



Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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Featured

“Sew Fun” Sewing Camp 4-H/Cloverbud Day Camp OCF Special Events Ottawa County Fair

This Month’s Events:

- July 2-3** – “Sew Fun” Sewing Camp
- July 4** – Office Closed/Independence Day
- July 5** – County Book Workshop @ 8:30 am
- July 8** – Day Camp Sign up Due
- July 10** – 4-H Day Camp, 8:30-4:00
- July 10** – 4-H Leader’s Meeting @ 5:15 pm

- July 12** – County Record Books Due
- July 16-18** – Big Three Field Days, Livestock Judging Contest
- July 24** – Cloverbud Day Camp
- July 24-26** – OK State 4-H Round Up
- July 26** – Youth Ranch Rodeo Pre-Entries Due

County 4-H Record Books

What is a County 4-H Record Book? These record books are a way for youth to record all of the project work, activities, events, and services done throughout the year in 4-H. Project awards and special awards are given to those who fill out a book. These books are done every year and make it easier for individuals submitting a state book and even scholarships. Record books include 8 sections and an entry form.

First is the **Ottawa County Awards Entry Form**.

Section I has two parts, project work done and what was learned in said project. This section can be done for multiple projects but both parts need to be done for each project.

Section II logs all of the participants Leadership and Public Speaking activities done that year.

Section III asks for the Citizenship and Community Service projects.

Section IV is for 4-H awards you have earned and the year it was received.

Section V logs Non-4-H Experiences such as Church Camp, School Activities, or other extracurricular activities.

Section VI allows you to list all of the workshops, events, shows, meetings, etc. attended that year.

The next section is the **4-H Story**. Your story is about your experience with 4-H in the past year.

Lastly, the **Photo Pages**. 3 pages of pictures of the 4-H’er in their project will be submitted in the record book. These pictures show the book evaluator that the 4-H’er is active in the project.

Cloverbuds can also fill out a version of record book. The Cloverbuds have 4 sections to fill out.

The forms for the record book can be found on the Ottawa County OSU Extension website under the 4-H page. **There will be a workshop held on July 5th** for those that need help. 4-H’ers can also come in any other time to work on their book. Please call ahead of time.

FUTURE 4-H EVENTS

Aug. 1 – Tulsa State Fair Livestock and Horse Show Entries Open

Aug. 1 – Oklahoma State Fair EYO Entries Open

Aug. 1 – Ottawa County Fair Pre-Entry Deadline

Aug. 3-10 – Ottawa County Free Fair

Aug. 3 – OCF Youth Ranch Rodeo, Miami Fairgrounds

4-H Concession – 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, 8pm-10pm

Aug. 25 – Oklahoma State Fair EYO Entries Close

Aug. 26 – TSF Livestock and Horse Show Entries Close

Aug. 31 – OCF Demo Derby, Miami Fairgrounds

4-H Concession – 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, 8pm-10pm

Sept. 1—4-H Enrollment Opens for 2024-2025

Sept. 2—Office Closed/Labor Day

Sept. 2—TSF Contest Entry Deadline/Livestock and Horse Show Late Entry Deadline

Sept. 12-22—Oklahoma State Fair, EYO

Sept. 26-Oct. 6—Tulsa State Fair

“Sew Fun” Sewing Camp

At this sewing camp, 4-H’ers will be able to learn basic sewing skills. This includes using sewing machines and other sewing equipment, different construction techniques, fabrics, and patterns. Participants will learn through hands-on activities. They will make their own garments or accessories during the class, which can later be entered in the Ottawa County Fair.

4-H & Cloverbud Day Camp

Ottawa County 4-H is offering day camps for 4-H’ers to learn more about different projects areas and create indoor exhibits for the Ottawa County Fair. The topic we have for July 10th is Nature Day. We look forward in creating fun projects with you this summer!

The Cloverbud Day Camp will involve many different projects as well, it will be on July 24th.

Ottawa County Special Events

The Ottawa County Fair Board is hosting a Youth Ranch Rodeo and Demolition Derby in August.

Open Youth Ranch Rodeo—Saturday, August 3rd. Open to all youth (Graduated Senior and Younger, there are no age divisions). Teams of 4. Youth may participate on a maximum of 2 teams. \$120 per team. Competitor Check-In 5-5:45. Penning, Sorting, Doctoring, Stray Gathering. Pre-Enter by July 26 to Bandy Harris 918-533-0528.

6 & Under (No Entry Fee) Goat Milking, Ribbon Race, Stick Horse Race.

Oklahoma Beatdown Derby—Saturday, August 31st. Gates open at 4 and event starts at 6. Heats are Youth Compact Class (ages 12-17), Full-Size Semi Stock, “Semi” Stock Compacts, and PowerWheels. More info on Facebook. \$10,000 Payout.

Summer 4-H Concession Stands

We will need 4-H’ers to work these events. Get in touch with Kathy Brock or the office to volunteer.

OCF Youth Ranch Rodeo: August 3rd, Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots are 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8pm-close.

Ottawa County Fair Shows: Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots vary, more info will be available soon.

OCF Demolition Derby: August 31st, Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots are 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8pm-close.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

9 AM-1 PM—Check in Indoor Exhibits—4-H, FFA, OHCE, Open Classes

9:00 AM—Tractor Driving Contest-Parking lot West of the Exhibition Building

9:00 AM—Dog Show at the show barn

6:00 PM—Open Youth Ranch Rodeo—Fairgrounds Grandstand

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

4-8:00 PM—Poultry & rabbits check in

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

7 AM – 9 AM—Check in Indoor Exhibits—4-H, FFA, OHCE, Open Classes

1:00 PM—Judging & display all indoor exhibits

4-8:00 PM—Poultry & rabbits check in and in place

6:00 PM—Ottawa County Youth Horse Show

8:30 PM—Swine in place and start weigh in at 9 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

8:00 AM—All other livestock (including bucket animals) in place, except dairy cows in milk and dairy goats in milk

8:30 AM—Weigh all other livestock. Check in all breeding & dairy cattle and dairy goats (must have date of birth)

8:30 AM—Judging poultry and rabbits

4-9:00 PM—Exhibition building doors open to public and Indoor Booths open.

6:00 PM—Swine Show

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

12:00 PM—Dairy Cows & Dairy Goats in milk in place

4-9:00 PM—Exhibition building doors open to public

5:00 PM—Dairy Goat & Dairy Cattle Show

6:00 PM—Sheep Show- Goat Show will start immediately following the Sheep show.

9:00 PM—Bucket Animals entries turned in

6-10:00 PM—Carnival Open

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

10 AM-Noon—Exhibition building open for school groups, children's group, and senior citizens

4-9:00 PM—Exhibition building doors open to public

6:00 PM—Beef Show

6-10:00 PM—Carnival open

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

6 AM-Noon—Release beef, swine, goats, and sheep, with exception of those making the premium sale, alternates, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class

4-9:00 PM—Exhibition building open to public

4:30 PM—Mandatory Premium Sale Meeting for all Exhibitors who will be in the Premium Sale.

6:00 PM—Premium Sale Dinner

6:30 PM-Presentation of Awards in Show Arena- Tractor Driving, 4-H & FFA Poultry & Rabbit, Outstanding 4-H

7:00 PM—Premium Sale in Show Arena

6-11:00 PM—Carnival Open

Evening—Antique Tractor Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

8:30 AM—Registration for Livestock Judging & Youth Fitting Contest

9:00 AM—Youth Livestock Judging Contest

1:00 PM—Youth Fitting Contest

1-9:00 PM—Exhibition Building open to public

4:00 PM—Peddle Tractor Pull for kids

5:00 PM—8 & Under Poultry Awards in Show Arena

5:30 PM—Buddy Show

6:00 PM—Bucket Animal Show

6-11:00 PM—Carnival open

7:00 PM—Super Showmanship Contest

8:00 PM—Release poultry/rabbits (no trucks/pickups in midway).

11:00 PM—Release of all other livestock

Evening—Antique Tractor Show

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

Noon-2:00 PM—Release all indoor exhibits. Exhibits not picked up will be discarded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

6:00 PM—Ottawa County Fair Demo Derby- Grandstands



Active Project Clubs:

Shooting Sports:

- **Shotgun** meets Sundays @ 2 pm @ Shawnee Skies, weather permitting and as coaches are available.
-Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams
- **Air Rifle**
-Every other Sunday @ 2 pm @ the Miami Fairgrounds.
-Watch Facebook for updates.
-Coach is Spirit Cox.
- **Archery, Practices will resume in the fall!**
-Coaches are Jake & Mindy Wise and TJ Brewster.
- Watch the Ottawa County 4 H Shooting Sports Oklahoma Facebook page for updates.
- **If you know someone who may be interested in leading or helping with any 4-H shooting sports activity please let office know!**



Horse Club:

- **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.



Dog Club:

- Dog Club practices are held every Tuesday at 6:30pm
- Youth and dogs will learn obedience, agility, and rally.
- Practices are held at the Miami Fairgrounds and at the Schertz residence in Miami.
- Coach is Deanna Steinbach.



Livestock Club

- Ottawa County is wanting to build a Livestock Quizbowl team and offer more opportunities for Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thons.
- Learn more about cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, fish, and horses. We will explore these species through Kahoot games, Trivia, Quizbowl games, Quizlet, etc.!
- Coach is Reba Palmer, contact her if you are interested.

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

4-H/Cloverbud meetings will resume in the fall during schools.

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

We need volunteers to be Club Leaders in Afton, Commerce, and Quapaw! If you are interested, please contact the office! Your help is greatly appreciated!



Shooting Sports Ambassador program offers leadership opportunities

The Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program is completing its inaugural year and it has been a success. Modeled after the National Shooting Sports Ambassador program, the state program is open to high school freshmen through seniors.

Ruth Pratt, [Oklahoma State University Extension](#) state specialist and statewide coordinator for the Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports program, said the purpose of the ambassador program is to provide club members participating in the shooting sports project with leadership and civic engagement opportunities at the state level and potentially the national level.

“Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports at all events and activities,” Pratt said. “In addition, being an ambassador provides opportunities to teach STEM, healthy living and civic engagement on local, county, district and state levels, which is part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports mission mandates.”

Pratt, who was involved in the shooting sports program during her time as a 4-H'er, said she saw first-hand youth who wanted to be part of the program, but not compete.

“Competition is just a small part of our shooting sports program. We're more focused on positive youth development,” she said. “My goal as the state coordinator is to have a statewide opportunity for those youth who want to be part of 4-H shooting sports and to lead and educate other youth, adults and partnering organizations across Oklahoma and the U.S.”

As for leadership opportunities, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program allows each state to send two delegates to the Leadership Institute each year. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for those selected to participate and they bring home information to share with the state program.

To be eligible to apply to become a National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador youth must have served at least one year as an Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.

“The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has always provided opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills, and becoming part of the Shooting Sports Ambassador program is another way to enhance your 4-H experience,” Pratt said. “Our program is still new, but we have eight ambassadors ready to tackle their new opportunities this year. I'm excited to see what ideas these youth have and where the journey takes us.”

Pratt said applications for the next state ambassador group will open in spring 2025, so club members have plenty of time to learn more about the program and participate in activities that will help them become qualified applicants.

For more information, contact Pratt at 405-744-4141 or ruth.pratt@okstate.edu.

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