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To Make The Best Better

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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.**

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

Don't forget that **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 so that you don't have to pay extra fees to go to DPA this year. If your demonstration is not ready, you need to be working on it 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.

COUNTY GOAT SHOW

The **County Goat Show** will be held on **Saturday, September 22**, starting around 9 AM, at the CMS Livestock Facility in Douglas. Please come and support our youth involved in these events.

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 questions about 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. **If you plan to record one, your rough draft is due to the 4-H office no later than Wednesday, September 12.**

Help will be needed to put out the 4-H week signs on **Saturday, October 6, at 12 PM.** Please sign up to help.

REMINDE

Senior 4-H 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**. This will allow you to get text messages of announcements for Senior 4-H activities.

CRMC HEALTH FAIR

Volunteers are needed to help with the CRMC Health Fair at the hospital from **8 AM to Noon on Saturday, October 6.** Sign up today!

4-H OFFICER TRAINING

Senior 4-H Officers are asked to assist with the Cloverleaf and Junior 4-H Officer's Training on **Tuesday, September 18**. The training will be at the **First Baptist Church in Douglas starting at 5:15 PM** with dinner. Parents should plan to **pick you up at 7:45 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 (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.

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 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.)

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 four times during the conference. 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.

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.

SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL EXPO

4-H CLUB CALENDAR

September 2018

- 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
- 12 Jr. Conference Teen Instructor Application Deadline
- 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
- 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 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
- 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
- 14 GNF-Clovers & Co. Performances, Perry, GA
- 16 4-H Trip to the Sunbelt Ag. Expo
- 16-18 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, Moultrie, GA
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conference-CCA & FA

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.

CLOVERLEAF 4-H DANCE

Teen Leaders will be needed to help with the dance on September 27 at CMS from 6-8 PM. Must be a Certified Teen Leader to help!

KIWANIS CHICKEN-QUE HELP NEEDED

Senior 4-H members are needed to help serve plates, deliver, and more for the Kiwanis Club's Annual Chicken-Que on **Tuesday, October 2**. We will need folks for the morning shift and the afternoon shift.

