

Kingfisher County 4-H News

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Oklahoma 4-H Key Club

Since 1950, 4-H Key Club has been recognizing the accomplishments of Oklahoma youth in the 4-H Program. The club seeks to honor those 4-H members who possess leadership, loyalty, and a sense of responsibility to the total 4-H Program.

The program is based on standards, and individuals meeting these standards are eligible to become members. Key Club is an honor society for 4-H members who have done outstanding work in the organization. Once 4-Hers become Key Club members, they are obligated to support the 4-H organization throughout their lives, both financially and with their time, and stay updated with Oklahoma 4-H and Oklahoma 4-H Key Club.

The applicant:

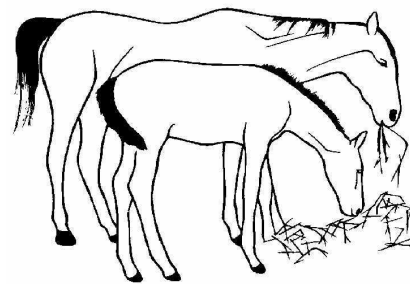
1. Must be a 4-H member.
2. Must be at least 15 years old or older on January 1, on the year of application.
3. Must submit completed application form by state Record Book Due Date.
4. Must accumulate the minimum number of points (400) on the application form.
5. Must be approved by the county Cooperative Extension staff.
6. Must make at least one presentation to a 4-H Group about Key Club.
7. Must make at least one presentation to a non-4-H Group, such as non-4-H youth or adults, about the 4-H program in general.



If you are interested contact the Kingfisher County OSU Extension Office for more information.

Horseless Club

The Horseless Horse Club is open to all 4-H members (9 and older) who have a love of horses. We will meet monthly and learn more about horse care, riding, and overall equine knowledge. At the first meeting we will decide the types of activities we want to participate in but there are many possibilities: equine quiz bowl, equine speech and photography contests, equine judging, crafts, speakers and field trips. If you have a horse or just a love of horses you are welcome. We will meet monthly with our first meeting to be held on February 21st at the fairgrounds. We will meet from 3:30 to 4:30. Future meetings are March 13th at the Fairgrounds and April 17th at the Extension Office. Also mark your calendar for April 19 for the state contest for horse topic speeches, illustrated presentations and team problem contests. There will also be an equine quiz bowl contest, all to be held in Stillwater. Please contact Laura Gruntmeir with questions at 263-4485 or gruntmeirl@redlandsc.edu.



Parent Leader Meeting

The Kingfisher County 4-H Parent/Volunteer Leader Council will have their next meeting 6:30pm, April 3rd at the OSU Extension Office.

Anyone interested in Making a Difference in the Kingfisher County 4-H program is welcome to attend.

Fashion Revue: Fabric and Fashion

When: Sunday, April 20th at 2:00pm

Where: Fairgrounds Exhibit Building.

Garments Due: Wednesday April 16 by 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Participants may enter any item listed on the Construction Projects by Level sheet available at the Extension Office, www.kingfisher4-h.org or from your local club leader. **(Be sure to check with the Extension Office or your club leader to see if there are any changes in the Fashion and Fabrics category in the fair book.)** All items that must be worn will be judged for fit and style at the contest April 1st.

Items such as pillow case, travel case, posters, etc. will be displayed.

Cloverbuds can enter the "4-H wear" category: they will choose out of their closets an outfit appropriate for a 4-H activity such as pants, jeans, or skirt and a 4-H shirt or other green or white shirt. Cloverbuds will be asked to say their name and what town, and will model as a group.

Discovery Unlimited

2008 Discovery Unlimited – May 2-3, 2008 - Saints Groves Camp, Stillwater.

Programming will be focused around our theme "4-H is a Rockin' n Rollin'." Workshops and speakers will focus on what 4-H offers teens in the way of leadership, travel and friendship. Please help our planning team promote this program with youth 11-12 years of age.

Registration will be approximately \$35 and will include housing, food, educational supplies and a T-shirt. All youth must register through their county Extension office, no exceptions. County registration is due to the state office on or before March 24th.

All forms and a tentative conference schedule will be posted by February 29 at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/events/discovery.htm>

Youth Forestry Camp

Oklahoma's Youth Forestry and Wildlife Camp is a week-long adventure where students will learn about and gain an appreciation for the natural world. By experiencing nature in a fun atmosphere, students will gain a life-long awareness and respect for the world in which they live. Camp is June 9-14, 2008 and is open to 13-15 year old who have an interest in Oklahoma and its natural environment.



All application materials are due to the camp director by May 1, 2008. Registration for campers is \$175 and includes all meals, transportation at camp, organized recreational activities, and non-personal supplies necessary for camp activities.

For more information call Steve at the Extension Office or log on to <http://whatisforestry.org>.

Progressive Agriculture Farm and Home Safety Day

On Saturday April 5th from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Chisholm Trail Pavilion at Garfield County Fairgrounds there will be a Progressive Agriculture Farm and Home Safety Day. It is a fun-filled day of learning for youth ages 8-13 years old (6-7 year olds accompanied by parent/guardian) who live on or visit farms.

Topics for demonstration and discussion include: Escape Smart, Fire & Electric Safety, Firearm Safety, Shop & Power Tool Safety, Water Quality, First Aid and Skin Protection, Safety around Oil Fields, 4-Wheeler Safety, Hazards around the Farm, Lawn Care and Equipment Safety and Pipeline/Utility Safety.

A fee of \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family includes the cost of lunch, snacks, speakers, a T-shirt, and a packet of safety materials. Registration is due March 28th.

Registration Forms Available at <http://kingfisher4-h.org>

Kingfisher County 4-H Fabrics Club

Due to the County Stock Show this months meeting will take place on February 25th. For more information about the Fabrics Club contact Steve Beck at the Extension Office of Jo Kochenower.

The Ambassadors Want You

The Kingfisher County 4-H Ambassadors group was formed to support the 4-H program county wide. The role of the Ambassador is to be a messenger from Kingfisher County. They are expected to be role models in 4-H and be active and visible in the county.

The Ambassadors are going on their 12th year this year. Their meeting dates for next year will be as follows:

March 30th (Spring Outing)

April 20th 3:00pm at Exhibit Building

May 11th at Extension Office

May 28-29 Jr Roundup Camp

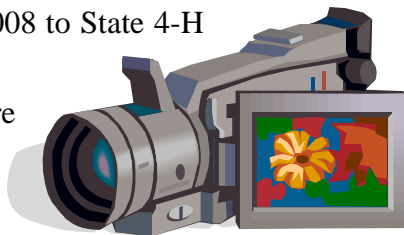
July 13-19 Wisconsin 4-H Exchange

If you are interested in attending the meetings, please contact the Extension Office for more information.

State 4-H Roundup Video and Commercial Production Contest

Entries Due: July 1, 2008 to State 4-H Office

What: Contestants are to develop a video using their choice of music and video production techniques, including, but not limited to, video footage, still photography, computer animation or a combination of techniques. Commercial must be 30 seconds in length. Videos must be 3 to 5 minutes in length. Entries will be judged on creativity, flow of video, topic and presentation. The top 5 commercials and top 2 videos will be shown at State 4-H Roundup. For complete contest guidelines, applications and support resources go to: http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/video_contest.htm



Talks, Extemporaneous, Ill Presentations, PowerPoint and Job Readiness

Due to the weather the 4-H Talks and Extemporaneous Speeches have been rescheduled. We will once again combine the speeches and Illustrated Presentations together. 4-H Talks, Extemporaneous Speeches, Illustrated Presentations, Power Point and Job Readiness Contests will be held on April 13th at 2:00pm in the OSU Extension Office.

These events are broken into the following Age groups:

Cloverbuds – Ages 5-8; 4-H Pledge only

Beginner - Ages 9-10;

Junior - Ages 11-12;

Intermediate - Ages 13-14;

Senior – Ages 15 and older.

Job Readiness is only for intermediate and Senior Divisions.

Ages are based on January 1, 2008.

A 4-H Talk is simply giving a speech without the aid of any additional props.

In an extemporaneous speech you are given the topic of your speech just a few minutes before you actually give your speech.

A PowerPoint Speech should develop and demonstrate public speaking skills using a PowerPoint presentation as an illustration to add emphasis to their presentation.

Illustrated Presentations use props give a presentation of demonstration.

Job Readiness is an event which recognizes members who communicate a personal understanding of and ability to perform specific job requirements through written materials and a job interview. Job Readiness materials will be due to the extension office by 4:30pm April 9th. Contact Steve for more information.

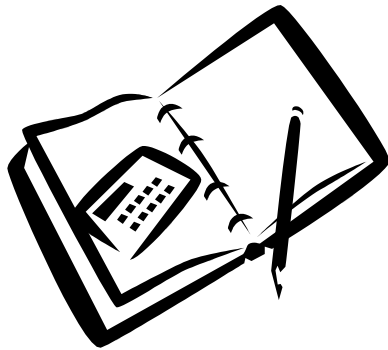
Intermediate and Senior divisions will be judged on their ability to be given at 4-H Round-up and should follow State Guidelines. A link to state guidelines will be posted on <http://kingfisher4-h.org> or you can contact Steve at the Extension Office.

Note: Extemporaneous Speeches are not recognized on the State Level.

State Record Books

You need to be 14 years old as of January 1, 2008 in order to do a state record book. I will set up individual

consultations with anybody starting or making adjustments on their State Record Book. Call Steve at 375-3822 to set an appointment. The sooner we start the better prepared we will be.



State Record Books will be due to the County Extension Office on March 7, 2008. 4-H members should report work done from the time the last record book was turned in through February.

All American Fundraiser

Check in with your 4-H Leader to participate in the All American Fundraiser. All profits go to support the 4-H Volunteer Leaders Council. With these funds the leaders provide funds to pay 4-H camp fees, 4-H trip scholarships and support events such as the Jr. Roundup Camp and the 4-H Achievement Banquet.

In addition to helping support the 4-H program you will also be given the chance to win one of 4 Wal-Mart gift cards. For every 10 items you sell your name will be put into the drawing to win one of the gift cards.

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Northwest District Junior Livestock Show

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008:

10:00 a.m. ALL Goat cards due in show office.
11:00 a.m. Goat Show Begins.
4:00-6:30 p.m. Heifer registration papers checked.
6:30 p.m. ALL STEER cards due in show office

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

8:00 a.m. Steer Show Begins
3:00 p.m. Lamb Lead Interviews
7:00 p.m. Lamb Lead (lead portion)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

8:00 a.m. Lamb Classification
10:30 a.m. Lamb Show Begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

10:00 a.m. ALL swine cards due in show office
12:00 p.m. Swine Show Begins

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008

8:30 a.m. Church Service - Show Ring
9:00 a.m. Swine Show Continues

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

6:45 p.m. AWARD PRESENTATIONS
7:00 p.m. PREMIUM SALE AUCTION

Get the Most Out of 4-H

The 4-H member and family will get the most from the 4-H experience by...

Attending local club meetings! Asking questions of the local club leader and calling the Extension Office 375-3822. Local club leaders will make announcements regarding current information, remind you of upcoming deadlines, and provide registration forms. Members should:

- Read the newsletter and keep them in a handy location at home.
- Set goals and work at completing the goals in a timely manner.
- Keep records of your project work. Do a talk or demonstration at the local club.
- Participate in local club citizenship projects.
- Participate in county activities and events.

State 4-H Ambassador Program

The Oklahoma 4-H State Ambassador Program is a prestigious leadership program that requires a large commitment of the 4-Her. It is designed to reach the following objectives:

- ◆ Make 4-H more visible in your county and across the state of Oklahoma.
- ◆ Maintain relations with 4-H alumni and supporters.
- ◆ Help 4-H members tell the state and national 4-H story.

As an Ambassador you will be expected to serve in the following roles.

- ◆ Supplement 4-H Foundation efforts by making donor and alumni follow-ups through telephone, letters, newsletters and visits.
- ◆ Represent Oklahoma 4-H at selected public events at county, district, and state 4-H programs.
- ◆ Support media relations across the state by writing articles for newspapers, writing and/or presenting 20 second to one-minute promo for radio, and making TV appearances.

In order to be an Ambassador you must be 13 years of age and willing to meet the requirements of the program as listed on the State 4-H Website. Call Steve for more information.

Fiber Fest

On April 19th from 10:00am until 5:00pm Annie Davis and her family will be hosting a fiber fest at Hitchcock, OK. Families can learn hands on how to spin, weave, hand felt and make crafts from animal fibers. Animals and fibers that will be on hand include sheep, rabbits, alpacas and llamas.

Learn more about animals that produce fiber, and what can be done with it. Spin, weave, felt, dye, and more... Watch the website for planned activities as they are scheduled. Perfect for 4-Hers, FFA members, Fiber Artists and their whole families.

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Dates to Remember

- February 10-13 Kingfisher County Stock Show
- February 14 – 4-H Meat Judging
- February 17 – Ambassadors Meeting (Cancelled)
- February 19 – Premium Sale for Stock Show
- February 21 – Horseless Club Meeting
- February 21 – 4-H Meat Judging
- February 25 – 4-H Craft Club
- Feb28 –March 4 – Enid Stock Show
- March 1 State 4-H WHEP Training
- March 6 – 4-H Meat Judging
- March 7th – State Record Books Due
- March 7th –American Fundraiser due to county
- March 13 – Horseless Club Meeting
- March 12-15 – KC Global Conference
- March 10-20 Oklahoma Youth Expo
- March 30 –4-H Ambassador (Spring Outing)
- April 2 – 4-H Day at the Capitol
- April 3 – Leaders’ Council Meeting
- April 5th – Enid Farm Safety Day
- April 12th NW District Meat Judging
- April 13th – 4-H Talks/III Presentations
- April 19th – Fiber Fest
- April 20th – Dress Revue
- April 20 – Kingfisher 4-H Ambassador Meeting
- April 26 – State Meat Judging
- May 2-3 – Discovery Unlimited
- May 6-7 – State Record Book Finalist Interviews
- May 11 – Kingfisher 4-H Ambassador Meeting
- May 28-29th – Jr Roundup Camp
- May 31st – State 4-H Ambassador Interviews
- June 5 – Leaders’ Council Meeting
- June 7 - District Horse Show
- June 9-11 – Jr 4-H Camp
- June 11-13 – Sr 4-H Camp
- June 12-22 CWF
- June 19 – Holstein Field Day
- June 30 – County Record Books Due
- July 12 – State Volunteer Leaders’ Conference
- July 13-19 Host Wisconsin Exchange Group
- July 30 – August 1 State 4-H Roundup
- August 7 – Leaders’ Council Meeting
- August 20-23 Kingfisher County Fair
- September 7th – 4-H Achievement Banquet

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