



Ottawa County 4-H News

4-H is No Stranger to Community Service

As we close out the 2024 year, 4-H members have been diligently working on record keeping and engaging in impactful community service. Throughout the year, they have participated in a variety of service projects, and this momentum will continue into 2025. Some of the highlights include:
Twin Bridges Park of Lights: 4-H members played a key role in setting up the display for 4-H at the park and worked the gates for two nights, ensuring visitors had a great experience.
Christmas Parades: Members showcased the spirit of 4-H by attending area Christmas parades, with the 4-H float earning 1st place at both the Miami and Fairland Parades. The float's theme, Misfit Toys from the movie Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, was a hit in the community.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Several members volunteered their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, spreading holiday cheer and giving back to those in need.

Teen Council Projects: The Teen Council worked hard on their service initiatives, including collecting items to create hygiene kits and birthday boxes for those in need. Special thanks to the Wyandotte Nation-Youth Program and Peoria Tribe for their generous donations that helped make these kits possible.

These efforts demonstrate the heart of 4-H in action, and we look forward to even more contributions as we move into the new year!

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Notes from Ottawa County 4-H President

4-H members as we welcome the new year this is the time to start piecing together your State Record Book. The first year is always a little difficult but the end result is worth it. Submitting a State Record Book is an opportunity for Senior division 4-H members to apply for scholarships and be recognized for the achievements at the state level. I challenge all of our members in the 8th-12th grade to complete a State Record Book. From my own experience the office helped me when I needed it to get my book ready to submit. I encourage any member or parent to reach out to the Extension office to get more information and help with the State Record Book.

Thank you to everyone that has donated for our service projects, the hygiene kits and birthday boxes. We appreciate your help in sharing with your families and schools, and bringing items by the Extension office.

Ottawa County 4-H President
Gracie Smith-Wyandotte 4-H

Teen Council Meeting
January 14
6:30PM
OSU Extension Office

Community Service Projects

State Service Projects:

Change for Change-all change raised is donated to the Children's Hospital in OKC.

Pop Tabs-tabs are collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

County Service Projects:

Hygiene Kits-items donated to local schools.

Birthday Boxes-donated to the Salvation Army.



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Ottawa County 4-H Enrollment is open until June 15th, 2025!

County 4-H & Cloverbud Club Meetings

Afton Club

2nd Thursday of each month, Sept.-May.
After school-4:30 PM,
Afton Middle School Science Room.
Lead by Sarah Bowen and Alisha Gaines.

Commerce Club

Need a Club Leader! Call for more info.
Welcome to attend Miami or Quapaw Club meetings.

Fairland Club

2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept-May.
After school-5:30 pm, Fairland First Christian Church.
Lead by Kathy Brock, Mindy Wise, and Heather Knepp.

Miami Club

3rd Tuesday of each month, Sept-May.
5:00-6:30 pm, Extension Office.
Lead by Jamie Foster.

Quapaw Club

Last Wednesday of each month, Sept-May.
4:00-6:00 PM, Quapaw 1st Baptist Church Annex
Lead by Dakota Riley and Brandi Harris.

Wyandotte Club

2nd Wednesday of each month, Sept-May.
After school-5:30 pm, Wyandotte Schools Commons Area.
Lead by Kathy Brock.

Check with the office for project club meetings and practice times. Shooting Sports, OCHC, & Dog Club.

4-H Enrollment 4h.zsuite.org

All 4-H enrollments are processed online through Z Suite. Families will need to create a family profile first, then sign up each youth for their individual enrollment. The annual enrollment cost is \$20 per youth. If the enrollment fee is a financial challenge for your family, please reach out to inquire about our scholarships and assistance forms.

It is important to note that in order to compete as a 4-H member in County, District, and State events—including the County Fair, Tulsa State Fair, and Oklahoma Youth Expo—4-H members must have active enrollment. If you are unsure whether your child is listed as an active member, please contact the office to confirm.

2025 Valentine Mission

The goal is to get 4-H'ers to make and deliver Valentines cards/projects to nursing home residents in every county across Oklahoma. Please help show the 4-H Heart!

Supplies will be provided at your January club meetings. You can also do this project on your own. Please bring completed cards to the OSU Extension Office by January 30th.



Ottawa County 4-H FRTEP: Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program

Classroom Enrichment

We offer a variety of classroom enrichment programs that can be taught by our staff or provided for teachers to use on their own. These programs can be tailored to daycare centers, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools, with lesson lengths ranging from 30 minutes to 6-8 weeks. If you're looking for engaging activities or curriculum, please reach out, and we'll be happy to assist!

Some examples of topics we can offer include:

- STEM Education:** Hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities.
- Healthy Living:** Lessons on nutrition, physical activity, and making healthy lifestyle choices.
- Leadership Development:** Skills-building activities to help students develop leadership and teamwork abilities.
- Agriculture & Gardening:** Teaching about plants, animals, and sustainable farming practices.
- Financial Literacy:** Fun lessons about money management, budgeting, and saving.
- Civic Engagement:** Lessons on community service, citizenship, and social responsibility.
- Animal Science:** Understanding animals, their care, and their role in our world.

If you have specific topics in mind or need help creating custom lessons for your group, don't hesitate to get in touch!

OCHC

The Ottawa County 4-H Horse Club (OCHC) finished its 2024 season and is getting ready for the end-of-the-year awards banquet. There were 30 qualifiers and 3 assisted. All-Around winners were Cash Hibbs - Cloverbud, Kelsey Ross - Junior, Akissa French - Intermediate, Ryleigh Ross - Senior, and Heidi Wolf - Open. Reserve All-Around winners were Chayni Crockett - Cloverbud, Elijah Forte - Junior, Colten Hanigan - Intermediate, Conner Hanigan - Senior, and Kaleb Forte - Open.



4-H FAQ's



How do I find out about a 4-H event or activity?

Events and activities are shared on our FaceBook page, OSU Ottawa County Extension, the 4-H monthly newsletter, z suite email, and at monthly 4-H meetings.

How do I sign up for a 4-H event, activity, or contest?

Sign ups for each event vary. You can always call the Extension Office 918.542.1688 to find out about all contests and when deadlines are for events and activities.

What is a Record Book?

County Record Books are a way for 4-H members to highlight their 4-H project work, leadership, community service, and other activities for the year. Turning in a County Record Book allows members to be recognized at the Annual Celebration and receive awards for their efforts.

I don't have an animal, what can I do in 4-H?

4-H offers a variety of project areas that do not require members owning an animal or living on a farm. Short answer: If you like doing something, ask we can help find the perfect project for you!

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Jan 10 - Shooting Sports Coach Meeting, 5 PM

Jan 11 – Oklahoma 4-H Winter Formal

Jan 12 - Night at the Science Museum Registration Due

Jan 13 - 4-H Leader's Meeting, 4 PM

Jan 15 - Rule of Law Scholarships Due

Jan 15 - National 4-H Conference Applications Due

Jan 17-18 - Night at the Science Museum

Jan 17 – Volunteer Recognition Forms Due

Jan 20 – Presidential Inauguration Event – Grady County

Jan 23-27 – New Mexico 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat

Jan 28 - Tuesday Tool Time Webinar

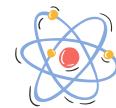
Jan 30 - **Deadline drop off Valentine Cards to OSU Extension Office**



4-H Night at Science Museum

Event is January 17-18

Register by January 12



4-H Members

3rd-12th grade

Cost is \$15

Space is limited. If interested please contact the office.

Register through ZSuite account and pay at the county office.

***Transportation depends on how many sign up for this event.**

Future Events

Feb 8 – Horse Communication Event

Mar 1 – State 4-H Ambassador Applications Due

Mar 11-21 - OYE

Mar 12-16 – IGNITE Conference

Mar 17 – Level 1 Coach Cert. Training Registration Due

Mar 29-30 – Shooting Sports, Level 1 Coach Cert. Training

Apr 5 – 4-H Rising Leaders

Apr 11-16 – National 4-H Conference

Apr 18 – State 4-H Horse Judging

Apr 23 - 4-H Day at the Capitol

Apr 26 – State 4-H Meat, Land, & Livestock Judging Contests

Apr 28 - State 4-H Record Books Due online

Apr 29 – Tuesday Tool Time Webinar

Apr 29-May 1 – National Land and Range Contest

Kathy Enyart, CED, FCS/4-H Youth Development Educator

Reba Palmer, AG/4-H Youth Development Educator

Jamie Foster, FRTEP FCS/4-H Youth Development Educator

State 4-H Record Books

Now is the time to start planning your State 4-H Record Book. Any 4-H member that is in 8th-12th grade can complete and submit a State 4-H Record Book. Many scholarships and awards are only available through this process.

State 4-H Record Book Workshops:

Let us know if you are planning to complete a book. We must have the final copy by April 25.

We are here to help you! Contact Jamie if you are interested or want more information.
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