Forsyth County 4-H is proud to offer a variety of activities throughout the year for youth in 4th-12th grade. This includes meetings, competitive events, summer camps, and conferences. Below you will find a list of all the activities we offer.

**2017-2018 4-H Activities**

**Club Meetings**

In-school 5th Grade Club Meetings: September - March

Forsyth County 4-H presents Public Speaking, Healthy Lifestyles, and College and Career Readiness Performance Index Curriculum along with 4-H event information during school hours in eight elementary schools this year (Chattahoochee, Mashburn, Shiloh Point, Whitlow, Kelly Mill, Settles Bridge, Big Creek, and Sawnee). The schools can change year to year; contact the school or a 4-H staff member to see if your child’s school offers 4-H.

Middle School Club Meetings: September – March 6th-8th Grade

We conduct monthly meetings before school at Little Mill, Liberty, North Forsyth, and Vickery Creek. There is no fee to join 4-H, and staff presents lessons or different activities during meetings. This year our focus is on making healthy choices and club members will be preparing healthy snacks at each morning meeting.

If 4-H is not at your school, help us make a connection with faculty by sharing our contact information with your teachers! We are always open to starting new clubs in the Forsyth County School System. All youth may also attend our community wide 4-H club meetings.

**Community Wide Club Meetings**

4-H Night: September - March 4th-6th Grade

4-H Night is a monthly meeting for 4th-6th graders. These meetings allow youth from all over Forsyth County to come out and see what all 4-H has to offer. Meetings last one hour each month and include games, activities, and service projects. These youth will also receive a newsletter containing information about upcoming 4-H events. There is no cost to attend 4-H night and all 4th-6th graders are invited to attend, regardless if they receive 4-H in their schools.

County Council Meetings: September - March 7th-12th Grade

County Council is a monthly meeting for 7th-12th graders. These meetings are led by youth officers and county council members plan fun activities and events for Forsyth 4-H, play games, and work on community service projects. This year we will focus on life skills such as car care, clothing care, and communication skills. There is no cost to join County Council and all 7th-12th graders are invited to attend.

Cloverleaf Roundup: September - March 4th-8th Grade

Cloverleaf Roundup is a night where youth can choose to participate in two teen lead project clubs. These clubs are lead by 4-H Certified Teen Leaders under the supervision of 4-H staff and certified volunteers. This year club topics include crafts, photography, animals, origami, and recreation/team building. Cloverleaf Roundup is 2 hours each month and cost $5 per month which includes dinner.

Project Achievement

4-H Project Achievement is a cornerstone in the Georgia 4-H program. From the first Boys Corn Club sharing their crop to today’s presentation and portfolios on hundreds of projects, Project Achievement serves to showcase 4-H’ers work and success. Project Achievement is a public speaking competition where 4-H’ers can present a speech with visual aids on a topic of their choice! The available projects offer a variety of topics including sports, wildlife, history, health, performing arts, and many more! They can compete locally and at a district level. Students that participate are eligible for special awards and scholarships.

Cloverleaf CPA/DPA: January-February 4th-6th Grade

County Project Achievement (CPA) is held locally in late February/early March. Winners in the County level move on to compete at District Project Achievement (DPA) in March. 4-H’ers who compete at DPA will get to go on an overnight trip to Fortson 4-H Center in Hampton, GA.

Junior/Senior DPA: December - March 7th-12th Grade

Junior and Senior 4-H’ers first prepare portfolios which are written records of all activities they have participated in pertaining to their project area over the past year. Portfolios are due in December and then 4-H’ers prepare their speech or project. The competition is in March and spans a weekend. Winners at Junior/Senior DPA have the opportunity to compete at 4-H State Congress in July.

**Project S.A.F.E.**

4-H Archery: Practices year around, but open enrollment occurs once a year usually in August. 4th-12th Grade

4-H’ers practice weekly and have the opportunity to compete in outdoor and indoor matches. They can shoot compound or recurve bows. The club offers beginner recurve and compound bows, but to continue in the club and progress they will need to purchase their own bow. The team is coached by trained volunteers. No archery experience is necessary to participate.

4-H BB Gun: November-April/May 4th-8th Grade

The 4-H BB Gun Team is a four position competitive shooting event. 4-H’ers learn how to shoot standing, kneeling, sitting, and in the prone position at targets. Practices are on weeknights at the Cumming Fairgrounds. The teams are coached by trained volunteers. There is equipment available for members to use.

4-H Air Rifle: November-June 7th-12th Grade

Air Rifle is a shooting sports team for 7th-12th grade 4-H’ers. They practice once a week during the year and attend various 4-H and non 4-H matches. The team is coached by a trained volunteer and equipment is available for use.

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Specialty Clubs
Livestock Shows 4th-12th Grade
4-H’ers raise and care for various types of livestock throughout the year and then participate in a livestock show competing on a state level. Show dates vary depending the show and location. There is always a show in Perry during the Georgia National Fair (October).

4-H Horse Club/Horse Judging Events: Sept-May 4th-12th Grade
Horse Club is a volunteer led club that meets twice a month at different equine locations around Forsyth County. This not a riding club, so you do not need a horse to join! 4-H’ers also have the opportunity to participate in competitive equine knowledge events like Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology.

Judging Teams
Poultry Judging: February - May 4th-12th Grade
Poultry judging is a competitive event in which students learn and understand standards used in poultry and egg production and marketing. They also learn to apply the standards in a realistic decision-making situation. During the contest, participants judge both live specimens and market poultry, identify parts of birds already prepared for market, and evaluate eggs as to their quality and readiness for market. For at least one class, a competitive class, participants are asked to justify their placing decisions through a set of oral reasons. There are generally 6-8 practices in the county before the district competition in April or May.

4-H Wildlife Judging: September - November 4th-12th Grade
Wildlife Judging is an evaluation event where 4-H’ers learn all about the wildlife in Georgia including how to identify different species, what they eat, where they live, and how to make land desirable for the different species. This is a great event for any 4-H’er who is interested in animals and their habitats. The contest is usually on a Saturday in October or November at Fortson 4-H Center.

4-H Cotton Boll and Consumer Jamboree (Consumer Judging): September - November 4th-12th Grade
The objective of Cotton Boll and Consumer Jamboree is for 4-H’ers to understand the importance of cotton as an agricultural commodity and also to learn the importance of making knowledgeable consumer choices when purchasing goods and services. 4-H’ers are presented with different items each year (i.e. toothpaste, backpacks, formal wear rental, and smoothies) and have five minutes to rank items based on pre-set scenarios. This judging event teaches 4-H’ers lifelong consumer and shopping skills! It also tests how quickly 4-H’ers can think on their feet. The district contest is usually in on a week night in Gainesville in November.

4-H Forestry Field Day: July-September 4th-12th Grade
Forestry Field Day is a competition where 4-H’ers learn how to identify several different types of trees and the insects and diseases that affect the trees. They also learn how to determine their pace (size of their steps), use a compass, and learn how to estimate the amount of lumber in a tree. The district competition is usually on a week night at Wahsega 4-H Center (Dahlonega) in September.

Conferences
Weekend in the Classic City: October 20th - 22nd 9th-12th grade
This event is a college awareness and recruitment conference in Athens with workshops that focus on the college search process, application preparation, scholarships, and student life. It also allows 4-H’ers to learn about life as a college student at UGA.

Junior Conference and Junior Rally 6th-8th grade
These two conferences are for 6th-8th graders. They feature fun workshops and classes, community service projects, recreation, and more! Junior Conference will be held November 4th-5th at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Junior Rally will be held in April.

Fall Forum, Senior Conference, and State Council 9th-12th grade
These conferences are for 9th-12th graders, and all take place at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. They feature fun workshops and classes, community service projects, recreation, a dance, and more! State Council features the Iron Clover competition where all four districts from across the state compete against each other. Fall Forum will be held on December 9th-10th, Senior Conference will be held in April, and State Council will be held June 22nd-24th.

Summer Activities
4-H Summer Camp: June-July, registration Feb-May 4th-12th Grade
Georgia 4-H offers five day, four night summer camps for 4-H’ers of all ages. These camps take place at one of the 4-H Centers in Georgia, and offer many fun and exciting activities. Starting in 7th grade, 4-H’ers must be deemed active club members in order to attend camp.

Summer Day Camps: May-July 4th-12th Grade
Forsyth County offers a variety of summer day camps and activities for 4-H’ers to participate in. From volunteering at local animal shelters and assisted living homes, to taking trips to the zoo and to go tubing on the river; These summer day camps are always exciting and educational!

Contact the 4-H Staff at the Forsyth County Extension Office for more details on all the great 4-H programming offered here in Forsyth County!

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