



OSU EXTENSION
**OKFUSKEE COUNTY
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth held June 16-25, 2022. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

To be eligible to attend Citizenship Washington Focus, youth must be at least 15 years of age by June 1, 2022. Youth must have an ACTIVE status in online 4-H enrollment system. Youth who are graduating in 2022 may attend CWF in 2022.

Transmittal forms and total payment are **due** to the Okfuskee County Extension office by **February 14th**. Cost for the 10 day program is \$2,200 per delegate.

Payment for delegate must be received with transmittal form by deadline above to be considered a registered delegate. There are 49 delegate spots available. The registered and paid delegates will be placed in spots on a first come and paid basis. If there are unfilled spots available, alternates will be listed by age and birthdate and spots will be filled oldest to youngest.

The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Rule of Law Travel Scholarships are available to youth to cover a portion of the cost. Applications for the Rule of Law Scholarships must be submitted to Amanda by **January 13th, 2022**. All Forms are available at the Office



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Okfuskee County 4-H

4-H Enrollment 2021-2022

Contests have started up for the 2021-2022 year all youth that would like to participate in contests at the county, district or state level must be enrolled before participating. Enrollment can be done online.



4-H Enrollment System Link:
<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Please make sure to complete your enrollment for 2021-2022 program year. Thank you!! We will still take paper enrollment if needed. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

4-H Volunteers

Volunteers Needed: We are always looking for certified 4-H volunteers.

Volunteer Roles:

- ◆ Club Leaders
- ◆ General Volunteers
- ◆ Project Leader
- ◆ Cloverbud Leaders

4-H Volunteers please enroll online at Zsutie: <https://4h.zsuite.org/>



State Ambassador Applications

What is a State Ambassador? A Group of 4-H members who work to promote 4-H, maintain donor relations, and assist the state office.

What are their roles and responsibilities? The main goals of State Ambassadors, is to make 4-H more visible in the community, tell the 4-H story, and maintain donor relationships. Each Ambassador reports every month to keep a record of their activities.

State Ambassadors is a great way for youth to help promote 4-H at the state level. Youth must be 13 years old by March 15th to apply to be a State Ambassador. We have ambassador applications here in the office or they are posted on the county website. If you are interested in applying and would like Amanda to help with your application, please contact her at the Okfuskee County Extension Office.



KEY DATES FOR APPLICANTS

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| March 15, 2022 | Hard-copy application must be postmarked |
| March 15, 2022 | Electronic Application due by 11:59 p.m. |
| May 14, 2022 | Selection Day; Oklahoma State University Campus |
| June 7-9, 2022 | Ambassador Retreat and Leadership Team Retreat |

State Record Books

Like all other aspects of 4-H, record books teach life skills through experiential learning.

State Record Books are a great way to compete for awards and scholarships. Its also a great way for members to summarize project work, leadership and citizenship. It's a great way to help members learn:

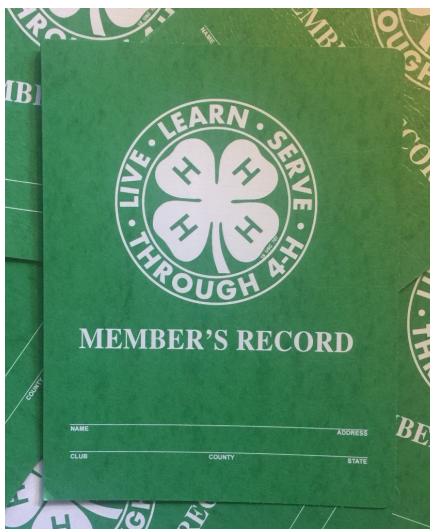
- To set goals and work toward them
- To make decisions
- To keep records
- To utilize available technology
- To summarize information
- To manage time and resources
- To communicate thoughts, feelings, and achievements

State record books are due to the county office April 19th. 4-H member must have started the 8th grade in the program year (September 1, 2021) they are applying.

Record Book Workdays

- Feb. 4th @ 3:30-4:30pm
- Feb. 18th @ 3:30-4:30pm
- March 4th @ 3:30-4:30pm
- March 18th @ 3:30-4:30pm
- April 1st @ 3:30-4:30pm
- April 15th @ 3:30-4:30pm

Record book workdays are for youth wanting to complete a state record book for either county or state submission



Okfuskee County Speech Rally

When: January 25, 2022

Check-in: 5:30pm Contest: 6:00pm

Where: Okfuskee County Fair Building

Registration Due: Jan. 18th

- ◆ Participants may enter one or all of the classes per their age group.
- ◆ Teams with individuals of 2 different age categories will participate in the older age category of the participating individuals.
- ◆ Champion and Reserve Champion of each age division will receive an award; ribbons will be awarded to all others.
- ◆ Any 4-H member who has competed in a past 4-H event with a speech or an illustrated presentation CANNOT use the same speech or presentation this year.
- ◆ 4-H members can enter one or more categories but cannot give more than one speech in the same category.
- ◆ Please use the QR Code to Register for our Speech Contest.
- ◆ We have rules here in the office.



Spring Livestock Show

When: Feb. 12, 2022

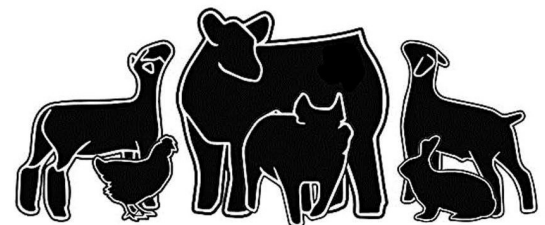
Premium Auction: February 15th

Where: Okfuskee County Fair barn

Rule books and entry forms are available at the Okfuskee County OSU Extension Office. Entry Fee is **\$5.00 per animal**.

Late entries will be accepted if accompanied by an additional \$100.00 late fee per animal; contact the Fair Board for a late entry.

***Completed nomination forms, bred and owned certification, lamb lead, and payments are due on January 14th. All youth showing through 4-H must have been enrolled before nominations are turned in.**



Okfuskee Co. 4-H T-Shirt and Hoodie Sale

T-Shirt Prices:

Youth – Adult XL: \$10

Adult 2XL- 5XL: \$12



Hoodie Prices:

Youth– Adult XL: \$20

Adult 2XL: \$23

Adult 3XL: \$24

Adult 4XL: \$25



Sizes Available in the Extension Office:

T-shirts:

3 Small

3 Medium

3 Large

3 XLarge

Hoodies:

3 XLarge

Yard Signs are in and ready for pick up!!!

4-H is selling yard signs to promote the Okfuskee County 4-H Program and as a fundraiser. To help raise money for the 2021-2022 Program year.



Signs are \$10.00 each

County Record Books, Medal Folders & Point Sheets

County Record Books and Point Sheets are **Due May 31st. New this year all point sheets and medal folders will be turned in electronically to Amanda**

Why Complete a 4-H Record Book?

A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn. Here are some important reasons why 4-H expects you to complete a 4-H Record Book for your project.

By turning in a county medal folder you will be recognized at the county achievement banquet and receive a project pin for all the hard work you have done on your projects. By turning in a permanent record book you will have the chance to try for higher up awards like County Hall Fame, Outstanding Achievement, Outstanding Agriculture Awards, and Outstanding Record Book.

Keeping a 4-H record book will help you:

- *Learn how to organize yourself
- *Learn how to use project objectives to set goals and plan your project work for the year
- *Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself
- *Appreciate and explain what you've learned this year in your project work
- *Gather information needed to apply for awards
- *Meet requirements to participate in some county and state 4-H events

County Points Sheets..

The purpose of this Point Sheet is to select 4-H Senior delegates to attend State 4-H Roundup held at the OSU campus in Stillwater; Denver Western Roundup, Discovery Unlimited, and Junior Roundup. Points Sheets are to help provide recognition to Junior/ Senior 4-H members for their accomplishments in the last year.



Get ready to have a science night at the museum! 4-H'ers can sleep under a giant dinosaur, by a rocket engine or in an oversized mouth. They can experience explosions, mad scientists, ride a Segway, explore the stars or try their hand at the physics of bridge-building. A special feature of Science Overnights is a selection of hands-on activities and experiments that fit with the theme of the evening.



Cost:

- \$45 for Youth
- \$25 for Adults

Location:

Science Museum of Oklahoma

Date: February 11-12 7:00pm-7:am

Registration due to Co. Extension Office: January 24th

Who can attend?

Everyone! The science museum program is perfect for 9-12 year old youth, but every age seems to enjoy the event. Since this is a non-competitive event, feel free to bring younger or older youth, brothers, sisters, cousins, even those really big kids (parents and chaperones) to enjoy an evening filled with science and fun. Families are always welcome to participate.



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*****I'd love to hear from you all and your clubs on what you have been up to through out the 4-H year. In each newsletter I will post an article about an event or program your club is doing. Help me out by sending in a small article and some pictures and it will go in the newsletter.**

Sincerely,

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