



November-December 4-H Newsletter 2017

4-H curriculum available to meet all interests

It is a brand new 4-H year and that means Oklahoma 4-H'ers have many different opportunities ahead of them.

Through positive youth development and hands-on, experiential learning, the 4-H Youth Development Program plays a vital role in enhancing young people's lives.

Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator at the State 4-H Office on the Oklahoma State University campus, said 4-H curriculum gives volunteer leaders a solid foundation from which to help today's youth develop into caring, responsible adults in a fun and educational manner.

"The philosophy in 4-H is our members retain more information and have more fun when they are part of the learning process. And that's exactly what our research-based curriculum does," Allen said. "All our curriculum products contain this element of experiential and hands-on learning. And, the curriculum offered is as varied as the interests of our club members. There's definitely something for all interests."

All materials are available on the Oklahoma 4-H website at <http://4h.okstate.edu/literature-links/lit-online/oklahoma-4-h-literature-online>.

Volunteer leaders are such an important part of the learning process and activity guides and curricula can help them structure club and special interest meetings, as well as other learning opportunities, as they work with youth.

We have three primary mission mandates that include science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship, and we offer multiple opportunities in each of these areas," she said. "The youth activity guides are filled with fun, engaging experiences that "cultivate abilities youth

for everyday living as they progressively gain knowledge about subjects that are of interest to them."

Because one of the goals of 4-H is to develop youth into positive role models and productive citizens, there is leadership and personal development curriculum available. Other subject areas, which contain several learning opportunities, include animal science and companion animals, plant science and entomology, environmental science, family and consumer sciences and communication and expressive arts. There is even a category directed specifically toward Cloverbuds.

Allen said National 4-H curricula also are available and all are designed to provide the highest quality positive youth development experiences and professional development training to help 4-H staff, volunteers, teachers and community partners reach more youth more effectively.

"This material is reviewed and recommended by the National 4-H Peer Review process, which signifies excellence in providing hands-on learning experiences for youth and excellence in training and guidance for facilitators," she said. "The Oklahoma State 4-H Office has multiple copies of all manuals and by going through your local county educator, copies of curriculum can be checked out for 30 days."

Check out the National 4-H Curriculum at <http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/>. In addition to the available 4-H curriculum, OSU Cooperative Extension also offers more than 5,000 research-based fact sheets on just about any topic you can think of. These fact sheets offer a wealth of information that can be used on their own, or as supplemental information for club meetings or workshops. The fact sheets can be found at [http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/](http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/HomePage)
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Nominations for Animals to Show at OYE

If you are planning on Breeding or Market Goats; Breeding or Market Sheep; or Market Steers at OYE this Spring and did not go through the local Ag Teacher to nominate, please let me know immediately so, that a nomination form can be obtained. They must be turned in by November 7th. If you are showing any type of Swine and need a nomination form, please let me know no later than November 6th. All hogs nomination kits must be turned in no later than December 7th. Nomination forms are \$20.00 per animal. Heifers are the only animals that do not need to be nominated. Ownership of both commercial and registered Heifers must be by January 20th. Reminder, just because you nominated an animal for OYE does not mean that you are entered in OYE.

Science Workshop

Interest in Science and how things work? Sign up for the Science Workshop on Thursday, December 28th, 12:30-3pm. Must sign up no later than December 20th by contacting the Blaine County Extension Office at 580-623-5195. This is a great way to spend part of your Christmas Break.

Teen Leaders

All 4-H Teens that are 13 years of age or at least in the 7th grade are invited to the Teen Leader Christmas Party on Friday, December 22nd from 12noon – 3pm. We will have a Pizza Party and then make tie blankets for DHS. Please let us know **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 20TH**, if you can attend. We hope that you can attend this time of fun and fellowship as well as enjoy helping others.

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Blaine County Spring Livestock Show- Feb 17, 2018

The annual Spring Livestock show will be held February 17 & 18th with the Bonus Auction scheduled for Tuesday February 20. The annual 4-H Food Showdown will be held the evening of February 16. Teams must pre-enroll for the Food Showdown. More information will be in the next newsletter.

4-H Teen Leaders Fund Raiser

All Blaine County 4-H Teen leaders need to save the date of **Saturday December 2** for their annual fund raiser at the Holiday Bazaar. We will work the concession stand throughout the day. Call to reserve your time to help out.

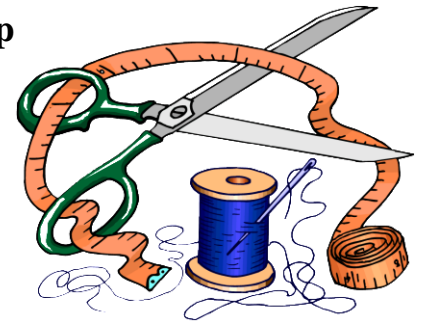
Blaine County 4-H Invitational Archery Shoot

Blaine County Archers will be hosting an invitational archery shoot, Saturday December 16 at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. Contact Stacy Lee for more information.

Sewing Workshop

Joy will be conducting a sewing workshop Wednesday December 27. Spaces will be limited and you must **pre-enroll by**

December 20. We will begin at 12:30 and finish by 3:30. A supply list will be given to those who are enrolled. If no one is enrolled by December 20, the class will be cancelled.



4-H Enrollment

If you are planning to enroll in 4-H, please complete this process before November 15. Students who are planning to show in the spring & OYE and are not enrolled have received an enrollment packet to be completed by November 15. If we missed you for some reason, please contact the office and we will get the information to you ASAP. Remember you may also enroll in 4-H even if you are not showing and you may be a dual member of 4-H and FFA.

4-H Night with the Blue

Check out Oklahoma State 4-H website promo for the upcoming 4-H Night with the Blue. For those who are



unfamiliar with the Blue, they are the Oklahoma City Thunder's development team. Games are held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. They are offering 4-H friends and families discounted tickets to attend the Jan. 6, 2018 game. This game is more than just discounted tickets, as it will include healthy living programming as well as promote 4-H to attendees. Tickets are \$12 per person. More details to come at a later date!

2018 International Trip: Costa Rica Sun, Sand and Service

Are you looking for an adventure and an opportunity to give back? The 2018 International Trip to Costa Rica slated for June 30-July 8, 2018 promises to be a jam-packed adventurous journey! 4-H members who will be 15 or older by June 30, 2018, are eligible to apply. Youth must be an active 4-H member in good standing in their county and be able to participate in highly active excursions including kayaking, lots of walking, zip-lining, white water rafting and manual labor in a service project. Cost for youth is approximately \$2800, and applications are being accepted now. Check out the OK 4-H website to access the website with the application and flyer.

2018 National 4-H Conference, April 7-12

National 4-H Conference is a future-focused program that aims to build strong leaders through roundtable discussions, town hall meetings, group assemblies, and visits with national legislators. Being selected to represent our state at this conference is one of Oklahoma 4-H's highest honors. National 4-H Conference will be held in Washington, DC, April 7-12, 2018. Four youth will be selected to participate through a competitive application process. Packets are available on the Oklahoma 4-H website. Application packets are due to the district offices December 15, 2017. Applicants will be notified in early January.

Bright Nights at the Science Museum, February 16-17, 2018

Registration Due: February 1, 2018

Price: \$45 per participant \$25 per Chaperone

Theme: Star Wars and includes the new exhibit Curio City, Planetarium, Science Live Show, Science Activity Tables and a fun-filled evening exploring the Science Museum. Dress as your favorite Jedi Knight and jump to hyperspace as you head to a galaxy far, far away. Join SMO as we go deep into the science of light sabers and explore the forces of both Isaac Newton and Yoda! May the Forces be with you!

All ages are invited to attend the science museum program is perfect for 8-12 year old youth, but every age seems to enjoy the evening. Since this is a non-competitive event, feel free to bring younger or older youth, brothers, sisters, cousins, even those really big kids (parents and chaperones) to enjoy an evening filled with science and fun. Families are always welcome to participate. Each county group is responsible for the youth that attend from their county. We do not provide chaperones. For more information and registration go to:

<http://4h.okstate.edu/projects/science-and-technology/4-h-bright-nights-1>



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