



2026 Oklahoma 4-H Outdoor Adventure Information and Application

If you want ADVENTURE...THINK 4-H!

If you want a CHALLENGE...THINK 4-H!

If you want the ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE...THINK 4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

Interested in a challenge? One that requires outdoor skills in camping, compass/map reading, outdoor cookery, safety and working with other people? A challenge demanding physical conditioning to take on mountain hikes of 4-5 miles a day? The 2026 4-H Outdoor Adventure Program can offer you those challenges. Crews made up of 4-H youth and adult volunteers from across the state will have the opportunity to experience this unique and challenging program.

The 4-H Outdoor Adventure Program is an outdoor leadership program designed for teens with adult guidance. The purpose is to develop character and integrity in young people through teaching teamwork, leadership and outdoor skills; and allows them to share their knowledge and skills with others. It provides participants the opportunity to see themselves from an entirely new perspective. Experiencing the challenge of the out-of-doors, participants grow personally, developing an understanding of themselves and their limitations. By being a member of a crew, they learn to understand and appreciate the needs of others and their team. Involvement in the program instills a new respect for the natural environment, and helps participants encompass many 4-H project area and develops in young people an appreciation for and respect of the outdoors, animal life and other areas of nature.

Required two and one-half days shakedown training will be held April 24-26, 2026 for participants. The trip will take place July 6-12, 2026 going to Black Hills, South Dakota see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and visit Ashfall Fossil Beds, Nebraska.

Youth must be 14 years of age before January 1, 2026.

WHO: Youth 14 years of age before January 1, 2026.

DATES: April 24 - 26, 2026 - Shakedown Training - Southeast Oklahoma, tentatively Robbers Cave State Park.

July 6 - 12, 2026 - trip to Black Hills, South Dakota and Ashfall Fossil Beds, Nebraska, day hiking while tent camping at Custer State park.

COST: \$650.00 per participant. Cost includes shakedown training, transportation, meals at shakedown and on the July trip, lodging, and insurance. (Participants are responsible for one meal during the July trip).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 9, 2026 is the application deadline. Applications are completed on ZSuites. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Open to the first 25 people to apply. There is a \$150.00 registration fee (Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE unless the trip is canceled due to lack of participation).

FINAL PAYMENT: Due June 4, 2026 The final payment is \$650 minus the registration fee and any other payments made towards the trip.

NOTICE: Due to the nature of Outdoor Adventure, trip details are subject to change.

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