



WHERE'S THE 4-H OFFICE?

The 4-H office is located in the Coffee County Agricultural Center at 701 East Ward Street. Please use the main entrance at the front or back of the building unless you are coming to an activity in the conference room.

GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

It's almost fair time! And that means it's time to think about entering the many contests and events available to 4-H'ers at the Georgia National Fair in Perry. The dates for the fair are October 5th-15th, but the entry deadline for Coffee County 4-H'ers is 4:00 PM on **Wednesday, September 13th**. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE PROCESSED!**



Contests for 4-H members include: 4-H Computer Graphic Design Contest, Decorated Agricultural Products Contest, Recycling Contest, Terrarium/Dish Garden Contest, Family Scarecrow Building Contest, 4-H Promotional Media Contest, Cloverleaf Peanut Contest, Homemade Ice Cream Contest, Pizza Contest, Recipe Contest, Decorated Pumpkin Contest, Public Speaking Contest, Cotton Boll Speech Contest, and the Variety Show.

You can get a copy of the rules for each contest/event from the 4-H office or by visiting the Georgia National Fair website at georgianationalfair.com (go to Georgia Living→Youth Educational Exhibits→Competitions-4-H). Registration forms and exhibits/entries must be turned in to the county 4-H office by **September 13th**.

For more information about the Georgia National Fair, you may contact the fair at (800)987-3247 or (800) YUR-FAIR or visit their web site at georgianationalfair.com.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

Every 4-H Club member is encouraged to participate in Cloverleaf Project Achievement this year. **What is 4-H Cloverleaf Project Achievement?** It's skills for a lifetime. 4-H'ers pick a project area of interest, research the topic, write a presentation, and then present the presentation to others. While working on your presentation you'll learn research, organization, time management, and public speaking skills in addition to the knowledge you'll gain about your presentation topic. As you get older, Project Achievement will include learning and sharing activities during the whole year and keeping a record of your activi-

ties, but as a Cloverleaf (4th thru 6th graders) it's all about sharing knowledge. We will compete in a district level competition in Lyons, Georgia, on **Saturday, November 11th**. 4-H'ers will also be able to present their presentations during their monthly 4-H Club meeting.

What can 4-H'ers talk about? Georgia 4-H offers something for just about everyone! From Bicycle to Wildlife, there are 62 different categories. Fifty-two projects include oral presentations. Seven projects have special presentations including three performing arts categories, a sewing presentation, and foods labs presenting a no-cook snack. **PARENTS:** Please help your child select a project area. Check out the categories, but make sure you look at the project objectives to learn more about what your child should do and any special requirements. Categories and objectives can be found by going to: coffee4h.org, Web Links, Project Achievement Websites, Cloverleaf Project List.

The sign-up deadline for Cloverleaf Project Achievement is Friday, October 20th. Call or come by the 4-H office soon to sign up for a project. Projects are assigned on a first-come basis. You need to begin preparing your presentation NOW so you will have time to practice and give your presentation during your 4-H Club meeting. 4-H staff members will be happy to help you get started and answer any questions you may have as you work on your presentation. For more information call 384-1402.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents who would be willing to help with 4-H events must complete a volunteer leader application and agreement and turn them in at the 4-H office **a minimum of three to four weeks prior to the date of the event**. The forms are available at <http://coffee4h.org> under the 4-H Forms or the Volunteer Leader sections. Upon receiving the volunteer leader application and signed agreement, we will check references and then get the background check completed. Please contact the Extension office at 384-1402 if you have any questions.

'Project Achievement' is an excellent way for 4-H'ers to learn useful skills such as research, organization, visual creation, and public speaking.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Please contact Mr. Kevin or Mr. Jeremy at the 4-H office at 384-1402 if you are interested in showing animals in the county or state shows this year. Tagging dates will be set soon and all animals must be tagged on those dates. The tagging date for hogs will be in mid to late November. The animals will be tagged at the Coffee Middle School Livestock Facility. Please make sure that you have your animals there so you can participate in the shows this year.

The **County Goat Show** will be held on **Saturday, September 23rd**, starting around 10 AM, at the CMS Livestock Facility in Douglas. Please come and support our youth involved in these events.



2017-2018 4-H POINT SYSTEM

Each year 4-H members are given the opportunity to earn a trip as a reward for being active in 4-H. Each 4-H member who meets the requirements of competing in a 4-H competition (either DPA, judging event, target sports match, or livestock show) **AND** earns 300 points by the end of the school year will earn a trip at half price to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta as a reward for their hard work. **It is your responsibility to keep up with your points** and turn them in to your Club Record Keeper. The points are:

- 100 - Project Achievement
- 50 - Judging Event Contest
- 50 - Target Sports Match
- 50 - Livestock Show
- 25 - Adopt-A-Highway Workday
- 25 - Pet Therapy Visitation
- 20 - GA National Fair Contest
- 20 - Club Meeting Demonstration (2 per year)
- 20 - Can Tabs (Pint or more once per school year)
- 10 - Completing 4-H Friends Manual (5th graders only)
- 10 - Essay/Art Contest Entry
- 5 - Donation to a Community Service Project
- 5 - 4-H Folder Brought to Club Meeting



You MUST sign in when you attend a 4-H activity such as Pet Therapy or Adopt-A-Highway Workdays. If you fail to sign in, we cannot give you your points for the activity. We will start taking points at your second 4-H club meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Find out what 4-H activities are coming up each week by listening to WULS 103.7 FM radio station each Tuesday morning. Mr. Kevin gives an update of the upcoming 4-H activities on the radio at approximately 6:15 AM. So listen to WULS to find out if there are any activities that you want to participate in.



4-H HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

All budding artists are encouraged to create a drawing for the Georgia 4-H Holiday Card Artwork Contest. Entries must be turned in to the 4-H office by 5 PM on September 29th. The rules include: Drawing must be the student's original work and drawn on an 8.5 x 5.5 inch (or 5.5 x 8.5 inch) sheet of white, unlined paper; it must include 4-H in the theme and be a universal holiday theme; it must be colorful; and it must be accompanied by an official entry form available from the 4-H office. All 4-H members are eligible to participate. If you don't follow these rules, the drawing will be disqualified.

Please contact Mr. Kevin, Mrs. Liz, Mrs. Chalanda, or Mrs. Alyse at the 4-H office if you have questions about this contest.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H members are encouraged to take part in the community service projects listed below.

Pet Therapy Visitation - Tuesday, September 12th, at Manor House Senior Living Center, and Monday, October 2nd, at Shady Acres from 4:00 to 4:30 PM. Pets must be current on vaccinations and must be friendly. Group photo at 4:30 PM. (25 points.)

Adopt-A-Highway - Thursday, October 5th, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, at the 4-H office. Screened Leaders are needed to help. (25 points)

Can Tabs - Pop tabs are collected off of aluminum cans to be recycled. The money Georgia 4-H raises from this project benefits the Ronald McDonald House program in Georgia. (20 points for donating a pint bag or more once per school year.)



Canned Food - Donate a can of food to help the local food bank in Coffee County. This will be an on-going project for the whole school year. (5 points each month you make a donation, not per can.) The 5th grade club and the 6th grade club that donates the most cans this year will get a pizza party at the end of the school year (must exceed 100 cans).

Dollars for Scholars - Donate \$1 each month to help support Camp Scholarships. (5 points each month you donate \$1 or more.)

GEORGIA 4-H PHOTO CONTESTS

Each year, Georgia 4-H offers four contests for members who are interested in photography. Photos can be made with any type of camera that produces a negative or digital file. The images cannot be altered and must be submitted as they were taken. Entries for the photo contest are due in the State 4-H office by June 1. Please start taking pictures early so you will have some great photos to select from for your entries into these contests.

The four contests include Focus on Agriculture (farming related), Focus on 4-H (4-H related), Focus on 4-H Service (4-H community service related), and 4-H Photography Contest (any subject matter).



Remember, the photos must be taken by the 4-H member who is submitting them. There are great opportunities to get photos year round in south Georgia, so take advantage of this opportunity and get some great photos to enter into this contest.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week will be observed October 1-7. 4-H Week is a time to promote 4-H to the public and make people more aware of the 4-H programs offered in Coffee County.

Junior and Senior 4-H members will record public service announcements that will be played on local radio stations, so be sure to listen throughout the week.



4-H LISTSERVE UPDATE

The 4-H office is in the process of updating the 4-H list serve. If you would like to be added to it (or remain on it), you must contact Mrs. Lisa, our 4-H office secretary, and ask to be put on it. The easiest way is to send her an email at <uge4069@uga.edu>.



4-H ON FACEBOOK

Coffee County 4-H has a group page on Facebook. You can only join the group by asking to be added to the group.



REMIND

Cloverleaf 4-H parents (parents of 4th–6th grade 4-H members) are encouraged to sign up to receive 4-H text messages through the Remind App. All you have to do is send the text message “@coffeec4h” to the number **81010**. If your child is going to be interested in attending 4-H camp next summer, you may also want to join the Cloverleaf Camp Remind group as well by texting “@cc4hcamp” to the same **81010** number.



4-H OFFICER’S TRAINING

4-H members who are elected or appointed to serve as an officer for their club are asked to attend the upcoming 4-H Officer’s Training Workshop on **Monday, September 18th**. The training will take place at the **First Baptist Church in Douglas** starting at **5:30 PM** with dinner. Parents should plan to **pick you up at 7:30 PM**.

4-H TARGET SPORTS SIGN UP

4-H tries to offer a wide range of target sports programs for 4-H members each year. Programs available include: Archery (Cloverleaf, Junior, & Senior), 22 Rifle (Senior), Air Rifle & Air Pistol (Junior & Senior), BB Rifle (Cloverleaf & Junior), and Shotgun (Junior & Senior).



Sign up for the Target Sports Programs will begin today and run through Friday, September 15th, at 5 PM. Coaches will contact you when practices will begin.

These programs are dependent on volunteers to organize and run them. If you know of an adult who would like to help with one of the programs, please have them contact the 4-H office at 384-1402. A **Certified Coaches Training** will be held at Rock Eagle on **September 22nd-24th** and we need to get them enrolled as soon as possible for the workshop.

4-H NOTEBOOKS & MOOD PENCILS

Coffee County 4-H has 4-H Composition Books for sale for \$1 each. You can also purchase color changing 4-H Mood Pencils for \$.50 each. Show your 4-H spirit with your own 4-H school supplies.

4-H SUPPORTS THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Each year, Coffee County 4-H members are asked to collect and save pop tabs from their aluminum drink cans to be recycled. The tabs are boxed up and taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Savannah. The money raised from the sale of these tabs helps pay for the utilities and supplies needed to run the Ronald McDonald House. Remember, you will only get 20 points one time during the school year for donating a pint bag or more to this project.

The Ronald McDonald House is a place where parents can spend the night for little or no cost while their child receives medical treatment at the near-by hospital. Many people from Coffee County have used the Ronald McDonald House, so please pitch in and help with this project.



4-H CLUB CALENDAR

September 2017

- 4 Labor Day Holiday, No School, 4-H office closed
- 11 Volunteer Leader Update Mtg., 6 PM, 4-H office
- 12 Pet Therapy Visitation, 4-4:30 PM, Manor House
- 13 GA Nat. Fair 4-H Contests Entry Deadline, 4 PM
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences (CCA & Public Schools)
- 18 4-H Officer Training, 5:30 PM, Douglas First Baptist
- 22-24 SAFE Coaches Certification Training, Eatonton, GA
- 23 County Meat Goat Show, CMS Livestock Facility
- 25 CCA, Indian Creek, & Westside 4-H Meetings
- 26 Eastside & Satilla 4-H Meetings
- 26 Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 2 PM, 4-H office
- 27 Ambrose & CMS (A & B Clusters) 4-H Meetings
- 28 CMS (C, D, & E Clusters) 4-H Meetings
- 28-30 4-H Volunteer Conf. of the Southern States, Rock Eagle
- 29 Broxton, First Academy, Nicholls, & WG 4-H Meetings
- 29 4-H Holiday Card Contest Entry Deadline, 4-H office

October 2017

- 1-7 National 4-H Week/Georgia 4-H Week, Statewide
- 2 Pet Therapy Visitation, 4-4:30 PM, Shady Acres
- 2-31 Cloverleaf Project Achievement Preparation, 4-H office
- 5 Adopt-A-Highway Workday, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 5-7 State 4-H Lamb & Goat Shows, Perry, GA
- 5-15 Georgia National Fair, Perry, GA
- 6 School Holiday-Public School
- 15 GNF-Clovers & Co. Performances, Perry, GA
- 17-19 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, Moultrie, GA
- 19 Parent/Teacher Conference-FA
- 20 Cloverleaf DPA Sign Up Deadline
- 23 CCA, Indian Creek, & Westside 4-H Meetings
- 23 First Academy Holiday
- 24 Eastside & Satilla 4-H Meetings
- 24 Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 2 PM, 4-H office
- 25 Ambrose & CMS (A & B Clusters) 4-H Meetings
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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY WORKDAY

4-H members are encouraged to help clean up Coffee County by helping with the 4-H Adopt-A-Highway workday. We will meet up at the 4-H office four times during the school year to clean up the litter on the sides of the road between the Ford dealership and the Salvation Army Store. The first workday will be on Thursday, October 5th, starting at 4 PM. We usually finish around 5 PM. Please arrive early so that you have enough time to sign in and get your safety vest on before we begin the workday. You earn 25 points towards the 4-H reward trip for each workday in which you help.



Agricultural Center on East Ward Street where you will find the local 4-H office.

PET THERAPY VISITATION

Share your friendly pets with the residents of Manor House and Shady Acres! Residents of assisted living centers may not ever get to pet animals and they may be cat or dog lovers. Pet Therapy gives 4-H members the opportunity to visit with the residents and share their pets at the same time.

The first visitation at Manor House (next door to Shady Acres) will be on Tuesday, September 12th, from 4 to 4:30 PM. The first visitation for Shady Acres will be on Monday, October 2nd, also from 4 to 4:30 PM.

Remember, you may bring friendly pets, but they must be current with their vaccinations. Also, if you bring turtles, they must be enclosed in a cage and not be touched by anyone as they may transmit Salmonella to humans.

4-H PLEDGE:

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
 my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
 my **HANDS** to larger service,
 and my **HEALTH** to better living,
 for my club, my community,
 my country, and my world.

4-H MOTTO:

To make the best better.

This newsletter is designed for Coffee County Cloverleaf 4-H members and their parents to inform them of upcoming events and information on 4-H and it's activities. It was created by Kevin Tatum, CEA, and edited by Lisa Craigue, CES, and Liz Batten, CEPA. Call (912) 384-1402 for more information or visit our website at <coffee4h.org>.