



4-H Clover Connection

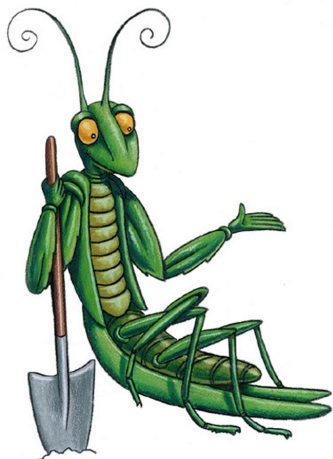
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January 2023

Sr Christmas Party	Jan 6
Sewing Club Meeting	Jan 14
County Talks Contest	Jan 30
County Stock Show	Feb 7-10
Woodward Stock Show	Mar 17-28
OYE	Mar 6-17
County Safety Day	April
Food Show/Show Down	April
Pioneer Day Parade	May
County camp	May/Jun
State 4-H Round Up	July

Junior Master Gardener Program

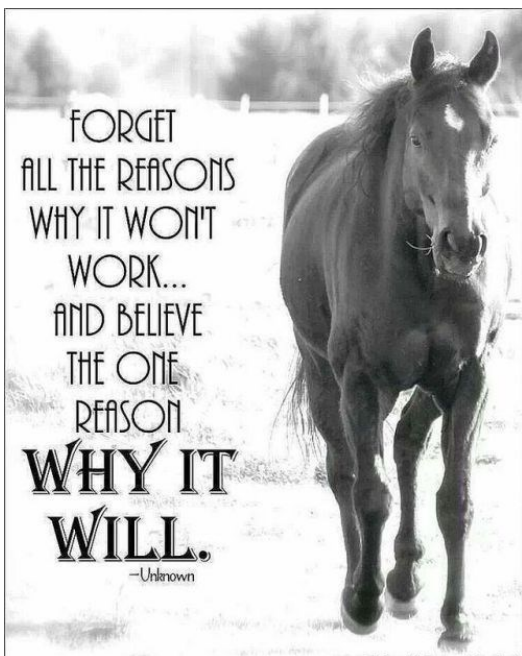


While historically known to focus on traditional agricultural projects, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has something for everyone. Something that many young people will find fun and exciting is the Junior Master Gardener Program.

This curriculum covers all aspects of horticulture and landscape architecture, said [Shelley Mitchell](#), [Oklahoma State University Extension 4-H Youth Development](#) horticulture specialist.

"It's not just about growing pretty flowers or tasty fruits and vegetables. The Junior Master Gardeners program incorporates soil and water conservation, ecology, plant growth and development, insects and diseases, and even nutrition. 4-H has a big emphasis on STEM activities and the JMG fits right in with that," Mitchell said. "There are two levels of the curriculum, including Level 1 for 3rd through 5th grade and Level 2 for grades 6th through 8th."

Quote of the Month



Level 1 covers plants and landscape architecture along with career exploration and life skills. There are supplemental curricula including literature activities to go with several popular children's books. Level 1 also covers basic gardening, nutrition and physical activity.

Level 2 covers plant growth and development along with water and soil conservation. It also expands on the lessons learned in Level 1.

Mitchell said the lessons can stand alone as needed or be used in conjunction with other programming and activities such as summer camps or after-school programs.

"There is plenty of material available if someone wanted to start a JMG club," she said. "The materials for the activities are inexpensive and readily available. It takes just five youth and one adult to start an official JMG group. It's easy to get a group registered at jmgkids.us."

The lessons can also be incorporated into the classroom. Each activity has background information for the teacher or volunteer leader.

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Junior Master Gardner Cont.

4-H strives to provide opportunities for club members to develop citizenship, leadership and other life skills through hands-on activities. The JMG program inspires youth to be of service in their communities through service-learning projects. Clubs could start a school or community garden. As part of a 4-H citizenship project, 4-H'ers can donate excess produce from their own gardens to a local food bank.

"4-H'ers can get involved in exploring their world through meaningful activities that encourage leadership development, personal pride and responsibility," Mitchell said. "Through these activities, they'll develop critical thinking skills and the ability to identify community concerns and take action to address them through individual and group projects."

For more information about the Junior Master Gardener program, email Mitchell at shelley.mitchell@okstate.edu. More information about the [county 4-H program](#) is available online.

Stock Show Need to Know Dates

County Stock Show Nominations Due
to County office.....December 1-13
OYE Entries to OfficeFebruary 17
OYE Dates.....March 6-17



Sewing Club Meeting



Next meeting for the
Sewing club
Saturday January 14,
2023
From 9am to 11am
At the OSU Extension Office

Bring your sewing machines and your
sewing kits, If you don't have any, That's
ok We have some for you
See you then!!!

4-H Promotional Banner

The Texas County 4-H Promotions committee is asking each club to conduct a Design contest to design a banner to be made to promote 4-H in their community/town.

- ◆ The banner is 3'x5"
- ◆ Each club member has the opportunity to submit a design to their club leaders at their January Meeting.
- ◆ Clubs will narrow it down to the top 5 banners.
- ◆ At the February meeting the club will vote for on their choice of banners that will be then made for their club.
- ◆ The club choice is then submitted to the committee no later than February 28, 2023
- ◆ Each club is asked to pay the set-up fee, if required, and the county 4-H promotion committee will pay for the cost of the banner!

Have fun designing your banner for your club. The club will use their banner to promote 4-H in their Town/community.



4-H Day at OSU



Open to 10th, 11th and 12th grade 4-H members to join us on **Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023** for our inaugural **4-H Day at OSU**, where they'll discover how to connect their 4-H passions to their dreams and future purpose.

Participation is free but **limited to the first 125 4-H members**. Registration is by individual. Have your members register now at [orange.okstate.edu/register/4-H Day!](https://orange.okstate.edu/register/4-H%20Day)

Citizen Washington Focus



Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth held June 15-24, 2023. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that

will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

To be eligible to attend Citizenship Washington Focus, youth must be at least 15 years of age by June 1, 2023. Youth must have an ACTIVE status in online 4-H enrollment system. Youth who are graduating in 2023 may attend CWF in 2023.

Transmittal forms and total payment are **due** to the State 4-H office by **January 23, 2023**. Cost for the 10 day program is \$2,200 per delegate.

The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Rule of Law Travel Scholarships are available to youth to cover a portion of the cost. Applications for the Rule of Law Scholarships must be received by the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation via email by **January 14th, 2022**. Please email applications

to ok4hfoundation@okstate.edu

4-H Tuesday Tool Time

2023 Quarterly Schedule and Registration Links:

January 10 – Registration for [Project Wild](#)

April 11 – Registration for [Jr Master Gardener Resources](#)

June 13 – Registration for [Engaging Volunteers Meaningfully](#)

Q4 TBD –Social & Emotional Learning Lessons:
From 4-H at Home to Clubs & Schools

4-H Night at the Museum

Oklahoma 4-H is excited to announce the annual 4-H Night at the Science Museum. Experience what it's like to be a real-life detective or forensic scientist as we lift fingerprints, extract DNA, interrogate suspects, and much more! The science of solving crimes awaits you at this year's 4-H Night at the Science Museum. Pack your magnifying glass and your badge because we have a case to crack!

4-H'ers can sleep under a giant dinosaur, by a rocket engine, or in an oversize mouth. They can experience blood type analysis, coding and decoding secret messages, ride a Segway, and explore the stars. A special feature of Science Overnights is a selection of hands-on activities and experiments that fit with the theme of the evening.

Date:

January 27th-28th, 2023 : 7:00PM - 7:00AM

Location:

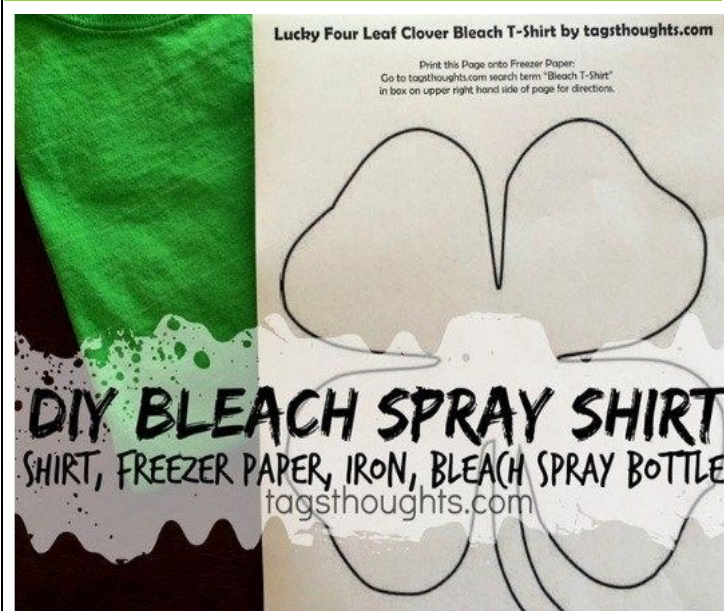
Science Museum of Oklahoma
2020 Remington Place
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Cost:

\$45 for Youth
\$25 for Chaperone

Participants can register through ZSuite. Registration is due January 20, 2023.

At Home 4-H Project



Texas County Talks, Demonstrations, Illustrated Presentations/ PowerPoint Presentations & Video Presentations Contest

Monday January 30, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Extension office.

Call Extension Officer to Register

Registrations are due by January 23, 2023

Junior Division—Ages 9—13

Senior Division—Ages 14 and over

All ages are as of January 1, 2019.

Presentations time limits are

Demo or Illustration Presentation.....5-12 minutes

Reading with Children

Power Point presentation.....5-7 minutes

Junior (9-13).....15 Minutes Max

Talks are designed to encourage 4-H members to speak in front of a group. No visual aids or props are used. Special awards will be based on placing within general categories dealing with these specific topics: Peanut, Bread, Dairy or Electric.

Illustrated Talk means a sharing of information and educating the audience about a specific subject/project area. It is an oral presentation utilizing posters/illustrations or objects to emphasize or illustrate specific points of information.

Rules for Illustrated Talk

1. Illustrated Talk includes demonstrations and illustrated talks. Props must be used.
2. PowerPoint may not be used.
3. Talk may be done by an individual or by a team of two 4-H members.

A Demonstration also shares information with an audience by showing "how" to do something. While talking, the member shows how to make an item or complete a task. When the presentation is done, the member has a finished product.

Rules for Demonstrations

1. If presenting a cooking demonstration, it is suggested that the 4-H member(s) wear aprons and pull their hair back for food safety purposes.
2. If a food demonstration, you must include some aspect of food safety or nutrition.

3. Presentation may be done by an individual or by a team of two 4-H members.

PowerPoint Presentation shares information using PowerPoint as a medium for illustration.

Rules for PowerPoint Presentation

1. Use a PowerPoint presentation only.
2. Presentations should be on a memory stick or CD. No zip disk or zipped files should be used as it may not be compatible with equipment.
3. Participants should bring two copies of their presentation as a handout with six slides per page.
4. Presentation must have been created by the contestant.
5. No teams. Individual presentations only.
6. Participants will be expected to load and run their own disk/memory stick.

Video Presentation can be on your project area, leadership, citizenship, or any current topic which could be ATV safety, food safety, etc.

Rules for Video Presentation

1. Produce a video that will be judged on the following criteria: Content (25%), script, creativity and coherence); Quality of production (25%) visual, aesthetics, cinematography and adherence to time

limit.; Technical Skill (25%) camera, operation and video editing Final Product (25%) cohesiveness, overall creativity, accuracy of information and video quality.

Members may enter all the contests.

An easel will be provided at the County Contest, but will not be provided at 4-H State Roundup.

The use of live animals is discouraged. If live animals will be used, contact the Extension Office to discuss arrangements.

Reading With Children demonstrates acceptable and creative early childhood techniques while presenting a selected piece of children's literature to an imaginary group of children.

Rules for Reading with Children

1. Members makes their own book Selection (Individual Competition)
2. The oral presentation may be up to 15 minutes in length.
3. Following presentation judge will ask questions. Youth are judged on their reactions to question.
4. Youth must bring their own book.
5. Participants can bring props, materials, and equipment's to get the stories affect. No slides, tapes or other mechanical devices can be used during the presentation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christmas Break Office Closed					Sr. 4-H'er Christmas Party 6pm @ PUB	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Hooker Cloverbud Meeting-3:30 Loyal Doers 4-H Meeting @ 6	Guymon Cloverbud @ 6pm Yarbrough 4-H Meeting 3:45			Sewing Club Meeting @9am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Goodwell 4-H Meeting @ 5:30 Office Closed			Guymon JR @4:30		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	County Talks Contest Due to Office		Dairy Program @ Library			
29	30	31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
Goodwell Local Show	County Talks Contest @6pm.				Hooker Local Show	
Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 1-0	Feb 11
		County Stock Show				



- **Texas County 4-H has a Facebook page!**
- **Texas County Website at <http://oces.okstate.edu/texas>**
- **Oklahoma State 4-H website: <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/>**



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