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NATIONAL 4-H DAY OF SERVICE PUTS CLUB MEMBERS INTO ACTION

There is a line in the 4-H Pledge that says, “I pledge my hands to larger service.” Oklahoma 4-H’ers are well-versed in putting their hands to larger service. In fact, community service is a staple in the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program.

While club members make a difference in their communities on a regular basis, lending a helping hand will be emphasized during National 4-H Day of Service, slated April 28, as thousands of 4-H’ers across the country show they are True Leaders in Service, said Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and citizenship specialist with the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University.

“Oklahoma 4-H’ers are heavily involved in community service projects, but, service learning opportunities take this a step further,” Taylor said. “With service learning, club members are using the concepts they’ve learned in 4-H and putting them into action, all while working under the supervision of a caring adult. They’re actually planning the events and putting the pieces together to make the service learning project work. It’s one more educational layer we provide in 4-H.”

During the entire month of April, 4-H’ers around the country will be doing what they do best – tackling community challenges to help meet the needs of others. However, for those involved in 4-H, making the best better happens all year long.

True Leaders in Service was created in 2017 as a way for all 4-H members to say thank you to their communities, counties and states for all the support they have been given for more than a century. Projects can be done as an individual, a project club, an entire county 4-H program or anything in between. The goal is to get out there and make a difference.

“The projects can be as simple or as complex as you like,” Taylor said. “True Leaders in Service projects also can be an extension of an existing project. Some simple ideas include holding a canned food drive, making cards for veterans, volunteering at a nursing home, holding a supplies drive for a school, cleaning up the park, volunteering to walk dogs at the local animal shelter or setting up an educational display at a local store. The possibilities are endless.”

Although some projects in the 4-H program have age limits, the National 4-H Service Learning Day activities are open to club members from Cloverbuds on up. It is never too early to get youth involved in their community.

“Young people are proud of their hometowns, but they’re even more invested in the success of the communities when they are involved in making things better,” Taylor said. “One of the great things about this is it’s a wonderful opportunity to get a lot of kids involved, as well as get some publicity about 4-H.”

She suggests once your club has determined the project on which they plan to work, contact local media outlets. This is a perfect time to highlight the positive impact 4-H has on today’s youth, show how youth are improving their communities, as well as bring visibility to your program. It also is a great time to recruit new club members.

Clubs are encouraged to register their service learning events at <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>. Events must take place between April 1 and April 30. Once the event is completed, visit the website to record the number of people involved, number of people reached, demographic information and write a small narrative regarding the significance of the event.

“We want to highlight county events on state 4-H social media, so we’re asking clubs to submit photos and a brief description of their Day of Service activities,” Taylor said. “If you share your events on your county or club social media sites, be sure to include the hashtags #ok4h, #trueleaders and #service.”

Information should be emailed to Taylor at cathleen.taylor@okstate.edu.

“Oklahoma 4-H members aren’t strangers to making a difference. These kinds of activities serve as a springboard for other great things to happen in your community,” Taylor said.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Shooting Sports Mtg.	Mar. 6
Okla. Youth Expo	Mar. 6-16
PLO	Mar. 12
4-H Science Club Mtg.	Mar. 14
Spring Break Workshop	Mar. 21
Pretzels sold thru	Mar. 30
Natl. 4-H Conf.	Apr. 7-12
State Record Books due	Apr. 13
NW District 4-H Contest Day	Apr. 14
Imp. Dress & Fashion Revue	Apr. 18
4-H Found. Essay Contest Due	Apr. 27
NW District Food Showdown	May 25
NW District Horse Show	June 1
4-H Camp	June 4-6
State Horse Show	June 21-23
4-H Outdoor Adv.	July 9-15
4-H Roundup	July 25-27



ATTENTION SHOTGUN PARTICIPANTS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all NEW youth interested in participating in the shotgun program on March 6th at 6:00PM at the Enid Gun Club north of Enid on Hwy 81. This is for anyone who has not been through the first shots training. Must be 10 years old by January 1, 2018.



Current shotgun participants: Practice will start March 6th at 6:00PM at the Gun Club.

LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

OYE—Oklahoma City
 March 6-16, 2018
 (Further details can be found at okyouthexpo.com)

PLO MEETING
 NEXT PLO MEETING
 WILL BE
MARCH 12, 2018
AT 5:30 PM

NW DISTRICT FOOD SHOWDOWN

If you are interested in competing in the Northwest District Food Showdown, please let the office know. The competition will be May 25, 2018, in Fairview.



2017-18 COUNTY OFFICERS
 President—Montell Meyer
 Vice President—Natalie Haggard
 Secretary—Brianna Deeds
 Reporter—Bailey Hoeltzel
 Rec./Song Leader—
 Kaitlyn Booth and
 Ethan Haggard
 Executives—Mandi Fuksa
 and Morgan Meyer

-NOTICE -
The Impressive Dress and Fashion Review
Contests will be April 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Spring Break Workshop
 Brianna Deeds and Kaitlyn Booth will be making ice cube candles and homemade chalk on March 21st from 10-12:00. Cost is \$5 for supplies.
 Please sign up by March 15th so we will have enough supplies.

2018 OKLAHOMA 4-H FOUNDATION ESSAY CONTEST

Oklahoma 4-H Foundation is excited to offer the 2nd annual Dr. Ron and Linda Scholar Essay Contest. Members ages 13 and older are invited and encouraged to enter this contest, sponsored by Dr. Ron and Linda Scholar. The theme for this year's essay is: "**Because of 4-H, I can....**"

Essays will be judged by a selection committee with separate cash prizes awarded to the winners. First place cash prize of \$500, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third.

The entry deadline for this contest is April 27, 2018. Entries postmarked by April 27th will be accepted. Essay contest winners will be selected and notified in May of 2018, and the formal presentation of award checks will be made during State 4-H Roundup. Eligibility: The contest is open to all Oklahoma 4-H Members age 13 and older. For more information please contact the office.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Garfield County 4-H will be selling bags of pretzels for the spring fundraiser for \$5.00. The bags were sold during the state fairs in the 4-H building and at the Made in Oklahoma Building so you may have seen them. There are 3 flavors available.

Anyone planning on receiving funds for trips from PLO must sell 5 items to qualify. Pretzels will be picked up from your leader and will be sold through March 30th.



MEATS SCIENCE CLUB

It is time to once again be thinking about the Meats Science Club. The 2018 State 4-H Meats Judging Contest will be held in April, 2018, at the OSU Food Agriculture Processing Center on the OSU Campus.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me and we will arrange practice sessions.

4-H SCIENCE CLUB MEETING

The next science club meetings will be March 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension Center. Come join the fun!!

Hope to see you there!!

STATE 4-H RECORD BOOKS

State Record Books will be due to the County office April 13th! Please remember to use the new form. I would like to start editing your books before this date so please send in as you finish a section.

**For more information, go to
4h.okstate.edu/for-youth/awards**

ATTN: SEWING CLUB

Natalie Haggard will be teaching us how to hand embroidery at this month's meeting March 8th at 4:15. If you have a small embroidery hoop, please bring it.



**NORTHWEST DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST DAYS
APRIL 14, 2018 AT NORTHWEST TECHNOLOGY CENTER
LOCATED 1.5 MILES WEST OF FAIRVIEW ON HIGHWAY 60**

Fashion Revue

All ages are as of January 1, 2018 - \$10.00 Entry Fee
ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 23

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4-H Robotics Contest

All ages are as of January 1, 2018 - \$10.00 Entry Fee

Participants who enter Robotics are not eligible to enter Fashion Revue.

Contest Check-in 12:30 p.m.
Program and Practice 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Competition 2:15 p.m.

Speech Contest and Job Readiness

Registration @ 9:00 a.m. Contest at 9:30 a.m.

\$10.00 Entry Fee

Participants who enter Speech Contest are not eligible to enter Job Readiness.

Speech Contest

All ages are as of January 1, 2018
Categories of speeches are Prepared Public Speaking, PowerPoint Presentation,
and Extemporaneous

Job Readiness

Participants who enter Job Readiness are not eligible to enter Speech Contest.

Job Readiness Event Guidelines

Job Readiness is an individual event which recognizes members who communicate a personal understanding of and ability to perform specific job requirements. All members will compete through written materials and a job interview.

Event Categories

Age Categories:

Intermediate: age 12-14
Advanced: age 15 & over

Job Categories

Services—Home Based Business—Retail/Office



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Outdoor Adventure
OKLAHOMA 4-H
 JULY 9-15, 2018

Interested in a challenge? One that requires outdoor skills in backpacking, camping, compass/map reading, outdoor cookery, safety, leadership and working with others? Oklahoma 4-H Outdoor Adventure is an outdoor leadership program designed for teens with guidance from adults. The purpose is to develop character and integrity in young people by teaching teamwork, leadership and outdoor skills. A required training Shakedown will be held May 18-20, 2018 for participants.

LOCATION: OUT AND BACK FROM LITTLE MOLAS LAKE, BETWEEN DURANGO AND SILVERTON, CO.

4-H members ages 14-18 may hike in July.

4-H members 13-18 may attend Shakedown only.

COST: \$350 • \$40 FOR SHAKEDOWN ONLY

Transportation, most meals, tents, stoves, pans and group gear will be provided. Participants are responsible for a packable 20° sleeping bag, hiking clothes, boots, backpack and eating utensils.

For more information, contact
 Brad Elliott at elliottbtj@yahoo.com



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