

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Woolly Weekend at Shepherd's Cross**

**Thursday April 27, Friday April 28 & Saturday April 29, 2017 from 10:00 am – 7:00 p.m.**

- Woolly Weekend is a “sheep to shawl” festival held at Shepherd’s Cross, an authentic working sheep farm, just north of Claremore OK on Scenic Route 66.
- Come to the farm and watch as the sheep are shorn (given a haircut). Sheep shearing occurs throughout the day. Over 100 sheep will be shorn on the farm this year.
- Watch the wool processed on site – combed, spun, and woven into a finished product.
- Children’s activities include weaving, games, wool project, and coloring contest.
- Visit the Farm Animal Barn & pet the barn yard animals. (USDA licensed)
- Tour the educational & interactive Farm Museum & Educational Silo
- Sheep to Shawl: Over the three days we will create at least two shawls from the first shorn wool on Thursday morning. This includes the entire process! It is rare to find a true Sheep to Shawl event.
- One shawl will be available for purchase via a Silent Auction.
- Short Course Fiber Classes - learn drop spindling or needle felting both days. Please call or email to pre-register.
- Help make one of the shawls!
- Tour the Bible Garden - guided or self-guided tours; every 30 minutes.
- Shepherd’s Shop will be open, featuring a host of “woolly” and farm related handmade gifts made by Shepherd’s Cross and over 50 local crafters; farm fresh meat, Amish jams, health foods, yarns, and much more! Additionally the shop features a mission section; purchases made in this section of the store return 100% of the sale price to the indigenous people that made them (countries include Afghanistan, Thailand, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Uganda and more)
- Shepherd’s Cross features farm fresh, Animal Welfare Approved, pasture raised, free range, chemical free American lamb meat and Dexter beef. Samples will be available. USDA processed meat is available at the farm for purchase year round. The only AWA sheep farm in OK.
- Yarn, yarn, & more yarn – natural, chemical free, many types, produced and processed on the farm. Shepherd’s Cross also offers roving, batts, felting supplies, knitting needles, spinning and weaving supplies and much more. AWA approved wool.
- Fiber Arts, Animal Husbandry & Shearing lessons available at the farm throughout the year.
- Shepherd’s Cross is home to a non-profit Christian organization called Heart of the Shepherd, that hosts the event.
- Teaching basic agricultural principles and their relationship to the Bible are instrumental in the educational component of the farm.
- Volunteers needed for fiber arts demonstrations, sheep to shawl teams, garden tours & more.
- This is a free event. Donations are welcome - suggested donation of \$3 per person.
- Groups of twenty or more please pre-register.
- Picnic area is available; bring your picnic with you; limited seating.
- Snack and beverage concessions are available on site.
- Woolly Weekend will proceed even in the case of inclement weather. Demonstrations will take place in the Amish built gambrel roof tour barn, which houses some of the animals as well as the wool processing, farm museum, and the gift shop.
- Shepherd’s Cross is an accredited Agritourism facility, a Made in Oklahoma Company, a producer for the Oklahoma Food Co-op, and is Animal Welfare Approved.
- To find out more information about this woolly event please visit our website: [www.ShepherdsCross.com](http://www.ShepherdsCross.com)

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