

## STEPHENS COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW/OYE

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR 4-H ENROLLMENT?

For the upcoming Stephens County Livestock Show and OYE, the rules state that "any exhibitor must be a bona fide member, in good standing, of an Oklahoma 4-H or FFA Chapter." If you have nominated an animal for the Stephens County JLS or OYE, you will need to make sure you have gone to 4h.zsuite.org, signed up to be a 4H Member, and paid your dues. If you are currently "Pending", you will need to contact the OSU Extension Office and arrange payment to become active. If you need any assistance with the online enrollment process, please contact Kaylie Renfro @ 580-255-0510

### **Stephens County Junior Livestock Show** Concession Stand Volunteers & Cobbler **Donation**

It is that time of year again! We need all our hardworking volunteers to try and come support the 4-H at one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! the shifts will be 8 am-12 pm and 1 pm-5 pm depending on when the shows end. We would like for our members to be a part of this as well this can count as public service in a record book. We would like to have 4 members and 2-3 adults per shift. February 19th- 22nd. The night of the Premium sale we will need a few volunteers to help with concession and kiddos to help pick up trash from the buyers. Premium sale starts at 6 pm but the dinner starts a 5 pm. Please notify the office or fill out this form by February 16th so that we know what shifts still need to be covered. We are also asking for donations of cobbler for the night of the premium sale.

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#### **Upcoming County, District,** and State 4-H Dates

02/08/24 Junior Master Gardener Lesson #1 02/15/24 4-H Day at the Capitol Registration Due

02/19/24- 02/23/24 Stephens County Junior Livestock Show

02/28/24 State of Orange Day of Service Ideas due

03/06/24 Trap Shooting Practice Begins 03/07/24 Junior Master Gardener Lesson #2

03/11/24-03/21/24 Oklahoma Youth Expo

04/06/24 Duds to Dazzle Washita County

04/10/24 Bray-Doyle Yoga 4 Kids afterschool

04/13/24 State of Orange 4-H Day of Service

04/15/24 Mock Culinary Day

Stephens Co Fairgrounds 5 pm

04/18/24 Ag in the Classroom Lesson

Extension Office 5 pm 04/22/24 Grandview Yoga 4 Kids

04/24/24 Comanche Yoga 4 Kids

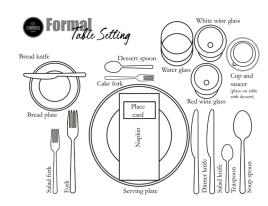
04/27/24 District Trap Shoot

05/31/24-06/01/24 District Horse Show El Reno

**Volunteer Signup for Stephens County Junior Livestock Show** February 19th-23rd







# **Stephens County Culinary Days**

In preparation for the district Culinary Days, Stephens County has decided to put on a training clinic and a county contest. The three contests that will make up culinary days are.

- Food Showdown
- Cupcake Wars
- Table Setting

I have reached out to another educator, and she has graciously recommended the national champion team from 2023 come down to Stephens County and teach your kids how the food showdown contest and the table-setting contest will go. I am on the hunt for a baker to come and teach the cupcake wars contest. The training will be held on **April 15**<sup>th</sup>, **2024**, **at 5 pm** in the heritage room here at the fairgrounds.

The County Culinary Days will be held **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, **2024**, **and it will start at 8 am** in the heritage room. This will be the day that the kids will be judged, this year I have decided to open a category in the cupcake wars for the Cloverbuds the rules for them will be different than for the older kids. If your clover bud is interested, please call the office to get more information. You are not required to participate in all three contests you can pick the ones you want to do, Food Showdown and Cupcake Wars require 2-3 team members per team, and table setting is an individual contest.

Please call the office to reserve your spot in the training session and the County contest! Don't wait till the last-minute spots are filling up quickly.





# Junior Master Gardener Classes Beginning Soon

Stephens County has decided to offer our 4-H kids the opportunity to learn different gardening concepts and the basics of plant science. We have decided to have the lessons monthly here at the extension office. The first lesson will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. It will be a combination of the Hamburger Plant lesson and The Eat the Whole Plant lesson. For each class there will be an online form posted on + Facebook that can be filled out to sign up or you can call the office. The following dates are for the next classes in the series.

- March 7<sup>th</sup>,2024
- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Being a part of 4-H is much more than just competing in livestock shows, entering projects at the fair, and attending club meetings. Being a 4-H member means participating in public service events that will help our local community. If we think back to the 4-H pledge we pledge our head, heart, hands, and health for our club, community, country, and world. We want to give the kids the opportunity to come up with ideas so that we as a county can come together and better our community. The date the state has set for the State of Orange Day is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, this is a Saturday, but the options are endless on what we can do. If you have ideas for a project we can complete as a county, please email Kaylie at <a href="mailto:kaylie.renfro@okstate.edu">kaylie.renfro@okstate.edu</a>. Please have your ideas turned in to the office by February 28<sup>th</sup>.





Ag In The Classroom Lessons

Ag in the classroom lessons will be offered multiple times throughout the year. It focuses on all thing's agriculture anything from plant science to animal science. The first lesson will be on April 18th, 2024, and we will be doing the Dirt Babies activity. This activity will teach the students how grass grows. This is a hands-on activity where the students will take home their dirt baby and care for those babies until they see grass come up out of the head of the baby. The students will need to keep a daily diary of what they observe. This lesson follows the Oklahoma Academic Standards, the classes this specific lesson covers are, Life Science, Earth Science, and Critical Writing. The next lessons will be offered on:

- May 9<sup>th</sup>
- May 16<sup>th</sup>



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### 4-H Day at the Capitol

4-H Day at the Capitol will happen on April 17th, 2024.

4-H Day at the Capitol is an excellent opportunity for members to meet with State Representatives and Senators to share their 4-H stories.

Registration will be on Microsoft Forms due by **02/15/2024**.

#### https://forms.office.com/r/DSqy3uYs1h

- Each county will be allowed to bring two delegates. It is recommended that delegates be 13 years of age and older. If counties have State Council Representatives, State Ambassadors, and District Officers they will count towards the two delegates. All participants in 4-H Day at the Capitol must have an active status in the online 4-H enrollment system.
- If delegates are not State Council members, District Officers, or State 4-H Ambassadors they will need to purchase a shirt from Stillwater Screen Printing. We have worked with Stillwater Screen Printing to set up an online store. Orders are due by February 15<sup>th</sup> and will be ready approximately 2 weeks after the store closes. Shipping costs will be added, or you can pick up shirts at Stillwater Screen Printing. The State 4-H Office will not be mailing any shirts this year.
- 4-H Day at the Capitol registration is due on **February 15**th, **2024**, **via Microsoft Form** to Gail Taylor

