020 4-H Zoo Snooze

State Record Books

The due dates for state record books are still the same which is April 1 for rough drafts to be in the county office via email. Please send to paige.erickson@okstate.edu. We will review them and make our recommendations. Please watch for emails regarding the edits so that you may make the changes BEFORE final submission which is April 27, 2020 by noon using email ONLY! The following is the link to the NEW state form 4h.okstate.edu

County Record Books

As you probably noticed the due date for the county record books has changed to May 22, 2020. We had planned workshops to help with this but have had to cancel them. If you have any questions, please call the office. The county record book is still downloadable through the county website. It is the same as last year with no changes made to it. Since many 4-H county events and activities have been cancelled or postponed, you might be thinking creatively about some citizenship projects you could do from home, for example, mailing cards or art to area nursing homes for residents, or donating canned goods to area pantries

Camp Turf

Camp TURF is a two-week residential summer academy at OSU. It focuses on career exploration in the horticulture and landscape architecture fields and is free to students. Up to 25 upcoming ninth and tenth graders will be selected for the academy, which runs from May 31 to June 12, 2020. All Oklahoma students currently finishing 8th or 9th grade are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted beginning March 15, with the selection process beginning April 1st.

For questions please contact
Dr. Shelley Mitchell at shelley.mitchell@okstate.edu or 405-744-5755.



2020 4-H ZZZs Under the Sea

When: Friday, June 5th, 2020

Cost: \$45.00 per person (Youth & Adults)

Ever dreamed of dreaming with the sharks or sea turtles? Come join us at the Aquarium for our ZZZs in the Seas overnight event!

[Click here for more information.](#)

<https://apps.dasnr.okstate.edu/SSL/4h.okstate.edu/events-and-activities/state-events-activities/zzzs-under-the-seas>

2020 4-H Zoo Snooze

When: Friday, August 7th, 2020

Cost: \$35.00 for Youth

Cost: \$20.00 for Adults

Join Oklahoma 4-H for an overnight sleepover at the OKC Zoo! Can you build the highest ant hill?

Jump as far as a wallaby?

[Click here for more information.](#)

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100's 4-H Activities for The Home

We here at the 4-H Youth Development Program care about you and wish the very best for you and your loved ones. We are sharing this issue of *Focus on Youth* in order to provide some news and give you updates where we have known changes. There are some events in the coming weeks that are canceled. Some are still planned but we all understand circumstances change daily so please watch for new announcements.

During this time, let's promote "at home" 4-H work and encourage our 4-H families to continue their educational activities while under quarantine or self-quarantine. 4-H has many projects that can be completed or explored by families. These projects would make for excellent family bonding time. Please share the following information and links through all of your outlets. We are trying to not only provide education, but to help families provide stability with positive, enjoyable, and time-consuming activities to help parents, grandparents, and caregivers during this time of need:

"Wondering what to do with your 4-H members with time off from school? We have solutions to help you out. The following link will take you to educational resources with 100s of fun learning activities for your youth. You can build rockets, make snacks, explore art, watch educational videos, search NASA, or discover dozens of other adventures.

Challenge your youth to pick one, then help them gather the materials and do the activity together."

Look At : <http://4h.okstate.edu/>

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(Stillwater, Oklahoma – March 10, 2020) While many sectors of the agricultural industry are prevalent throughout Oklahoma, the state often is recognized by being a leading producer of wheat. With this in mind, staff at Oklahoma State University's Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center work to promote the commodity by celebrating Bake and Take Month during March.

This celebration is designed to encourage participants to bake a product made from wheat and then take it to another individual or family, such as neighbors, friends or relatives, said Renée Albers-Nelson, FAPC milling and baking specialist.

"The Bake and Take promotion is a wonderful way to get our young people to experience the joys of baking and understanding the importance of the cereal grain and wheat grown in our state," Nelson said.

For the past several years, FAPC, as a part of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and the Oklahoma Wheat Commission have worked with the Oklahoma State 4-H Program to promote this celebratory month.

"We direct our focus toward 4-H, since this group is strong in community service and agriculture," Nelson said. "As we promote Bake and Take Month, we encourage participants to purchase Oklahoma-milled flour."

4-H members throughout the state are encouraged to participate in Bake and Take Month while both utilizing Made in Oklahoma Coalition products and completing the steps of service learning – preparation, action, reflection and celebration.

While the event might be pushed towards 4-H members, anyone in the state is encouraged to participate, said Mandy Gross, FAPC communications service manager.

"We would love to hear how people are celebrating Bake and Take Month and what Made in Oklahoma products are being used," Gross said. "We are asking individuals who participate in Bake and Take Month to take photos of the 'baking' and 'taking' process and send them to us to be posted on FAPC's social media sites."

Individuals can submit photos by emailing fapc@okstate.edu and noting the Made in Oklahoma products used and where the baked goods were shared.

Bake and Take began in 1970 by the Kansas Wheathearts, an auxiliary organization of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, as a community service event to celebrate the wheat harvest in Sumner County, Kansas. For 48 years, Bake and Take Month has been an opportunity to celebrate relationships with friends and family by baking and sharing treats.

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