



FOCUS ON 4-H



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4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Georgia 4-H announces the 2024 4-H Photo Contest! The contest is open to all 4-H'ers in 4th-12th grades enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program. The contest is also open to all adults. Two photos may be submitted per participant under each of the five categories:

- (1) Focus on 4-H Agriculture and STEM;
- (2) Focus on 4-H Camp and Environmental Education;
- (3) Focus on 4-H Citizenship, Leadership, and Service;
- (4) Focus on 4-H Healthy Living and
- (5) Focus on 4-H Volunteerism.



All photos must have been taken between August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024, by the 4-H member or adult who is submitting the photo. Photos should not be resubmitted from previous years. All photos must be submitted by August 31, 2024. Photos should be submitted at the following website:

www.tinyurl.com/4hphoto24

DAIRY MONTH 4-H POSTER CONTEST

June is dairy month and what better way to observe it than with a 4-H poster contest! The theme for the poster contest is *“May the Dairy Be with You”*. 4-H members should enjoy designing a dairy poster with this theme! The contest is open to all registered 4-H members in the 4th-12th grades. Posters are due to the Lamar County 4-H office on or before May 24 before 4:30 p.m. The following will be awarded in each age group: 1st place \$100 gift card; 2nd place \$75 gift card and 3rd place \$50 gift card in each age group. Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/JuneisDairyMonthContest>



WATERMELON GROWING CONTEST 2024

The Georgia 4-H Watermelon Growing Contest is open to all students enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H program. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All watermelons must be measured and verified by the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office by Thursday, July 22.



For more information, please call us at 770-358-5163.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved in Your Community!

BINGO AT THE HERITAGE INN

Monday, May 20

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

It's time for BINGO! Lamar County 4-H will help residents with hearing and seeing numbers and anything else they will need to have a fun time playing BINGO! If you want to help and you attend LCMS, Ms. Jackson can pick you up after school in the 4-H bus. Parents of LCMS students must call the 4-H office to give their permission for their student to attend and to reserve a seat on the bus (if needed) by Friday, May 17. Seating on the bus is LIMITED to 10 students. If you are a 5th grade LCES or LCHS 4-H'er, your parent will need to bring you to the Heritage Inn. All students need to be picked up at the Heritage Inn no later than 3:45 p.m. in the front lobby. Call the office at 770- 358-5163 for more information.



LAMAR COUNTY 4-H UNITY T-SHIRT

We still have 2023-2024 Lamar County 4-H Unity



T-Shirts left! The t-shirts that we have left are adult sizes small through extra-large. The cost for each t-shirt is \$16.50. For more information, please call us at 770-358-5163. Please make checks payable to Lamar County 4-H.

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4-H S.A.F.E. TEAM COMPETES!

The Lamar County 4-H S.A.F.E. (Shooting, Awareness, Fun, and Education) Shotgun Team competed at the Northwest District Qualification Match at the Griffin Gun Club on April 13 in Spalding County. The team members were: Samuel Chambers, John-Michael Gilliam, Will Goodwin, Cooper Roney and Cole Wheelles. The team is volunteer-led and coached by UGA Certified Volunteer, Joshua Varnadoe. All the best to Samuel Chambers who will compete at the state match on May 11 at Rock Eagle!



CONGRATULATIONS P.E.E.P SQUAD!

The 4-H P.E.E.P (People Excited about Eggs and Poultry) Squad competed at the 2024 Poultry Judging Competition recently in McDonough! This STEM-based competition called for students to candle and grade eggs, identify cuts of meat and determine past egg production of hens. Our 4-H'ers included students from Lamar County Elementary School, Rock Springs Christian



Academy and St. George's Episcopal School. These students prepared and practiced at the 4-H office and did a fantastic job at the competition! Many thanks to UGA Certified Volunteer Leader, Mrs. Emily Berner, for coaching the team!

GEORGIA 4-H STATE HORSE SHOW EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS!

This competition is open to Cloverleaf (4th-6th graders), Juniors (7th and 8th graders) and Seniors (9th-12th graders). Eligibility is determined by the grade level during the 2023 - 2024 school year. The different contests that students can enter are: (1) Individual Demonstration



Contest (Method); (2) Team Demonstration Contest (Method); (3) Public Speaking Contest; (4) Horse Drawing Contest; (5) Horse Painting Contest; (6) Horse Essay Contest and (7) Horse Photography. All educational

contest entries must be submitted to the Lamar County Extension/4-H office via email or in person at the office by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 6**. For an entry form or more information, please contact Ms. Jackson at 770-358-5163.

4-H SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The perfect way to get started in 4-H! We have



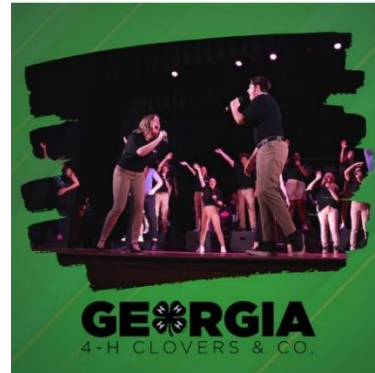
some fun summer activities planned for June and July. The activities that we have planned include field trips to Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee and right here in Georgia! Be on the

lookout for more details and always check our Facebook Page here: @LC4HGA

CLOVERS & CO. AUDITIONS

Clovers & Co. is the performing arts group of Georgia 4-H. It is made up of singers, dancers, instrumentalists and stagehands. Students enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program in grades 4-12 can apply.

If you are interested in being a part of Clovers & Co., you must complete a **Qualtrics survey** with an additional signature page that must be submitted by the Lamar County Extension/4-H office. This signature page requires a signature from the 4-H'er that is applying, their parent/guardian, and Ms. Jackson, Lamar County 4-H Extension agent. The signature page states that all parties have met, agree and discussed the responsibilities required



of Clovers & Co. cast members. Per UGA policy, only wet signatures will be accepted. Digital signatures are not permitted. **The application deadline for interested 4-H'ers enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program is May 10!** The

application can be found at the following link.

<https://tinyurl.com/24-25Clovers>



GREAT JOB, ASHLYN!

Kudos to Lamar County 4-H'er, Ashlyn Brock, on her Seed Library project! Ashlyn decided to begin the seed library to help lessen food insecurity in Lamar County! She was recently at the Barnesville BBQ and Blues Festival speaking to people about her project and giving away seeds. And, on April 23, she opened the first seed library at the Milner Community Library with more locations to open soon! The seeds are free



for everyone. Take what you need, but leave plenty for others! Check out the Lamar County Free Seed Library – GA Facebook page for updates!

WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU!!

All the best to Lamar County 4-H'ers, Lilia Brock and Kaitlin Neal. These two 4-H'ers have applied to the Georgia 4-H Ambassador Program. The goal of the 4-H Ambassador Program is to prepare 4-H'ers to become knowledgeable in a specific content area so that they can return to their counties and share what they've learned with others. Lilia has applied to become a Wildlife Ambassador while Kaitlin applied to become a Healthy Living Ambassador!



LAMAR COUNTY 4-H TEEN LEADER TRAINING

Teen Leaders are an important part of the Georgia 4-H program. Lamar County 4-H is looking for students who will be in grades 7-12 during the 2024-2025 school year. Lamar County 4-H certified teen leaders will conduct project clubs, could possibly attend 4-H camp as an assistant, help with and plan 4-H activities, supervise and mentor younger 4-H'ers, and serve as County Council officers.

If you are interested in becoming a Lamar County 4-H Certified Teen Leader, you must attend a two-day training. The cost of the training is \$30 (includes a name badge and supplies). However, through funding from a Southern Rivers Energy Operation-Round-Up Grant, potential attendees may attend for \$15. There must be between 6-10 students that are committed to becoming a teen leader before the training can be held. Please complete the interest form by May 24 at:

<https://forms.gle/U6Q3v7RURczGJNjy7>.



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STATE 4-H COUNCIL 2024

“4-H: A Route to Your Destiny!”

State 4-H Council will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center June 21-23. **This event is for rising 9th-12th graders.** The State 4-H Officers have planned an exciting event this year filled with workshops, pool time, the Iron



Clover competition, community service projects, and live entertainment! This annual event is always a TON of fun and transportation is included to and from Rock Eagle. Come hang out with other 4-H'ers from across the state and vote for your new 4-H State Officers!

The cost for this event is \$125 before June 5. After June 5, the cost for this event will be \$130. **Through funding from a Southern Rivers Energy Operation-Round-Up Grant, potential attendees may attend for \$55 if they create an exhibit poster to display at State Council.** For more information, please contact Ms. Jackson at 770-358-5163 before May 24.

Have a great

Summer
Vacation!