



Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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This Month's Events:

- Apr. 1—Oklahoma Farm Bureau Applications Due**
- Apr. 2-4—Master Sewing Volunteer State Workshop**
- Apr. 4—Cherokee Nation Seed Bank @ Afton City Hall**
- Apr. 8—4-H Leader's Meeting**
- Apr. 9—Fairland 4-H Meeting**
- Apr. 10—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting**
- Apr. 12—State Record Books Due to Extension Office**
- Apr. 13—Midwest Invitational Meat Judging Contest**
- Apr. 16—Miami 4-H Meeting**
- Apr. 17—4-H Day at the Capitol**
- Apr. 17—Afton 4-H Meeting**

- Apr. 19-24—National 4-H Conference**
- Apr. 27—State 4-H Land Judging**
- Apr. 27—OSU Cowhorse Clinic**
- Apr. 29—Northeast District Horse Show Registration Due**

State 4-H Record Book Help

State Record Books are a very important part of a 4-Her's career. These books compile all of a 4-Her's work and years in 4-H into one book. They are hard work, but very rewarding. Each project area awards a **\$1,200 scholarship**. There are many other scholarship that 4-H'ers can apply for when turning in their books. **Scholarships range from \$1,200 to \$5,000.** Jamie Foster can help you set-up your state book; along with Reba Palmer and other extension staff. Get in touch with the office if you are interested in completing a state 4-H record book so that arrangements can be made to help you with your book. There will be 2-3 days during spring break when Jamie and Reba can help with books.

It is also time to think about your **county record books**. If you are not ready for a state record book, this is for you. There is also a Cloverbud version of this book. Those turning in a state book can use that to turn into county instead of filling out two books. County Record Books are not due until July 12th, but make sure you are compiling records now to make the process easier when it comes to that time. More information about county record books can be found on the county website.



Future 4-H Events

May 4—State 4-H Livestock & Meat Judging Contests

May 7—OHCE Barn Quilt Workshop

May 8—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

May 10—Northeast District Contest Registration

Due

May 11-12—Okie Showdown

May 13—4-H Leader's Meeting

May 14—State Record Book Judging

May 14—Fairland 4-H Meeting

May 15—Afton 4-H Meeting

May 18—4-H Concession Stand @ Cherokee Event,
1pm-6pm

May 21—Miami 4-H Meeting

May 21-22—Vet Science Short Course

May 27—Office Closed/Memorial Day

May 29—Co-Parenting Class

May 31-June 1—NED Horse Show, Locust Grove

June 1—State 4-H Round Up Registration Due

June 1—Tulsa State Fair Nominations Open

June 1-15—OCF Pre-Entry Open

June 4-6—Northeast District Contest Days

June 7—OCHC Awards Banquet, 6pm-8pm

June 10—4-H Leader's Meeting

June 11—State Record Book Interviews

June 14-15—Ottawa County Tag-In

June 19—Office Closed/Juneteenth

June 21-23—State 4-H Parent/Volunteer Conference

June 29—Ottawa County Fair Tractor Pull



Northeast District Contest Days

The NED Contest Days will be held at the Payne County Fairgrounds. Contests available are:

Consumer Judging— Participants make consumer decisions by comparing prices while shopping, testing qualities, and making purchases on facts and research. 3rd-12th.

Skill-a-thons— Animal Science, Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy, Shooting Sports, Wildlife, Land Judging, Poultry Judging, Companion Animal, Horse, FCS, Floriculture, Veterinary Science. 3rd-12th.

Job Readiness— Participants will “apply” for a selected job. They will complete a resume, cover letter, and an application. They must participate in an in-person interview. For Intermediates or Seniors Only.

Archery— Participants are allowed to participate if they have practiced the required amount of hours and are signed off by the coaches.

Tractor Driving— Participants must be signed off by county educator. 7th grade and up.

Food Showdown— Teams of 3 will prepare a dish.

Livestock Quizbowl— Teams of 4 will be tested on their livestock knowledge.

ATV Skills— Must be ASI Certified.

Speech— 1st Year 4-H Ritual, Regular talk, Illustrated presentation, individual demonstration, team demonstration, power-point, and impromptu. Demonstrations can be either food or non-food categories.

Dutch Oven Cooking— Teams of 2-3. Must make dish with beef and dessert with strawberries and side dish.

Cupcake Wars— Teams of 2. Decorate the tops of three cupcakes.

Fashion and Fabrics— Participants may enter one handmade garment.

4-H Has Talent— Individual, small group or large group acts are allowed.

Sidewalk Chalk— Team will design chalk piece in 5x5 space.

Ask the office for more information on any of these contests.

Active Project Clubs:

Shooting Sports:

- **Shotgun** meets Sundays @ 2 pm @ Shawnee Skies, weather permitting

-Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams

- **Archery** meets Sundays @ 2pm @ Miami Fairgrounds Expo Building

-Until April 28th. Practices will resume in the fall!

-Coaches are Jake & Mindy Wise and newly certified TJ Brewster.

- **Air Rifle**, we have a new coach who will be offering practices starting in summer.

More details coming soon.

- Watch the Ottawa County 4 H Shooting Sports Oklahoma Facebook page for updates.

- **If you know someone who may be interested in leading any 4-H shooting sports activity please let office know!**



Horse Club:

- NED Horse Show is May 31st and June 1st.

- Events are Halter Mares, Halter Geldings, Showmanship, Breakaway, Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stakes Race, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Ranch Riding, Boxing, Ranch Ground Handling, Ranch Roping, Trail, Ranch Horse Trail.

- More information and registration form available at request.

- The OCHC Awards Banquet will be held June 7th @ 6pm

- Location has not been set yet.

- We are planning another Trail Ride!

- **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/Cloverbud 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

4-H and Cloverbuds attend the same meetings. Meetings consist of a craft/project activity, a snack, and a business-like meeting discussion.



Oklahoma 4-H'ers are in the fast lane to State Roundup

Oklahoma 4-H'ers are preparing for a ride in the fast lane as they gear up for the 103rd State 4-H Roundup slated July 24-26 on the Oklahoma State University campus. This year's theme is 4-H: The Fast Lane to Your Future.

State 4-H Roundup is open to any Oklahoma 4-H'er who has completed 7th grade through 2024 high school graduates. Registration materials will be available on April 15th. Check with the county OSU Extension office for eligibility and additional registration information.

"This year's Roundup will combine the time-honored favorites with some of our newer activities," said Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator at the state 4-H office at OSU. "For more than a century, State 4-H Roundup has been steeped in tradition, and we hold those traditions dear; but we also work hard to continue to meet the changing needs of our delegates by offering new things, too."

Counties are invited to arrive in Stillwater a day early and take part in the optional County Night Out. Allen said arriving early gives delegates and their chaperones time to settle in the residence halls and explore Stillwater and the campus before the festivities begin the following day.

"Because 4-H delegates often come from different clubs within the county, this is a great time for them to get to know one another," Allen said.

Kelly Wardlaw, assistant OSU Extension specialist for STEM activities, said 4-H Roundup will feature lots of fun and exciting contests, including Livestock Quiz Bowl, Communications Contest, Food Showdown and more.

"Aside from learning new things and making new friends, State 4-H Roundup is also a great time to hone life skills by participating in contests. They'll use their public speaking skills, teamwork skills and others as they navigate through the various contests," Wardlaw said. "In addition, spending three or four days on the OSU campus allows club members to see all that OSU has to offer in higher education. Various colleges from the university will set up informational booths the 4-H'ers can visit during Pete's Pit Stop dinner on the first night of State Roundup."

Recognizing the hard work club members have put into their projects for the past year is the highlight of the Honors Night Assembly. State record book winners will be announced, and they will walk away with over \$150,000 in educational scholarships thanks to the generosity of many donors to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

In addition, two outstanding 4-H'ers will be recognized as the 2024 Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame winners. Each will receive a \$5,000 scholarship sponsored by Farm Credit Associations of Oklahoma.

Club members running for state council leadership positions will present campaign speeches and all delegates will be able to vote for the 2024-2025 state leadership council.

"We couldn't pull this statewide event together without the support of county Extension educators and the many volunteers who help chaperone, organize contests, serve as judges and fill in where they're needed," Allen said. "We're looking forward to a fun time in the fast lane."

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