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OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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This Month's Events:

Nov. 3-4—ZZZ's Under the Seas

Nov. 4—Park of Lights Set-up @ 9am

Nov. 4—OCHC Shodeo @ 1pm

Nov. 8—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

Nov. 10—LifeSmarts Scholarship App. Due

Nov. 11—Horse Science Academy (limited space)

Nov. 11—Veteran's Day Parade @ 2:30

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 @ 10am

Nov. 19—OCHC Shodeo @ 1pm

Nov. 20—Parade Float Decorating @ 9am

Nov. 21—Miami 4-H Meeting

Nov. 23-24—Office Closed/Thanksgiving

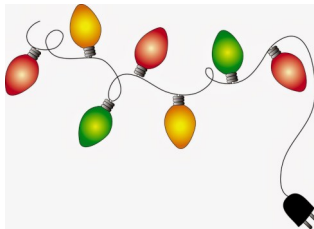
Dec. 1—AFR Food Drive Due to Office

Park of Lights Set-Up

November 4th @ 9am

Twin Bridges State Park—4-H Display

Dress for the weather!



Veteran's Day Parade

November 11th, Line up @ 2:30pm

In front of Vance in Miami

Join us on our float to honor our veterans!



AFR Food Drive

AFR is hosting their annual food drive again! There are prizes for the county club/chapter that has the highest weight ticket! Food will be donated to the Salvation Army this year. Collect non-perishables to bring to the office or to your club meeting! **DEADLINE DEC. 1**

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4-H Achievement Celebration & Fundraiser

The 4-H Achievement Celebration and Fundraiser is open to anyone who would like to come and celebrate our 4-H'ers accomplishments and participate in the fundraiser auctions! The celebration is to recognize and award the members who turned in record books for the 2022-2023 4-H year. We will be having a spaghetti feed after the celebration, then our auction.

The auction is just like the paddle parties we have had in the past. You can buy paddles and then use the paddles to bet. Each bet costs a quarter, so bring lots of quarters! The concept of the paddle party will be better explained at the fundraiser. On the side, we will also be having a silent auction of baked goods and goodie baskets! We ask that the 4-H families who attend bring 2 items for the live auction and 1 item for the silent auction. Please call the office and let us know what you are bringing by November 10th so that we can create a list. All proceeds go into the Ottawa County 4-H fund to be used towards new projects, camps, workshops, and more!

We are excited to see everyone at the event and thank you in advance for coming! **Nov. 18th** starting @ **10am** at the **First Christian Church** in Miami. Please RSVP by calling the extension office or emailing spirit.cox@okstate.edu. RSVP by November 1.

Christmas Parade Float Decorating

November 20th @ 9am, we will be decorating the 4-H float for the Christmas parades at the **Miami Fairgrounds!** This year's theme is "Take Me Home for Christmas—Memories and Traditions". We will be decorating the float with a home scene, vintage downtown Miami scene, and tree lighting scene. Please dress according to the weather, we don't want anyone getting cold! December 2nd is the Quapaw, Commerce, and Miami Christmas Parades. December 9th is the Fairland Christmas Parade.

Future 4-H Events

- Dec. 2**—Miami, Quapaw, and Commerce Christmas Parades
- Dec. 2**—4-H Horse Volunteer Conference
- Dec. 4**—AFR Annual Dinner @ 6pm, need volunteers to set-up and serve.
- Dec. 9**—OCHC Shodeo @ 1pm
- Dec. 9**—Fairland Christmas Parade @ 12pm, Line-up @ 11:30am
- 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!



Be Sure to Collect Pop Tabs and Change Year Round!

If you have not picked up your Ottawa County Fair Check, please do so! We will NOT be mailing them out.

Active Project Clubs:



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:

- **Next: 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



End-of-year giving can benefit Oklahoma 4-H'ers

The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has made a difference in the lives of thousands of Oklahoma youth. Youth not only gain life skills through experiential learning opportunities, but they can earn scholarships for higher education thanks to generous donations to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Milford Jenkins, 4-H Foundation executive director, said donations of unrestricted gifts play a crucial role in the Foundation's annual operations budget.

"These dollars can be allocated by the organization's board of directors to support 4-H youth activities such as Citizenship Washington Focus, State 4-H Roundup, ATV Safety Training, Enhancement Grants for county 4-H clubs and other related programming priorities this year," Jenkins said. "One highlight of how \$25,000 in unrestricted charitable gifts made an indelible impact on our 4-H family was providing support to the 2023 Oklahoma 4-H Parent/Volunteer Conference that took place in June."

This event brought together parents and volunteers for hands-on learning and sharing information and programming that is making a difference across the state.

"The donation of these unrestricted dollars has a ripple effect within the 4-H program," Jenkins said. "In this case, parents and volunteers came together and were able to glean new ideas that have proven to be successful in other counties and take them home to implement in their local programs, resulting in more and more 4-H youth being reached."

At the 102nd State 4-H Roundup that took place in July, more than \$146,000 in education scholarships were presented to club members in recognition of their excellence in project work. This money all comes from the benevolent donors to the 4-H Foundation.

Abby Logan, a 4-H'er from Payne County, said she has been blessed to receive various scholarships from the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

"These scholarships have allowed me to begin my college education studying natural resource ecology and management," Logan said. "It has been a goal of mine to pay for my college education myself, either through work or scholarships. The scholarships I've received through 4-H are allowing me to do just that. I couldn't be more grateful for the countless individuals and donors who make these scholarships possible and allow youth like me to earn a successful start to higher education."

Donors also have the opportunity to restrict charitable gifts to support a particular county's 4-H program and activities through the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. Jenkins indicated this is accomplished through the county's G-Account at the Foundation.

"G-Accounts were established in the early 2000s to provide donors a platform to restrict their support to 4-H programs and activities in their home county or county(ies) of interest," he said. "All 77 counties have a G-Account and donors can denote the county(ies) where they want their gift to go at the time they make the gift. Before making your gift, visit your County Extension Director (CED) and 4-H educator(s) to learn about your local and county 4-H clubs' current funding needs that can be met by your charitable gift to the

Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. Sponsoring 4-H youth and activities in a particular county can be very meaningful to 4-H alumni, businesses and other stakeholders with close ties to that particular county.”

Donors can also provide major gifts to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, through their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Jenkins said donors age 70½ may use a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) to donate up to \$100,000 to qualified charities. For married couples, if both individuals are 70½ years of age, each spouse can exclude up to \$100,000 from their gross incomes for a total of \$200,000 to qualified charities. QCDs are paid directly from the IRA to the charity. Donors are encouraged to consult with their legal or tax advisors about this charitable giving strategy.

“For those planning their estates, the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation can be named as a charitable beneficiary as a testament to how much the 4-H program meant to them as a youth growing up,” he said.

Jenkins is available to visit with people who are interested in contributing to 4-H. The establishment of permanent endowments, charitable provisions for 4-H in estate plans, and giving outright cash gifts or appreciated securities annually are just a few of the charitable giving strategies available to donors who want to support 4-H youth in Oklahoma.

Giving end-of-year charitable cash gifts to support 4-H youth is easy, simple and no different than any other time of the year. Simply write a check payable to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and mail to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, 505 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK. 74078; visit the Foundation’s website at oklahoma4hfoundation.com and click the Donate button; or call Jenkins on campus at 405-744-5390 or cellphone at 816-390-4357, or email at milford.jenkins@okstate.edu.

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