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**Bryan County 4-H Adult Volunteer Letter**

# A Little of This & That

## About County Events

**Adult Volunteer Meeting** will be held on **Monday, June 9th** at 6:00 pm in the Community Building. At the June 9th meeting, we will be judging County Report Forms and reviewing point sheets. All leaders should plan to attend this very important meeting and help judge. Pizza will be served

**Poultry Club** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Community Building. This club is open to any Bryan County 4-H member who has an interest in

learning more about poultry.

**Shooting Sports Club** will not meet in May due to County Camp.

**County Teen Leader and County Council** will be meeting on Monday, June 9th at 5:00 pm in the Community Building. All Junior and Senior Organizational Club Officers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Mandatory Roundup orientation is scheduled for Monday, June 9th immediately following the Teen Leaders Meeting.**

**County Cloverbud Club** will be meeting in Haggard Hall May 13th and the Small Room of the Community Building May 20th.

**Bryan County Horse Club** will meet Monday, May 19th at 6:00 pm in the Expo Arena.

**Horticulture and Crops ID and Judging** will meet May 18th and June 8th at 2:00 pm. Call 916-5780 for details

**County Report Forms, Point Sheets, Bryan County Hall of Fame** and checklist are due June 4th, at 5:00 pm.

### District News

**Southeast District Animal Science Field Day** will be held on June 24th at the Murray County Fairgrounds in Sulphur. This is a hands-on learning experience for 4-H youth in beef, swine, sheep and goat projects. Workshops include Healthy Livestock Pro-

jects, Reading Feed Tags and Medicine Labels, Record Keeping and Project Leadership, Selection, Nutrition, Showmanship, Forages and Meat Science. Registration begins at 8:45 am with closing remarks and evaluation at 3:45 pm. Lunch will be provided at noon. The

pre-registration form may be picked up at Bryan County OSU Extension Office and is due in the Haskell County OSU Extension Office by June 17th .

Please make sure your members are informed because of the short notice.

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#### Special points of interest:

- *SE District Animal Science Field Day*
- *County Record Book Deadline and Judging*
- *4-H Core Information*

# Parent-Volunteer Organization/Leaders' Council

This organization is a body of parents and volunteers who provide program assistance and leadership for the total county 4-H program in cooperation with Extension Educators. Many county committees will evolve from this leadership group.

The committee may be composed of 4-H members, 4-H volunteers, 4-H parents, interested community leaders, and available resource people in the county. The parent-volunteer association should encourage and promote a healthy youth-adult partnerships with the Youth Council. They are encouraged to involve young people as active participants on county committees. This organization may be called an association, organization or council.

A committee should be thoroughly familiar with the task it is to perform and allowed to perform that task without interference. The county extension educator should provide a job description for the committee chair and a list of committee responsibilities. The committee will be responsible for planning, conducting, and evaluating the activity or event. Evaluation will include a final report to the Parent-Volunteer organiza-

tion with recommendations for future programs.

The total Parent-Volunteer Organization must understand plans that a committee makes and intends to perform. The Parent-Volunteer Organization should

replace membership on a rotation plan. People need to have the opportunity to indicate their preferences in committee assignments. Standing committees are recommended for managing a large portion of a county 4-H program. Standing committees would include

each of the county activities and events.

The number and types of committees vary. There should be one committee for each major county activity and event.

Possible committees will include 4-H volunteer training, 4-H project training, Share-the-Fun, Fabrics and Fashions, Public Speaking, publicity, 4-H policy, 4-H Awards and Recognition, etc. Sub-committees are formed within a standing committee so that a large task becomes more manageable.

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Special committees are suggested when an out-of-the-ordinary task needs to be addressed. Special committees are dismissed as soon as the job is complete.

**Program Advisory Committee** – The PAC is a body of interested adults and youth who are representative of the county geographically and ethnically. The group involves representatives of the Parent-



**Important People**

## 4-H Volunteers & Parents

The Oklahoma 4-H Program is committed to providing Parent-Volunteer Training on the local, county, district and state levels. The training opportunities provide individuals with positive social interaction with their peers and an opportunity to exchange ideas. For your personal development and 4-H skill enhancement watch your county newsletter for details and check out the **Oklahoma 4-H Home Page** at [www.agweb.okstate.edu/fourh](http://www.agweb.okstate.edu/fourh) for district and state opportunities.



**Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service  
4-H Youth Development**  
[www.agweb.okstate.edu/fourh](http://www.agweb.okstate.edu/fourh)

4-H Volunteers needed to

- Create a learning environment for youth and adults
- Structure learning experiences for youth and adults
- Help the learner interact with the information

be prepared to accept reasonable decisions presented by the committee.

If the action of the committee is not acceptable to the organization, the matter should be referred back to the committee for further study. It is not the organization's responsibility to try to make the changes or resolve an issue at a regular meeting.

Committees are kept active and interested when there is an organized way to

Volunteer Association, the 4-H Youth Council, other youth organizations, and community agencies serving youth and families. The group analyzes the needs and concerns of the 4-H Youth Development program in the county and makes recommendations.

**4-H FOUNDATION** – This is a voluntary board of directors who assist with youth and adult education through financial support of county 4-H programs. The foundation does not determine program direction, but promotes, encourages, and enriches 4-H by its strong financial backing.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** – The council is usually composed of officers from each club, headed by the elected county 4-H officers. Whatever the organizational structure, the group functions in program assistance and leadership at the county level. The group works in cooperation with the Parent-Volunteer Association. Youth are active participants on county planning committees.

The primary purpose for a youth council is the development of leadership and deci-

sion-making skills and opportunities for responsibility. A youth council provides opportunities to grow and develop with the guidance of caring adults. Teens want to be involved in the decision making process, they want adult responsibilities, and to be respected for their thoughts and ideas. Teens act as young adults when treated with adult respect and responsibility. When given an opportunity, a youth council can address the needs and concerns of their peers with constructive ideas for improving the total county 4-H program.

## What's in a Name?

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Sometimes it is helpful to understand the 4-H lingo. There are four primary leadership roles referred to at the local and county level.

The following are definitions of each of these leadership roles:

**Organizational Leader** – A volunteer(s) who is the primary contact between the club and the county Extension office. They coordinate, guide and provide leadership for the members, parents and volunteers. Their most important role is to encourage, involve and develop other volunteers.

**Activity Leader** – Volunteers who provide leadership for planning

and coordinating an activity through a committee of youth and adults. (i.e.: Share-the-Fun, Picnic, Service-Learning Project, etc.)

**Project Leader** – Volunteers who provide the leadership in learning about and then educating members in a specific subject matter.

**Teen Leader** – Teen Leaders are 4-H members who are 13-19 years old. As teen volunteers they assist adult volunteers. Responsibilities will vary with the skills and abilities demonstrated by the young person. As skills are acquired and responsibility demonstrated, teens may serve

as an activity, project and/or organizational leader.

**Volunteers** – Adults and teens are needed to conduct local and county programs and activities.

**Certified Volunteers** – Adults and teens that have been through an established and required Oklahoma 4-H screening and training process. Adult volunteers are approved to chaperone and transport 4-H members other than their own child. Certified 4-H volunteers annually participate in Parent-Volunteer Training opportunities and agree to follow the Oklahoma 4-H Behavioral Guidelines.

4-H Core Competencies, Unit 1 – This is 4-H

## 4-H Adult Leader Letter

Check us out on the web:  
<http://countyext.okstate.edu/bryan/>

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### Mark your calendars for the following 4-H events.

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- June 4 - County Report Forms, County Point Sheet, Bryan County Hall of Fame and Checklist due in Extension Office
- June 8 - Horticulture and Crops ID
- June 9-14 - Oklahoma Youth Forestry & Wildlife Camp, Beavers Bend
- June 13 - Fees and registration due for Roundup
- June 19-21 - State Horse Show in Shawnee
- June 20 - Postmark State Parent-Volunteer Conference registration
- June 24 - SE District Animal Science Field Day, Sulphur
- July 12 - State Parent-Volunteer conference, Stillwater
- July 15-17 - OSU Field Days
- July 30-August 1 - State 4-H Roundup, Stillwater

***Just a friendly reminder that your help is needed to judge County Report Forms and review County Point Sheets on Monday, June 9th.***

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