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Oklahoma 4-H'ers Gearing Up For National 4-H Month

For 77 years, the first full week of October has been celebrated at National 4-H Week. While the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program is on board with that, the organization steps it up a notch and celebrates all month long.

The anticipation for National 4-H week is building and Oklahoma has some fun things in place to help the state's 4-H youth get the most out of this year's celebration. The theme is Inspire Kids to Do.

Kristin Young, marketing coordinator in the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University, said the theme highlights how youth are encouraged to take part in hands-on learning experiences in all areas of 4-H.

"We offer programming in science and technology, agriculture, community service, leadership development – you name it and we have a program for it," Young said. "The diversity of the program helps ensure all youth from large cities, small town and rural communities find something for which they can develop a passion. And this is what we bring to the forefront during National 4-H Month. Our goal is to inspire them to reach their full potential, learn new things and gain new skills that will help them become productive and involved adults."

One of the most anticipated events of National 4-H Week every year is 4-H National Youth Science Day, which sees hundreds of thousands of youth

across the nation taking part in the world's largest youth-led STEM challenge. The exciting theme for this year's challenge is *Game Changers*, which will run throughout October. Developed by Google and West Virginia University Extension Service, *Game Changers* will teach kids coding skills through fun exercises including gaming, puzzles and physical activity.

To help bring attention to 4-H, Young said all club members are encouraged to show their 4-H spirit on National 4-H Spirit Day, slated Oct. 8, by wearing shirts promoting 4-H to school, to a ballgame, the grocery store or anywhere else.

"Lots of clubs have special events planned and the State 4-H office wants to know about it," Young said. "4-H'ers deserve to be recognized for all of the great things they are doing to make their communities better places to live. If there is a 4-H'er for a volunteer leader who inspires you, highlight that on social media. We also want to hear from former club members by having them share a 4-H memory on social media and tell about how 4-H helped develop you into the person you are today. Oklahoma 4-H'ers are

doing such wonderful things and National 4-H Month is the perfect time to showcase what's going on around the state."

Please email Young photos of local events that can be shared on the state 4-H social media sites. When sharing photos on local social media, be sure to use the hashtags #InspireKidstoDo and #OK4H, along with local hashtags used with the county program.

For more information about National 4-H Week or National 4-H Month, contact your local OSU Cooperative Extension office or Young at 405-744-7960 or kristin.young@okstate.edu.

4-H, the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, cultivates confident kids who tackle the issues that matter most in their communities right now. In the United States, 4-H programs empower 6 million young people through the 110 land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension in more than 3,000 local offices serving every county and parish in the country.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE NIGHT

October 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at

OSU Extension Center

Come learn all about coding and meet some new friends from other clubs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Garfield Co. Fair	Sep. 4-8
Oklahoma State Fair	Sep. 12-22
PLO Meeting	Sep. 16
Tulsa State Fair	Sep. 26-Oct. 6

Natl. 4-H Week	Oct. 6-12
County-wide Science Night Mtg.	Oct. 9
NW Dist. Trap Shoot	Oct. 12
4-H Achievement Reception	Oct. 13
West Dist. Lead. Conf.	Oct. 16-18
PLO Meeting	Oct. 21
State Trap Shoot	Oct. 26
State Judging Contests	Oct. 26

4-H Has Talent	Nov. 9
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2019-2020 ENROLLMENT ~~NEW THIS YEAR~~



Enrollment for the new 4-H year is underway. Anyone that is 8 AND in the 3rd grade or 9 years old may join 4-H. Members must be enrolled 30 days prior to compete in a county event and 60 days prior to compete in a state event. Enrollment is not complete until the \$20 enrollment fee is paid.

Remember: DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED. If you need help logging in, please call the office. The website to enroll is ok.4honline.com.

**Next PLO Meeting
September 16, 2019
at 5:30 p.m.**

2019-20 COUNTY OFFICERS

- ◆ **President— Madison Nickels**
- ◆ **V. President—Morgan Meyer**
- ◆ **Secretary—Ethan Haggard**
- ◆ **Reporter—Summer Prince**
- ◆ **Rec./Song Leaders—Bailey Hoeltzel & Kylee Sutherland**
- ◆ **Executives—Kember Sloat & Hayden Deeds**

SECRETARY & REPORTER AWARDS

Outstanding Club Secretary — This award is based on the Secretary Book completed by the club secretary for meetings held August-May (or when your club has meetings.) Secretary books are available at the Extension office. Books will be turned in in October with Standard of Achievement forms.

Outstanding Club Reporter - You will turn in a 3-brad folder at the end of the club year with news articles or pictures you have submitted to the paper. Realizing that everything you send does not always get published, you can include the email you sent to the newspaper. Due on October with Standard of Achievement forms.

ACHIEVEMENT RECEPTION & CLOVER AWARD

The Achievement Reception has been scheduled for October 13, 2019, at the Hoover Building starting at 2:30 p.m.

In order to be recognized at the Achievement Reception with a Clover Award, a Standard of Achievement form must be filled out and returned to our office by October 1, 2019. The form can be found in your 2019-2020 green 4-H yearbook or forms can be picked up at the extension office.

We encourage all 4-H members to fill out this form.

WEST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

(October 16-18, 2019)

The West District Officer team has been working to pull an excellent Action Conference program together. The leadership team would like you to be informed on plans for the Conference. The goal of the Conference is to share ideas and information that youth can take home and share in their county or community, as well as to improve themselves.

DELEGATES: Delegates should be in the seventh grade as of September 1, 2019. They must be an active member in the 4-H Online to attend the Conference. All delegates will be allowed to vote in the District Officer election process.

The Conference will begin with registration from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the SHERATON MIDWEST CITY AT THE REED CONFERENCE CENTER, 5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110. The opening general session for the conference will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The conference agenda is still being finalized at this point. However, the delegation can eat at the pizza buffet between 6:30 and 7:30 and we will begin the conference at 7:30. The District Officers and State Council Representatives and Ambassadors will do youth led workshops, we will have District Officer candidate speeches, a dance and vote that first evening. We will have workshops presented by District Officers, a service learning activity, and a dance on Thursday. The Conference will dismiss by noon on Friday, October 18th.

RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 4-H OFFICE: We will be electing a set of district officers for the north region and a set of district officers for the south region of the West District. Please encourage your 4-Hers to file and run for a District 4-H Office. The experience and opportunities are innumerable. Application forms are due with registration by October 1. Filing information is in a separate document along with the application, and is located on the West District website here: <http://oces.okstate.edu/westdistrict/4-h/>.

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4-H OSU Football Special

Join us!!

Boone Pickens Stadium
Cowboy Football: Nov. 2
OSU vs TCU.



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