

DISTRICT 4-H O-RAMAS

The District 4-H O-Ramas are open to both Junior and Senior 4-H members. These programs provide an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills which they have developed through their project work in a variety of competitive activities. Beginner and Intermediate Journal winners, Ross Foundation Photography, Poster Art Contest and Beekeeping Essay Contest winners are also recognized. Officer candidates for each District Vice-President position will campaign. The election is held during the general assembly. Trophies are awarded to first-place winners in both Junior and Senior categories of all of the competitive areas during a closing awards program in each district.

Program costs per member competing are minimal. The fee covers the cost of trophies, ribbons and insurance for the activity. Additional information is sent to all county extension offices from each district director in the spring. Dates and locations are published in the Quick Reference section of the Events Packet. Each O-Rama is usually held on a university or high school campus within the region in June. Judges scout for the county showing the most 4-H spirit throughout the day. The winning county receives a plaque.

Specific guidelines for each activity, rules and regulations can be found in the **O-Rama Packet (C-476)**.

ARKANSAS 4-H O-RAMA

Purpose: To give a comprehensive vision of 4-H and offer opportunities to enhance life skills and acquire knowledge through competitive and non-competitive activities while experiencing campus life, developing personal relationships, making choices and being recognized in front of peers. State 4-H officers are elected.

When: Late July—usually the fourth week.

Where: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville—30 locations on and off campus are used for competitive activities. Lodging is in campus dorms.
Springdale—Awards of Excellence Banquet, Northwest Arkansas Convention Center, and Fun Night at the Jones Center for Families

Who: Senior 4-H members who have become eligible through competition in regional-qualifying or state-only competitive events, volunteer leaders, and extension faculty from all 75 counties.

All Senior 4-H members who place first through fifth in most district O-Rama activities are eligible to compete in the same activity in Fayetteville. Check guidelines in O-Rama Packet for each activity. 4-H members will qualify for state-only activity participation by competing in county contests.

Registration: County registration for the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama will be due July 1. O-Rama registrations are now done online.

The **O-Rama Packet (C-476)** contains specific guidelines for every competitive activity as well as general information and guidelines.

The **State O-Rama Case File** includes schedule highlights, a T-shirt order form, permission forms, an awards program nomination form, a changes form and policy information. The Case File is updated annually and sent to each county extension office in June of every year.