

# GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

# Clover Connection

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March 2023

## VIDALIA ONION FUNDRAISER



**G**rady County 4-H is kicking off its Spring Fundraiser. For the next 8 weeks, you will have the opportunity to sell Vidalia Onions to help generate funds for the Grady County 4-H Program as well as to earn scholarship money to help pay your way to 4-H Summer Camp.

Once the camp scholarships are paid, the remaining profits from the onion fundraiser helps pay for Project Achievement, all of our various judging team programs, the "Summer Fun" program, and of course our Annual 4-H Awards Banquet.

The fundraiser will run from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. All money and forms are due to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Pick-up will be Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6:00pm at the Farmers Market.

**Sell Onions to pay your way to Summer Camp:** As a way to help you pay your registration fees for summer camp, we will once again allow you to use the profits from your total sales to put towards your registration fee. You must first pay the \$75 registration fee and then you can use the profits from your onion sales to pay the remaining \$325 for Cloverleaf, Junior & Senior Camp.

Please pay close attention to the green order form for all the specific details regarding prices for the various size bags of onions as well as the tips on how to sell the onions.

As always, please get your parents permission before you start selling onions.

**Grower Comments:** After talking with the grower, he said the onions are looking good for this year.

Past customers are already asking for onions!



## 4-H GIANT WATERMELON & PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST

**G**eorgia 4-H is once again hosting a contest to see who can grow the largest watermelon and pumpkin in the State of Georgia.

Grady County has an excellent track record of winners participating in these two contests.

The watermelons will be

officially weighed in around August 1<sup>st</sup> and the pumpkins around October 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like more information on these two contests or need growing tips, you can visit the contest website at <https://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/agriculture-stem/agriculture/plant-science/>

Registration deadline for both contests is May 26<sup>th</sup>, call the 4-H Office at 377-1312.

Statewide Prizes:

1st Place—\$100.00

2nd Place—\$50.00

3rd Place—\$25.00

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Vidalia Onion Fundraiser



# '23 GRADY CO. 4-H/FFA CATTLE SHOW RESULTS

The 2023 Grady County 4-H/FFA Market Steer & Breeding Heifer Show was held Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Grady County Livestock Pavilion.

This year, we had 10 exhibitors from Grady County 4-H, Shiver FFA, and CHS FFA showing 4 steers and 6 heifers.

The results of the day's events are as follows:

### Showmanship Winners

**Cloverleaf:** Kaylee Barrett (SFFA)

**Junior:** Wade Collins (SFFA)

**Senior:** Grayson Stanaland

### Steer Show Winners

**Grand Champion:** Kaylee Barrett (SFFA)

**Reserve Champion:** Vivian Herring

**HG Champion:** Vivian Herring

**HG Reserve Champion:** Jackson Pope

### Heifer Show Winners

**Grand Champion:**

Will Collins (CFFA)

**Reserve Champion:**

Wade Collins (SFFA)

**Homegrown Champion:**

Karlee Morrell

**Reserve HG Champion:**

Grace Herring

Other exhibitors not mentioned above include: Hannah Harrison and Jayda Hatcher.

Congratulations to all our exhibitors on a job well done during the 2022- 2023 show season.

**Getting Started for Next Year:**

*If you are interested in showing cattle next year, now is the time you need to be locating your steer or heifer.*

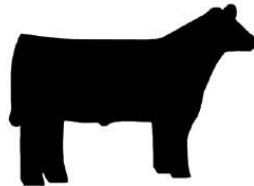
Cattle producers who raise show steers and heifers are beginning to market those animals for the 2023 - 2024 show season. The upcoming show season for cattle will get started in July '23 and run through the state shows in Feb. '24.

### Birthdates of cattle for next year:

It is suggested that steers be born after August 1, 2022.

Heifers must be born after January 1, 2022. You can show purebred or commercial heifers.

Please call me or contact one of our 4 FFA Advisors if you have questions about showing cattle or if you need help locating a steer or heifer for next year.



Cattle Shows

Winners





# Summer Camp Registration is Still Open!

We realize summer is still 3 months away, but you will find information for all age groups included on this page.

Let us tell you to begin with that we will once again allow you to use the profits from your **Vidalia Onion Sales** in March - May to pay your camp registration fee. You will have to pay the non-refundable deposit out of your pocket and then you can use your onion profits to pay the remaining portion of your camp fee. For all of the camps, the deposit is \$75.

When you look at the camp registration deadlines, please keep in mind the sooner you pay your camp deposit the more likely you are to guarantee yourself a spot on the bus. We will continue to promote all 3 camps until they are full for the week we will be attending camp.



## Senior Camp @ Rock Eagle 4-H Center

4-H'ers in grades 9-12 are eligible to attend Sr. Camp. This year, Senior Camp is headed to the **Rock Eagle 4-H Center**. Camp is scheduled for **July 3-7** and will cost **\$400**. Senior 4-H'ers, this is your chance to socialize with other high school age 4-H'ers and not have those pesky cloverleaf or junior age 4-H'ers hanging around.

### Who's going to win the tribal shield?

Plans will include 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic with FIREWORKS, game room, and fun activities. There will be plenty of time to socialize with your friends from around the state. You will also enjoy the Rock Eagle Variety Show and Pageant.

There is only 1 statewide Senior Camp and registration is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for the entire state. So, if you are interested in attending Senior Camp, get your registration fee in early.

The camp fee can be broken down into 3 easy payments: February 27<sup>th</sup> - \$75 non-refundable deposit due, April 7<sup>th</sup> - \$160, and May 5<sup>th</sup> final payment of \$165. Mr. Deron will be serving as a leader for Senior Camp. We hope you will decide to join him for this fun and exciting week of camp!

## Junior Camp @ Fortson 4-H Center

This year, camp for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be at **Fortson 4-H Center** the week of **June 19-23**. The **cost of camp is \$400**. This covers all camping activities, lodging, meals, t-shirt, transportation cost and insurance. Camp payment can be broken down into three easy payments. These are as follows: March 6<sup>th</sup> - \$75 non-refundable deposit, April 7<sup>th</sup> - \$160 second payment, May 5<sup>th</sup> - \$165 final payment.

During your week at camp, you will enjoy team building activities on Fortson's famous high & low ropes course, participate in Fortson's Olympics. Off-center activities include a trip to Stone Mountain to see their exciting laser light show and shopping at Stone Mountain Village. On-center activities include swimming, free-time, nature trails, farm animals, sports activities, and enjoy a movie on the large blow-up screen.

It is a week full of activities you will not want to miss. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and our beginning camp quota is 12 4-H'ers. This year, John Sodrel, Grady County 4-H Program Assistant will be chaperoning the group to Camp Fortson.



## Cloverleaf Camp @ Georgia 4-H at Camp Jekyll

Surf's up for Cloverleaf Camp 2023. This year, camp for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be at **Camp Jekyll** the week of **July 10-14**. Jekyll Island is a Sea Island located just south of Brunswick, GA. Jekyll Island allows you to experience the wonders of Georgia's marshes and the beauty of its beaches.

Highlights of the week will include a Summer Waves waterpark, Tidelands Nature Center, riding bikes, shopping at the Jekyll Island Beach Village and Historic District, and swimming at the beach!

It is a week full of activities you will not want to miss. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and our beginning camp quota is 50 4-H'ers. The **cost of camp is \$400**. This covers all camping activities, lodging, meals, swimming t-shirt, transportation cost and insurance. Camp payment can be broken down into three easy payments. These are as follows: March 27<sup>th</sup> - \$75 non-refundable deposit, April 27<sup>th</sup> - \$160 second payment, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$165 final payment.

Mr. Deron and John will be chaperoning this camp along with volunteer chaperones Justin Amaro and Candace Childs. If you are interested in attending Cloverleaf camp, you need to come by the 4-H Office and pay your camp deposit ASAP. We only have **13** spots remaining.



# 4-H Calendar

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4-H's Motto: "To Make The Best Better"

## 2023 Georgia 4-H Senior Conference



Attention all current 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Senior 4-H Members!!!

You are invited to the Georgia 4-H Senior Conference on April 1 - 2, 2023 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Senior 4-H'ers in Grade 9 – 12 from across the state are invited to this exciting event! It is going to be a blast! We need a certified volunteer to take our group. Here are the details:

- What: 2023 Georgia 4-H Senior Conference
- Who: All Current 9-12th Grade Senior 4-H'ers
- When: April 1 – 2, 2023
- Where: Rock Eagle 4-H Center
- Cost: \$ 75
- Registration Deadline: March 17, 2023

### What's Planned

A semi-formal dance, an after-dance party with inflatable obstacles, motivational speaker, a share fair with college recruiters, a commemorative gift, time to spend with friends and meet new ones, and much, much more!

- March**
  - 2-9 School Club Meetings
  - 8 Cattle Show Banquet
- April**
  - 1 State Sporting Clays Invitational
  - 1-2 Senior Conference
  - 3-7 Grady Co. Schools Spring Break
  - 13 Decatur Co. Mod. Trap Qual. Match
  - 15 State Hippology & Horse Judging
  - 26 Vidalia Onion Money and Order Due
- May**
  - 5-6 State Outdoor Archery Match-Rock Eagle
  - 12-13 State Mod. Trap Match - Rock Eagle
  - 16 Vidalia Onion Pickup
  - 26-28 State Skeet & Trap Match - Savannah

## Southeastern 4-H Crop Scouting School

July 25th - 27th

### ABOUT SCOUTING SCHOOL?

This camp is a collaborative effort between Alabama, Florida, and Georgia Extension Services to educate 4-H youth (Grades 7 - 12) on agronomic and fruit crops, beef and dairy cattle, as well as agricultural practices and scouting techniques for these systems.

Lunch will be provided as well as transportation to and from meeting locations. Drop off and pick up will be at your local county extension office.



### SCOUT GEORGIA

July 25th

On location visits to local farms in the Bainbridge area.

### SCOUT ALABAMA

July 26th

On location visits to local farms in the Headland area.

### SCOUT FLORIDA

July 27th

On location visits to local farms in the Marianna area.



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REGISTER BY JULY 20, 2023

COST: \$10