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BENEFITS OF BEING A STATE 4-H AMBASSADOR

The Oklahoma 4-H Program is known for its hands-on learning opportunities, but it also serves as a method of developing leadership skills.

Applications are now available to 4-H'ers ages 13 and up who are looking for a wonderful opportunity to enhance their 4-H experience by becoming a State 4-H Ambassador, said Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator at the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University and adviser to the State 4-H Ambassador program.

"While everyone in 4-H works to make the program more visible, those who serve as ambassadors have some opportunities not available to the general 4-H membership," Allen said. "They work directly with donors and correspond with them on a regular basis. Recently, some of our ambassadors, along with members of the State 4-H Leadership Council, had an opportunity to meet and visit with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. They also work hard to develop their 'elevator speech' to share with the public what 4-H is all about. All of the skills they learn as an ambassador are skills they will use throughout their lives."

Pottawatomie County 4-H'er Hadley Griffith had always loved being in 4-H, but it was through the State 4-H Ambassador Program she learned how to serve the organization she loved.

"Being in 4-H has been such a blessing and I've truly loved serving as an ambassador for the last four years," Griffith said. "The Ambassador Program is a place where I'm held accountable and feel appreciated. It also has given me my best friends and some of my fondest memories. My fellow ambassadors and advisors are a true 4-H family and I know any 4-H'er who wants to serve will love this team like I do."

Griffith, who is in her fourth year as an ambassador, said one of her favorite experiences was attending a luncheon with Jennifer Sirangelo, National 4-H Foundation CEO.

"That was such a humbling experience that taught me about the importance of communication, staying true to yourself and to love what you do," she said. "I encourage all 4-H'ers to apply for this position because it truly teaches you how to serve on a team and engage with those around you."

Audrey Ochsner, Payne County 4-H'er, is in her first year as an ambassador and said the experience already has had a big influence on her.

"About a year ago I began seeking out leadership opportunities in 4-H outside of my county, and looked to my mentors, friends and role models for advice. Overwhelmingly, they pointed me to the State 4-H Ambassador program," Ochsner said. "The missions of the program – donor relations, increasing 4-H visibility and telling the 4-H story – were exciting and intriguing to me. And, though I was daunted by the process, I soon started my application. On selection day I was so surprised and honored to be selected as a new ambassador."

And the rest, as they say, is history. She said in just her first year, the experience has had a huge impact on her life.

"The State 4-H Ambassador program has given me many precious memories, from taking a selfie with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, to interviewing some of Oklahoma 4-H's top donors on Facebook Live, but the experience which has impacted me the most is Leadership Team Retreat 2018," Ochsner said. "It was during Leadership Team Retreat that I realized the

potential I had to contribute to the improvement of Oklahoma 4-H in the upcoming year, and that my passion was ignited for making the changes I wished to see become reality. I look forward to using the rest of the time I have giving back to Oklahoma 4-H."

Allen said ambassadors also serve in roles such as judges for events such as Impressive Dress, volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House, give presentations to civic groups, lead workshops at district conferences, visit donors with Blayne Arthur, director of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and so much more.

State 4-H Ambassador applications are available Dec. 1 online at <http://4h.okstate.edu/leadership/4-h-ambassadors/4-h-ambassadors> to club members active in 4-H Online. Click on the Becoming an Ambassador link. Applications are due no later than March 18.

"I encourage youth to apply early and keep in mind it's a competitive, multi-step process. After submitting applications, some of those 4-H'ers will be invited to participate in Ambassador Selection Day, which includes an extemporaneous speech, an interview with a panel of three judges, as well as completing a piece of written correspondence," Allen said. "Selection day will take place May 4. Because we want this to be a learning process, those club members not invited to selection day will receive feedback regarding what they can do to improve their application and score. Sometimes youth apply two or three times before being selected, but the learning process they go through is so beneficial."

For more information about the State 4-H Ambassador program, contact Allen at 405-744-8892.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ringing the Bells Dec. 5
 Winter Series Shooting Sports Dec. 8
 OYE Nominations Dec. 13
OFFICE CLOSED Dec. 24-Jan. 1

2019

4-H Night with the Blue Jan. 26, 2019
 NWD Livestock Judging Jan. 30
 4-H Science Night at the
 Museum Feb. 15-16
 OK Healthy Living Ambassador
 Application Feb. 15-18
 Garfield Co. Spring Stock Show
 Feb. 28-March 2
 NW District Show March 6-11
 OYE March 13-22
 Special Clovers App. March 22-24
 4-H National Conf. April 6-11
 State 4-H Roundup July 23-26
 State 4-H Wheat Show July 23
 West Dist. Lead. Conf. Oct. 16-18

NEXT PLO MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2019
AT 5:30 P.M.

2018-19 COUNTY OFFICERS

**President—Natalie
Haggard**

**Vice President—Brianna
Deeds**

**Secretary—Madison
Nickels**

**Reporter—Bailey Hoeltzel
Rec./Song Leaders—**

**Madison Postier and
Ethan Haggard**

**Executives—Kaitlyn Booth
and Morgan Meyer**

SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Christmas break is a great time to work on state record books!!
 Also, graduating seniors remember to work on 4-H
 Scholarship applications too.

OKLAHOMA 4-H NIGHT WITH THE BLUE



Save the date for Oklahoma "4-H Night with the Blue" bas-
 ketball game. It will be held January 26, 2019.
 This is the Thunder's practice team.

2019 4-H SCIENCE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Science Night at the Oklaho-
ma Science

Museum. This is a fun event for the whole family.

Bright Nights will be February 15-16, 2019.



Science

RINGING THE BELLS

We will once again be ringing the bells at Jumbo's
 West Store for the Salvation Army.

If you can't come when your club is signed up, you
 can come anytime. We will be ringing the bells on
 December 5 from 4:00—8:00 pm.



PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR TIME.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OSU EXTENSION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 DECEMBER 24, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2019.
"HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON"

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, D.C.
April 6-11, 2019

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. The unique environment of the program allows delegates to engage with national 4-H leadership (including USDA and CSREES) and to learn how to better youth-adult partnerships.

The program reinforces the ties 4-H has to the Cooperative Extension Service and the land grant university systems that make 4-H possible. Roundtable discussions generate ideas for club and community improvement and students are encouraged to implement these ideas in their home states. Through the roundtable process, students also build valuable leadership skills including team building, flexibility, and communications.

On "Capitol Hill Day," delegates have the opportunity to become more familiar with the national government by meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture and Oklahoma's own Senators and Representatives to discuss prominent issues the students see in their home states and communities. Applicants must be 16 years old by January 1, 2019. Applications are due to the state office December 14, 2018. Contact the office for more information.

Special Clovers Clover Buddy Applications

Planning for 2019 Special Clovers Camp is underway. The 2019 Clover Buddy application is available and the Special Clovers Camp will be held Saturday, March 22-24 at Saints Grove Campground, near Glencoe. Clover buddies will arrive for training and camp preparation Friday, March 22nd. Applications for the Clover Buddy program are due via email to Cathy Allen; January 15th.

The 4-H Clover Buddy program is open to current freshman, sophomore, junior and senior 4-H members who are active in 4HOnline. Youth in 7th and 8th grades who are interested in serving as a Clover Buddy for the program can submit an application, but must have an email of support from their Extension Educator emailed directly to Cathy Allen. Youth in 7th and 8th grades will be considered for Clover buddies if all slots are not filled or they have served as a Clover buddy in the past. If you would like an application, please let Jessica know.

REMINDER: Air Rifle practice has started!

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at 213 E. Elm

WINTER SERIES SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery, Air Rifle & Air Pistol

December 8 in Woodward

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. —Contest is at 9:30 a.m.



OKLAHOMA YOUTH EXPO NOMINATIONS

Swine

Locations:

Enid at Garfield Co. Extension Office

Tulsa at Tulsa Co. Extension Office

Atoka at Kiamichi CareerTech

An OYE representative will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at each site.

Nomination Deadlines

December 13, 2018

ALL Swine

Payment

Nomination kits are \$20.00 per kit for all species.

Payment is due when you pick up your nomination kit.

If you wish to have your kits mailed to you, there is a \$50.00 shipping and handling fee. There are no additional charges to pick up your kits at a distribution site or at the OYE office.

OSU will be hosting Pat Parelli, an internationally renowned clinician and one of the original natural horsemanship practitioners at Totusek Arena from 6:30-8:30 pm on November 8th. Pre-registration for the event is \$15 or \$20 at the door. Registration information can be found here: <http://osuhorse.okstate.edu/events/pat-parelli-clinic>

For more information, please use okyouthexpo.com.

NW DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Contest will be held January 30, 2019 at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. and contest begins at 8:30 a.m.

All teams must have team certification form completed and turned in at contest.

4-H'ers must be enrolled by December 30, 2018, to compete.

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2019 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW DATES

Garfield County Show	Feb. 28-March 2
NW District Show	March 6-11
OYE Show	March 13-22

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