



Ottawa County 4-H

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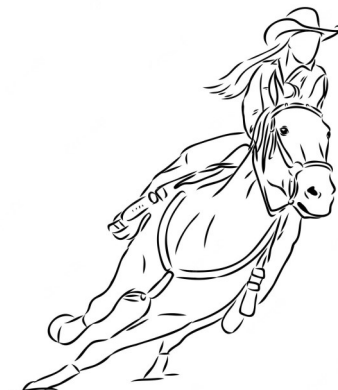
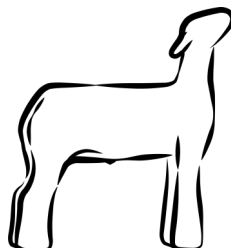
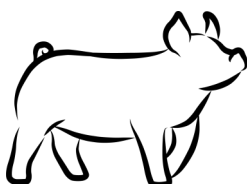
Good Luck to our Tulsa State Fair Exhibitors!

*Individuals who placed 1st with indoor exhibits at our fair had their items entered into TSF!

- Jensen Dorey, Miami 4-H—7 Indoor Exhibits
- Josiah Dorey, Miami 4-H—11 Indoor Exhibits
- Dillon Foster, Miami 4-H—**26 Indoor Exhibits!**
- Lexi Enyart, Wyandotte 4-H—2 Indoor Exhibits
- Taylor Fry, Fairland 4-H—5 Indoor Exhibits
- Gracie Smith, Fairland 4-H—2 Indoor Exhibits
- Kaylyn Wise, Fairland 4-H—4 Indoor Exhibits
- Katelyn Wood, Afton 4-H—2 Indoor Exhibits
- Berkeley Ulrey, Miami 4-H—3 Indoor Exhibits

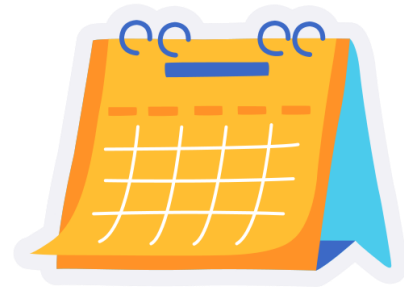


- Acen Earp, Quapaw 4-H—2 Swine Entries
- Taryn Earp, Quapaw 4-H—3 Swine Entries
- Kailyn Woods, Fairland 4-H—1 Ewe Entry
- Jarin Cox, Miami 4-H—2 Horse Show Entries



Future 4-H Events

- Sept. 1—Registration due for Youth In Action
- Sept. 2—Demolition Derby
- Sept. 4—Office Closed/Labor Day
- Sept. 12—Fairland 4-H Meeting
- Sept. 13—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting
- Sept. 14-17—EYO at Oklahoma State Fair
- Sept. 14-24—Oklahoma State Fair
- Sept. 20—Afton 4-H Meeting
- Sept. 21—Miami 4-H Meeting
- Sept. 28-Oct. 8—Tulsa State Fair
- 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. 18—Afton 4-H Meeting
- Oct. 21—OK 4-H Day at Remington Park
- Oct. 28—NE District Science Fair & Cloverbud Living Wax Museum Contest



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

2023 Oklahoma Beatdown Derby

- Saturday, Sept. 2 @ 6 PM the demolition derby will be held the Miami Fairgrounds! Gates open at 4 PM. General Admission: \$15, Pit Pass: \$20, Car & Driver \$40, 8 & Under: Free. There will be 4 classes of derby cars to watch so come out and enjoy the show!

Be Sure to Collect Pop Tabs and Change Year Round



Active Project Clubs:



Shooting Sports—Shotgun:

- Meets Sundays @ 2 pm

@ Shawnee Skies

- Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams

-Contact office for more info!

-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!

Horse Club:

- We are still discussing dates. All updates will be posted on the county Facebook page and the OCHC Facebook page.

- If you would like to volunteer to help with the next series please contact the email below!

-Contact spirit.cox@okstate.edu or the office 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

Quapaw: 1st Tues. each month, after school-5:00, Quapaw Elem. Cafeteria

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



Tips and tricks to growing your club

Things that are worthwhile don't just happen – they take time and effort. Positive relationships, running a successful business, good health, etc. It's no different when growing a 4-H club.

Growing a club requires intentional recruitment and retention from each volunteer leader, club member and family, said Karla Knoepfli, Oklahoma State University Extension state volunteer specialist in the State 4-H Office.

“The beginning of a new 4-H year is a good time to really think about your recruitment and retention plan. Think of your 4-H families, members and potential members as informed consumers who are comparing this program to others they may be considering,” Knoepfli said. “While you know the positive attributes of the 4-H program, it's important to continually deliver interesting and relevant opportunities to current and potential ‘customers.’”

Today's youth are actively being recruited by other organizations, so it's important in the 4-H program to continually recruit in an effort to attract new members as well as retain members in the program.

What can families, volunteers and club officers do to achieve this? Here are four tips for maintaining a healthy enrollment in a local club:

- Provide a welcoming and engaging environment. Make members feel valued for who they are. Ensure new members and families have an orientation and are paired up with a mentor.

- Offer quality programming. Are you offering a range of activities that appeal to everyone? Providing programming in fun and unique ways helps keep youth engaged. Leaders should be truly prepared to be mindful, intentional and flexible to continually meet the needs of the consumer, aka: club members.

- Nurture relationships. Provide programming in a safe social/emotional environment for both club members and volunteers. A good volunteer/club member ratio is important to nurture and provide growth opportunities that meet the needs of everyone involved. Focus less on the outcomes (ie: winning) and instead provide positive reinforcement for improvement, progress and mastery.

- Keep youth engaged. Club members develop life skills when given the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process. Youth leadership can help guide the group to new opportunities, discover new ways of accomplishing the 4-H mission, deliver programs and more.

Gillard and Will, in the “Journal of Parks and Recreation Administration,” said, “Youth will need to be continually recruited to keep attending, or to be retained in the program.”

“A quality, well-balanced club will double as a motivator and influence the decision to return,” Knoepfli said. “Youth and families who experience successes, fulfillment, competence and fun are repeat customers and bring others into the 4-H family.”

Check out [4-H Tuesday Tool Time](#) for more information. An informational handout is available [here](#). Another resource is this informative [YouTube video](#).

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