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To Make The Best Better

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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.



It's almost fair time! And that means it's time to think enter the many contests and events available to 4-H'ers at the Georgia National Fair in Perry. The dates for the fair are October 4-14, but the entry deadline for Coffee County 4-H'ers is 4:00 PM on **Wednesday, September 12. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE PROCESSED!**

Contests for 4-H members include: *Computer Graphic Design, Decorated Agricultural Products, Mini-booth Exhibits, Recycling, Terrarium/Dish Garden, Family Scarecrow Building Contest, Instant Camera Photography, Public Speaking, Variety Show, Family Seed Art, Cotton Boll Speech, Family Pumpkin Decorating, Cloverleaf Peanut Contest, Cupcake Masters, Healthy Commodity Contest (Strawberries), Homemade Ice Cream, and Pizza Contest.*



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 12.**

Mini-Booths are due on **Friday, August 24** for the county competition. The top four will be sent to the Georgia National Fair. All entries will be displayed at the Waycross Fair.

For more information, visit their website at georgianationalfair.com or contact the fair at (800)987-3247 or (800) YUR-FAIR



Good "Sharing" activity for your DPA portfolio!

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

Every 4-H member is encouraged to participate in Project Achievement this year. Project Achievement is a competition where the 4-H member chooses a project area, prepares a demonstration about a topic related to that project area, and presents that demonstration at a competition. Preparing and presenting a 4-H demonstration is a great opportunity to develop skills you will use for the rest of your life.

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

Speeches can be up to ten minutes long and projects cover a wide variety of topics. There are also performing arts and cooking projects to choose from.

Junior and Senior 4-H'ers are also required to submit a portfolio documenting their project work, leadership, community service and other 4-H activities throughout the year. Your portfolio will serve as your sign-up form for **Project Achievement. Portfolio rough drafts are due on September 14 and the FINAL COPY is due in the county 4-H office by Friday, December 14.** So start working on yours now. You also need to start working on your demonstration now so you will have time to practice it and make improvements before the competition. We want each of you to have a competitive portfolio and demonstration so you have a good chance of standing on the stage receiving a first place award.

Call or come by the 4-H office today to sign up for a project (first come, first choice). 4-H staff members will be happy to help you get started and answer any questions you have as you work on your presentation.

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.



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. If your references check out, you should get an email about a background check from UGA. Upon getting the background check completed, you will receive an email about a Risk Management Training. Once this training is complete, you will be a Certified 4-H Volunteer Leader.

Please contact the Extension office at 384-1402 if you have any questions.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Please contact Mr. Kevin at the 4-H office at 384-1402 if you are interested in showing animals in the county or state shows this year. A tagging date has already been held for cattle and one will be set soon (if needed). 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 22**, starting around 10 AM, at the CMS Livestock Facility in Douglas. Please come and support our youth involved in these events.

2018-2019 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 - Assisted Living Center Projects
- 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.

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 28**. 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 any questions.



2017 Winner

GEORGIA 4-H PHOTO CONTESTS

Each year, Georgia 4-H offers five contests for members who are interested in photography. Photos must be submitted in 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 August 1. Please start taking pictures early so you will have some great photos to select from for your entries into these contests.

The five contests include Focus on Agriculture and STEM (farming or science related); Focus on Camp and Environmental Education; Focus on Citizenship, Leadership, and Service; Focus on Healthy Living; and Focus on Volunteerism.

Remember, photos must be taken by the 4-H member or volunteer who is submitting them. Start now so you will have some great photos to choose from.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week will be observed October 7-13. 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 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

Junior 4-H parents (parents of 7th–8th 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 “@coffeejr4h” to the number **81010**. This will allow you to get text messages of announcements for Junior 4-H activities.



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 **Tuesday, September 18**. 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 28**, 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 14-16** and we need to get them enrolled as soon as possible.

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 4, 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.



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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Adopt-A-Highway - Thursday, October 4, 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.)

4-H CLUB CALENDAR

August 2018

- 24 GNF Mini-booth Entry Deadline, 4 PM
- 24 Certified TL Training Reg. Deadline, 5 PM
- 24-25 GA Young Farmer Goat Show, Perry

September 2018

- 3 Labor Day Holiday, No School, 4-H office closed
- 4 Target Sports Coaches Meeting, 6 PM, 4-H office
- 6 Junior 4-H Club Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 7 GA National Fair Trip Sign Up Deadline, 5 PM
- 8 Ware County Goat Show, Waycross
- 10 Hungry Howie's Fundraiser, 5-9 PM
- 11 Certified Teen Leader Trg., 4-7 PM, 4-H office
- 12 GA Nat. Fair 4-H Contests Entry Deadline, 4 PM
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Public Schools)
- 14 FA Professional Learning Day, Early Release
- 14 DPA Portfolio Draft Due, 5 PM
- 14-16 SAFE Coaches Certification Training, Eatonton, GA
- 18 4-H Officer Training, 5:30 PM, Douglas First Baptist
- 22 County Goat Show, CMS Livestock Facility, 10 AM
- 24 CCA 4-H Meetings
- 25 Volunteer Leader Update Mtg., 6 PM, 4-H office
- 26 Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 2 PM, 4-H office
- 27 Junior 4-H Club Meeting, 3:30 PM, CMS
- 27 Cloverleaf 4-H Dance, 6-8 PM, CMS Gym
- 27-30 4-H Volunteer Conf. of the Southern States, Rock Eagle
- 28 First Academy 4-H Meetings
- 28 4-H Holiday Card Contest Entry Deadline, 4-H office
- 28 Target Sports Sign Up Deadline, 5 PM



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>.



GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR TRIP

Plans are being made to go to the Georgia National Fair on **Monday, October 8**. The fee for attending the trip is **\$35** per person. This includes your admission to the fair, your armband for the rides, transportation, and insurance. The **fee is due** in the 4-H office no later than **Friday, September 7**. A **fundraiser** has been set up for **Monday, September 10 at Hungry Howies** in order to help with the cost of this trip. Sign up today if you are interested in helping.

JUNIOR CONFERENCE

Lets get together for a weekend at Rock Eagle 4-H Center where you will be having loads of fun with friends

October 2018

- 1-31 Cloverleaf Project Achievement Preparation, 4-H office Certified Teen Leaders Needed to Help!
- 3-14 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- 4 Adopt-A-Highway Workday, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 4-6 State 4-H Lamb & Goat Shows, Perry, GA
- 4-14 Georgia National Fair, Perry, GA
- 5 GNF Contests (Family Scarecrow Contest)
- 6 GNF Contests (Omelets, Cotton Boll Speech, Senior Variety Show, Public Speaking, Family Seed Art Contest)
- 7 GNF Contests (Pantry Pride, Instant Camera Photography Contest, Junior Variety Show, Wild Games Dish, Cloverleaf Peanut Contest)
- 7-13 National 4-H Week/Georgia 4-H Week, Statewide
- 8 Junior Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline
- 8 Jr/Sr 4-H Trip to the GA National Fair
- 11 Junior 4-H Club Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 12 GNF Contests (Cupcake Masters Contest)
- 13 GNF Contests (Cloverleaf Variety Show, Healthy Commodity-Strawberries, Homemade Ice Cream, Family Pumpkin Decorating, Jr/Sr Variety Invitational)
- 14 GNF Contests (Pizza Contest)
- 14 GNF-Clovers & Co. Performances, Perry, GA
- 16 4-H Trip to the Sunbelt Ag. Expo
- 16-18 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, Moultrie, GA
- 17 Junior Conference Registration Deadline
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conference-CCA & FA
- 19 School Holiday (All Schools)
- 22 Fall Break-First Academy
- 22 CCA 4-H Meetings
- 25 Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 2 PM, 4-H office
- 25 Junior 4-H Club Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 26 First Academy 4-H Meetings

from all over the state of Georgia. You will meet new friends, do service projects, participate in workshops and an exhibit fair, have a dance, and see Clovers & Company perform. The conference will be held on November 3-4 at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center and will cost around \$75.

CERTIFIED TEEN LEADER TRAINING

Junior and Senior 4-H members who have never had the Certified Teen Leader Training need to **pay the \$10 registration fee by Friday, August 24**, for the upcoming training. The training will be on **Tuesday, September 11, beginning at 4 PM and lasting until at least 7 PM**. You cannot participate in out of county events like Cloverleaf DPA if you are not a Certified Teen Leader.

SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL EXPO

Coffee County 4-H members have the opportunity to attend the 2018 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie on **Tuesday, October 16**. The **fee of \$15** covers your admission to the expo, insurance and transportation. The registration deadline is Friday, October 5.

This newsletter is designed for Coffee County Junior 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>.