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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.**

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 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: *4-H Computer Graphic Design Contest, Decorated Agricultural Products Contest, Recycling Contest, Family Scarecrow Contest, 4-H Instant Camera Photography Contest, Public Speaking Contest, Variety Show, Family Seed Art Contest, Cotton Boll Speech Contest, Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Omelet Contest, Wild Game Dish Contest, Cupcake Masters Contest, Healthy Commodity Contest-Strawberries, Homemade Ice Cream Contest, and the Piz-za 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-booth exhibits are due **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 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.



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 twelve 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 rough draft must be submitted by Friday, September 14, and the final copy is due 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.

This year's policy for DPA is if you don't turn in your portfolio drafts or demonstration on time, you will be paying a \$25 fee for each deadline missed. The next deadline is **September 14** for your DPA portfolio draft. All of your activities from January through August should be included in your draft. **Final portfolios are due Friday, December 14, by 4 PM.**

DPA costs Coffee County 4-H approximately \$100 per person who competes in Junior/Senior DPA. So the fees that you may wind up paying are just a small portion of the total that 4-H pays for you to compete.

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.

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.

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. We've already held a tagging date for steers and heifers. 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 - 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



Remember, you MUST sign in when you attend a 4-H activity such as community service events. 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.

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 ongoing 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 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.



COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADERS

Senior 4-H members are asked to step up and be leaders for community service projects. We will handle Pet Therapy and Adopt-A-Highway differently this year. We want you to lead these projects as project clubs. Per the facilities' request, we will only allow students who can bring animals to attend Pet Therapy. We also ask for volunteers to do other project clubs like game day, spa day, etc. for the assisted living centers. If you are interested and willing to be a project club leader, you need to sign up **TODAY** and make arrangements for your first project club meeting by **Wednesday, August 22**, so that we can advertise it to all 4-H members this week and next week.



GEORGIA 4-H PHOTO CONTESTS

Each year, Georgia 4-H offers 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 July 31. 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, the photos must be taken by the 4-H member or volunteer 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 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 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 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 notify you when practice begins.

If you are interested in competing in Target Sports programs with 4-H, remember that you must take the Hunter Safety Education Course and get your certification number in order to compete in most 4-H events, particularly the shotgun program. These courses are usually only offered between August and December. Check out the Georgia Department of Natural Resources website at <http://www.hunter-ed.com/Georgia/> to find the nearest course available for you.

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 for the workshop.

REMIND

Senior 4-H members and parents (parents of 9th-12th 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 "@coffee4h" to the number **81010**.



4-H OFFICER'S TRAINING

Senior 4-H Club officers are asked to assist with 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. We should finish with the training around **7:30 PM**.



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.

STATEWIDE JUNIOR 4-H CONFERENCE

Although Senior 4-H members cannot sign up to participate in the Statewide Junior 4-H Conference at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, they can apply to be teen instructors. If accepted as a teen instructor, you will be given lesson plans for a workshop that you will teach about three or four times during the conference as you also get to serve as a teen leader. Only Certified Teen Leaders can apply! Application deadline is September 12. The conference dates are November 3-4. Be sure to mark your calendar if you are interested.

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 **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.

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.

SRTLCS-SOUTHERN REGION TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Senior 4-H members are invited to take part in a Southern Region 4-H event on **September 20-23**. This event is open to 4-H members from 13 southern states. There are workshops, a taste of the south event, 4K road race, dance, fun and games, and a special community service project. The **cost is \$230** to attend and it will be held at the Clyde York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN.

You can also apply to teach a "Funshop" workshop. This will look great in your DPA portfolio. **Registration deadline is Friday, September 7.**

UGA SHOWCAES EVENT

Students who are interested in attending the UGA Tifton Campus should make plans to attend the UGA ShowCAES event on Tuesday, September 18. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the course offerings and campus at Tifton. If you plan to attend, you need to pre-register as they will be serving a meal at the event.

4-H CLUB CALENDAR

August 2018

- 22 Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 2 PM, 4-H office
- 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
- 7 SRTLCS Registration Deadline
- 7 GA National Fair Trip Sign Up Deadline, 5 PM
- 8 Ware County Goat Show, Waycross
- 8 GA 4-H Food Showcase, Rock Eagle
- 10 Senior 4-H Club Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 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
- 17 Record National 4-H Week PSA's, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 18 4-H Officer Training, 5:30 PM, Douglas First Baptist
- 18 UGA ShowCAES, 5:30 PM, Tifton
- 19 Jr. Conference Teen Instructor Application Deadline
- 20-23 Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference, TN
- 22 County Goat Show, CMS Livestock Facility, 10 AM
- 24 Senior 4-H Club Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 25 Volunteer Leader Update Mtg., 6 PM, 4-H office
- 26 Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 2 PM, 4-H office
- 27 Cloverleaf 4-H Dance, 6-8 PM, CMS Gym
- 27-30 4-H Volunteer Conf. of the Southern States, Rock Eagle
- 28 4-H Holiday Card Contest Entry Deadline, 4-H office

October 2018

- 1 4-H Week Proclamation, County Commission Meeting
- 1-31 Cloverleaf Project Achievement Preparation, 4-H office
Certified Teen Leaders Needed to Help!
- 2 Kiwanis Chicken-Q Fundraiser (Helpers needed)
- 3-14 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- 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 Jr/Sr 4-H Trip to the GA National Fair
- 9 Senior 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

This newsletter is designed for Coffee County Senior 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>.