



Madison County 4-H Fruit Tree Sale

Select Varieties of:

Apples
Peaches
Pears
Pecans
Blueberries
Blackberries
Grapes

Figs
Muscadines
Pomegranate
Raspberries
Elderberries
Goji Berries

**Order deadline is
Friday, November 3rd.**

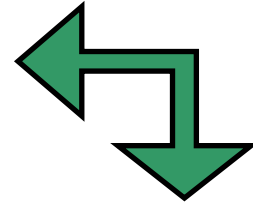


Visit <https://t.uga.edu/6i5> (scan the QR code with your phone's camera) or call the Madison County Extension office at 706.795.2281



SCAN ME

To visit the 4-H web page!



Our annual fruit tree fundraiser starts is here!

Please share this information with family and friends. The proceeds we receive from sales helps us fund programs.

Rewards Points can be earned by 4th and 5th grade 4-H'ers which helps them earn a reward trip at the end of the year.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Consumer Judging	2
3	4 4-H Office CLOSED for Holiday	5 LifeSmarts Kickoff	6	7	8 Colbert Club Mtgs	9 Mission Make-It
10 Archery Orientation 4-H Kickoff and Movie Night	11 Comer Club Mtgs MCMS Club Mtg	12	13 Colt Academy Club Mtgs	14 Ila Club Mtgs	15	16 Food Showcase
17	18	19	20 Hull Club Mtgs	21 MCHS Club Mtg SRTLC (Sept 21-24)	22	23 Watson Mill Work Day
24 SRTLC	25 4-H Club Officer Training	26 Madison County Fair (Sept 26-30)	27	28	29	30



4-H Connections Madison County

August 2023

Welcome to the 2023-2024 4-H Year. Madison County 4-H has a rich history and loads of Madison County and University of Georgia resources to "Celebrate Your Achievements" by developing great STEAM, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math skills. Our upcoming activities will include exploring from the mountains to the seas, learning about nutrition and even helping solve environmental issues. Great hands-on experiences, such as these, help members gain knowledge and skills in public speaking, decision making and much more.

You may participate in some of these exciting opportunities by reading this newsletter! Program registrations can be emailed or called into the 4-H office at 706-795-2281 for all events! Madison Co. 4-H is all about great life-learning experiences. 4-H, as the largest youth organization in the nation, reaches students in 4th - 12th grades. Let's get involved and "Celebrate Your Achievements" and aim for success with your bright future!

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(FOR ALL CLUBS)



MADISON COUNTY AND AREA FAIRS—September & October

Madison County Fair Exhibits, Comer GA (Sept 26-30); <https://www.facebook.com/comerfair/>
Elberton 12 County Fair Exhibits, Elberton GA (Oct 19-29); <https://elbertonfair.com/>

WATSON MILL STATE PARK CLEANUP—September 23... Meet at the **North side of bridge** for your registration at **8:15am** and bring gloves, bug spray, and any tools you prefer to use. Breakfast will be served at 8:30am. This year, the focus is on the area around the metal bridge.

PIONEER HARVEST FESTIVAL EXHIBIT—October 21... The Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Partners in Agriculture sponsor the festival and Madison County Extension/4-H invites all to come by the exhibit and sign in! Points are awarded to 4th-5th grade 4-H'ers!

PROJECT SAFE—Target Sports... We'll offer three Project SAFE team opportunities this year—Archery, BB, and Shotgun. Students will learn important safety rules and practice target shooting. These teams will hold orientations with more information/requirements. The BB team (4th-9th graders), the Shotgun team (6th-12th graders) and the Archery team (4th-12th graders) look forward to sharing Project Shooting Awareness Fun Education. For more information, please email Deborah at dwofford@uga.edu.

TAILGATE FRIDAY CONSUMER JUDGING—Consumer Judging allows 4-H'ers to learn how to make smart and rational decisions when purchasing goods and services, all while maximizing resources. Each year, four different products are analyzed. This year, we will travel around the county learning about "BLUE TOOTH SPEAKERS", "BREAKFAST CEREALS", "ATHLETIC SOCKS", and "FAMILY GAMES". A product situation statement will be judged with sample products to decide which items are best for the consumer. All age 4-H'ers will also create a 30-90 second COTTON commercial related to something that interests them! Join us for the first practice on Friday, **September 1st**, at the 4-H office. Wear your walking shoes to walk to the neighboring store!

Stay Connected!

Website:
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[@madico_extension](https://www.instagram.com/madico_extension)
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Cloverleaf Corner

Clover Points—All 5th graders should receive a pamphlet at your classroom meeting. This Cloverleaf Point Pamphlet explains the items we collect toward a reward trip. Your leaders will go over this during your club meeting. Be sure to take it home for your parents to review and sign. Once it is signed by your parents and 4-H leaders, this becomes your record of points you earn. **All points are due Wednesday, May 1, 2024.** All drop offs for points need to be at the 4-H office or in the 4-H box at the front of your school.

You can earn 5 points when you turn in your 4-H Friends book completed!

Everyone who signed their 4-H Information Form through school has already been awarded 2 Clover Points for signing up for our e-mail list. If you haven't signed up or aren't sure if you have, please contact the 4-H Office (uge1191@uga.edu) and let Carrie know to add your child to the list. The school e-mail address, for students, will kick our e-mails back to us so please provide a personal e-mail address (adult or child).

Cloverleaf Conference—4th-6th Graders

Cloverleaf Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, **October 3, 2023** at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center. This is a chance for Cloverleaf 4-H'ers to come together to meet new friends and have a fun, learning experience! Classes will be taught by older 4-H'ers. **Registration fee is \$20** and covers pizza, supplies, transportation, and insurance. Sign up at the 4-H Office by Wednesday, **September 20th.**



Junior Power

Mission Make-It—September 9

Are you a 6th-8th grader interested in engineering design challenges, learning about wildlife, and teamwork and communication? Sign up for Mission Make-It by August 29th. The cost is \$10 per student.

Junior Conference—November 11-12

6th-8th grade and **selected teen leaders** from 9th-12th grades can register for all the fun at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center Junior Conference. Sign up now for the early bird sponsored fee. More information will be shared soon! Save the date!



MCMS September Club Mtg
September 11

MCHS September Club Mtg
September 21

Senior Excitement

Mission Make-It Teen Leader Opportunity—September 9

We're accepting applications for 4-H Teen Leaders to help with Mission Make-It. Applications are due by **August 22nd.**

Selected 4-H Teen Leaders must:

- Be a Certified Georgia 4-H Teen Leader
- Be in grades 9-12 for the 2023-2024 school year
- Be willing to teach 2 classes during the event
- Be willing to create and host an exhibit during the share fair

Contact our office if you're interested!

SRTLTC—September 21-24

Contact our office if you would like to register!

Robo Raiders Robotics

Learn skills in coding, engineering, marketing, build and much more as we begin to design this year's robot for FTC! 9th-12 Grade students are invited to join us at Foothills Robotics Room after school until 5pm beginning Thursday, **August 31st.**



Register Now: Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference

September 21-24, 2023
Crossville, TN
Registration Fee: \$360
Open to Grades 9-12
Register by August 24

The Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC) is a first-of-its-kind, multi-state 4-H conference created to bring together 4-H teens and adults to empower and inspire them to make positive changes across the Southern Region through leadership development, networking opportunities, and collaborative partnerships.



Junior & Senior 4-H'ers...

LifeSmarts is the ultimate challenge, open to 6th-12th grade 4-H'ers. The main goal of the program is to create savvy young people who will be well equipped for adult life in today's complex, global marketplace. Participants focus on five key topic areas: consumer rights and responsibilities, the environment, health and safety, personal finance, and technology/workforce preparation. LifeSmarts Georgia contests culminates with the top four Varsity teams (9th-12th graders) and the top four JV teams (6th-8th graders) advancing to our in person state contest on Monday, February 19, 2024 at Rock Eagle. For Varsity teams, the LifeSmarts National contest will be held April 18-21, 2024 in San Diego, CA. If your interest is peaked, come to the first practice on Tuesday, **September 5th** at the Madison County 4-H office after school!



4-H Kickoff and Movie Night... Families of Jr and Sr 4-H'ers and volunteers are invited to the annual kickoff on **September 10th.** Get updated on 4-H info, elect new county council! Bring big bag of chips/package of cookies and 2 liter drink to share; 4-H will provide hotdogs, buns, and popcorn. Bring a blanket and stay to watch a movie on the indoor screen.

County Council... Are you interested in serving on the County Council? Applications can be emailed by request or picked up at the Middle and High Schools or at the 4-H office. Campaigning will be during the 4-H Kickoff on **September 10th.** All candidates must prepare a one minute campaign speech with a poster (no larger than 1/2 poster).

Return this signed portion of the Clover Connection verifying that you and your parents read the newsletter to receive points.

August 2023

4-H'er signature (you) _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

School Club _____

