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OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Ottawa County 4-H

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This Month's Events:

Sept. 28-Oct. 8—Tulsa State Fair

Oct. 2—Reg Due for Say YES to FCS

Oct. 4-15—TSC Clover Campaign

Oct. 9—Office Closed/Columbus Day

Oct. 10—Fairland 4-H Meeting

Oct. 11—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

Oct. 11-13—Youth In Action

Oct. 13—TSC Clover Campaign Booth

Oct. 18—Afton 4-H Meeting

Oct. 21—OK 4-H Horse Heritage Day

Oct. 22-24—Giving Tree Decorating

Oct. 24—Miami 4-H Meeting

Oct. 24—Say YES to FCS

Oct. 25—Reg. Due for ZZZ's under the seas

Oct. 28—OCHC Shodeo

Oct. 28—NE District Science Fair & Cloverbud Living

Wax Museum Contest

Oct. 31—Sweet Streets

Congratulations to our Tulsa State Fair Exhibitors!

These individuals who placed in the top 5 at TSF with their indoor exhibits!

Jensen Dorey, Miami 4-H—3 Top Five Exhibits

Josiah Dorey, Miami 4-H—2 Top Five Exhibits

Dillon Foster, Miami 4-H—7 Top Five Exhibits

Berkeley Ulrey, Miami 4-H-1 Top Five Exhibit

Kaylyn Wise, Fairland 4-H—2 Top Five Exhibits

These individuals will be showing at TSF this week!

Jarin Cox, Miami 4-H—Horse Show

Acen & Taryn Earp, Quapaw 4-H—Swine Show

Kailyn Woods, Fairland 4-H—Ewe Show

Say YES to FCS Education Day

Junior and Seniors looking to explore Family and Consumer Science classes and careers through OSU are offered the opportunity to tour the facilities, learn about the application process, learn about funding options for college and so much more! You must be registered to attend and the deadline is <u>October 2</u>. The event will be **October 24** from 8:30am-12pm. Contact the office for information and the registration link.

Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

October 4-15 is the TSC Clover Campaign week. TSC prompts 4-H and donating to 4-H to their shoppers. 100% of funds raised through the Clover fundraiser directly benefits 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming. **October 13th**, we would like for volunteers to come and help work a booth prompting the event and educating people on opportunities through 4-H.

Oklahoma 4-H Horse Heritage Experience

Oklahoma 4-H is hosting a day at the Western Heritage Museum and Remington Park in Oklahoma City on **October 21**. Explore the museum and visit the Traditional Cowboy Arts Exhibition featuring saddle making, bits and spurs, and rawhide braiding. A leather tooling workshop will also be held at the museum. Then travel to Remington Park for the backside tour to learn about the behind the scenes of the racehorse industry. 4-H'ers will also get the opportunity to watch the first race of the evening from the winner's circle and take a picture with the race winner! **October 1** is the deadline.

The Giving Tree Exhibit

Ottawa County 4-H has been asked to decorate a Christmas tree promoting 4-H and showcasing things we do in the community. Please come and decorate with us **October 22-24**. Bring pictures to make ornaments out of and be ready to use your crafting skills!









Future 4-H Events

- Nov. 3-4—ZZZ's Under the Seas
- **Nov. 4**—Park of Lights Set-up
- Nov. 4—OCHC Shodeo
- Nov. 8—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting
- Nov. 10—LifeSmarts Scholarship App. Due
- Nov. 11—Horse Science Academy (limited space)
- Nov. 14—Fairland 4-H Meeting
- Nov. 15—Afton 4-H Meeting
- Nov. 17—New Mexico 4-H Sr Leadership Retreat Reg. Due
- Nov. 18—4-H Achievement Celebration
- Nov. 19—OCHC Shodeo
- **Nov. 20**—Parade Float Decorating
- Nov. 21—Miami 4-H Meeting
- **Nov. 23-24**—Office Closed/Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2—Miami, Quapaw, and Commerce Christmas Parades
- **Dec. 2—**4-H Horse Volunteer Conference
- Dec. 9—OCHC Shodeo
- Dec. 9—Fairland Christmas Parade
- **Dec. 12**—Fairland 4-H Meeting
- **Dec. 13**—Afton 4-H Meeting
- **Dec. 13**—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting
- **Dec. 19**—Miami 4-H Meeting
- Dec. 25-26—Office Closed/Christmas

For more info on any of these please contact the office!

2023 ZZZ's Under the Seas

ZZZ's Under the Seas is an unique experience that allows 4-H'ers to sleep under and next to the exhibits at Jenks Aquarium. The night is packed full with fun events. There are thousands of different species salt and freshwater creatures and get the opportunity to feed and touch stingrays and small sharks! Registration is due **OCTOBER 24.**

Be Sure to Collect Pop Tabs and Change Year Round













Active Project Clubs:

SHOOTING

Shooting Sports:

- Shotgun meets Sundays @ 2 pm @ Shawnee Skies
- -Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams
- -Contact office for more info!
- Archery
- -We have new archery coaches! We are in the process of planning practice dates and times!
- -If you know someone who may be interested in leading any 4-H shooting sports activity please let office know! There is a training coming up in March 2024.

Horse Club:

- September 17th
- October 28th
- November 4th
- November 19th
- December 9th
- If you would like to volunteer to help with the series please contact Spirit.
- -Contact spirit.cox@okstate.edu and/or watch Facebook for more info.

If there is a club that you would like to participate in, please let the office know so we can try to get one organized!



4-H Meetings

Fairland: 2nd Tues. each month, after school-5:30, 1st Christian Church

Wyandotte: 2nd Wed. each month, after school-5:30, Commons Area

Miami: Sept. 21st, Oct. 24th, 3rd Tues each month Nov.-May, 5:00-6:00, Extension Office

Conference Room

Afton: 3rd Wed. each month except Dec. 13th and Mar. 13th, after school, Mrs. Marino's class



SPORTS



Food, Fun, 4-H at School

Some students in Muskogee County are learning more than reading, writing and arithmetic – they're also learning to cook and where their food comes from. The Food, Fun, 4-H program has been around for a few years and was originally designed to be implemented at home. This year's program was piloted in 10 schools in the spring 2023 and focused on Oklahoma-grown commodities. New lessons are set to roll out in November 2023.

Leigh Cooper, a 4-H leader in Muskogee County and a teacher, said Food, Fun, 4-H at School has proven to be very popular with grade school students who participated in the after-school activity.

"The students not only learned some basic cooking skills, but they also gained a lot of information about where their food comes from," Cooper said. "We had a theme each month that included beef, pork, chicken, wheat and corn, which are the top commodities produced in Oklahoma."

The lessons are easily adaptable to be used in the classroom, in an after-school program or to meet the needs of the participants. Cooper enhanced the lessons by incorporating field trips that corresponded with each particular lesson.

When learning about beef, the students made beef stroganoff; pork included pigs in a blanket and hot ham and cheese sandwiches; store-bought rotisserie chickens were dissected into dark and light meat and made into quesadillas; students made butter out of cream in the dairy lesson; making tortillas was the high point of the wheat lesson; and picking and eating fresh corn from the field was a fun activity for the corn lesson, along with making fresh corn salsa.

"It wasn't all about cooking," Cooper said. "We did field trips to learn more about where our food comes from."

For the corn lesson, the students traveled to Shelby and Ross Producers in Webbers Falls where they learned corn grows on a stalk. The group also toured a dairy farm. They poured fresh cream into mason jars and shook, and shook and shook them to make butter, which they spread on toast.

"One of the coolest field trips was touring a meat processing plant where we got to see the whole process," she said. "We watched a beef carcass being processed and learned how hamburger is made."

Cooper said the purpose of Food, Fun, 4-H at School is to provide the students with opportunities to learn something new about the foods they are eating and preparing.

"They learned how to use a can opener and when we were making the hot ham and cheese sandwiches, they learned how to open a can of crescent rolls," she said. "They're learning basic life skills they'll use from now on. The students were also taught about job opportunities while we were on the field trips to the dairy, corn field and processing plant."

Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator at the state 4-H office at OSU, said Food, Fun, 4-H at School includes not only the fun recipes for the students to try, but it also features a physical activity, mindful minute and educational information about each month's theme.

"Food, Fun, 4-H at School can be delivered in a multitude of ways, including the OSU Extension county educator going into the school, a 4-H volunteer or a teacher and county educator working together to present the program," Allen said. "The recipes are easy and can be prepared using a microwave, electric skillet or a toaster oven. We also include a recipe that doesn't require a heat source. These recipes are great for the students to take home and prepare with their families. It's all about bringing the family together at the dinner table."

The Food, Fun, 4-H at School program is funded by a Walmart Foundation Grant.

To learn how to bring Food, Fun, 4-H at School to your area, contact the county OSU Extension office, or contact Allen at 405-744-8892 or cathy.allen@okstate.edu.

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