Look What's COMING UP

DECEMBER DATES

December 1
Colbert Club Mtgs

December 4
Comer Club Mtgs
MCMS Club Mtg

December 6
Colt Academy Club Mtgs

December 7
Ila Club Mtgs
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

December 9-10
Fall Forum

December 13
Hull Club Mtgs

December 14
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice
Jr/Sr/Volunteer Holiday Party

December 21
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

December 25-29
4-H Office Closed

SCAN ME

To visit the 4-H web page!

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4-H Office CLOSED	2	3	4 Horse Quiz Bowl Practice	5	6
7 PY 22-23 Awards Program	8 MCMS Club Mtg	9 Comer Club Mtgs	10 Hull Club Mtgs	11 Horse Quiz Bowl Practice	12	13
14	15 4-H Office CLOSED	16	17 Colt Academy Club Mtgs	18 Ila Club Mtgs Horse Quiz Bowl Practice	19 Colbert Club Mtgs	20 Cloverleaf CPA
21	22	23	24	25 Horse Quiz Bowl Practice	26	27 State Horse Quiz Bowl Competition
28	29 Poultry Judging	30	31 Hull Club Mtgs (for February)			

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

February 14
4-H Day at the Capitol

February 17
Cloverleaf DPA

February 20-24
Georgia Junior National Livestock Show

February 23-25
SEMDTA Mounted Drill Competition

February 25
Jr/Sr DPA Showcase (Dress Rehearsal)

March 1-3
Jr/Sr DPA
March 16
State Livestock Judging Contest

April 6-7
Senior Conference

April 18
Area Poultry Judging Contest

April 19-24
4-H National Conference

April 19-21
SEMDTA Mounted Drill Competition

April 20-21
Junior Rally
April 20
State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest

April 27
State Wildlife Judging Contest

May 14
4-H Reward Trip

June 3-7
Junior Camp

June 10-14
Senior EXTREME Camp

June 17-21
Wilderness Challenge Camp

July 1-5
Senior Camp

July 8-12
Cloverleaf Camp

July 15-19
National Resources Exploration Camp

4-H Connections

Madison County

December 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HORSE QUIZ BOWL—*Thursdays*...whether you have a horse or not, we want you to participate in the Horse Quiz Bowl! You just need a love of learning about horses. Weekly practices are on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm at the 4-H office. Ms. Shannon McBride is the coach; the State Contest is in January at Rock Eagle.

PEANUT RECIPE CONTEST—If you like to experiment in the kitchen, try creating your own peanut butter sandwich recipe. Add this to white bread with your choice of other edible items and ask another person to taste it. Write your recipe by listing ingredients and amounts to be used, the number of servings it makes and then the steps in making it. You can use the 4-H recipe card given out at your club meeting or another sheet of paper. Fill out the entry form and turn it in to your 4-H leaders at the ***December club meeting***. All entries must be received by December 15th. Your recipes will be judged on nutrition, appeal, creativity, flavor, and technique/preparation.

CRAFT CLASSES—December 8th and 11th from 3:30pm-5pm! Come out and make plaster snowflake ornaments and/or Christmas tree figurines, Christmas shrink ar charms for jewelry, key chains, book bags, etc. We'll also make scented colored shea butter soaps you can give as gifts.

2022-2023 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM— *January 7, 2024...*held at the Board of Education PLC 2 (cafeteria) at 2pm. All 4-H'ers who participated in any competitive event during the 2022-2023 year will be recognized.

MILKMAKE RECIPE CONTEST—The 4-H MilkMake Recipe Contest is a food and nutrition activity for Cloverleaf (4th - 6th grade) and Junior 4-H'ers (7th-8th grade) sponsored by the Dairy Alliance. Through this contest, 4-H'ers will develop skills in utilizing milk creatively in recipes and in creating recipes for creative and nutritious milk drinks including milkshakes and smoothies. You will also learn about the nutritional value and versatility of milk. Please refer to the information handed out at this month's club meeting. The deadline for submitting entries is your January club meeting.

POULTRY JUDGING—As a member of the Poultry Judging Team, 4-H'ers will learn about the standards used in poultry and egg production and apply those standards in a realistic decision-making situation. 4-H'ers will learn how to judge live hens; grade exterior, interior, and broken out eggs; grade ready-to-cook poultry; and identify poultry parts. Our practices will begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 and continue until the April contest.

WILDLIFE JUDGING—The Wildlife Judging Team covers material found within 4-H Natural Resources project area, Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP), and students will have the opportunity to explore with some parts of the activities conducted outdoors. The practices will start in February and continue through the April contest.

4-H OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE—We'll be closed ***December 25, 2023-January 1, 2024*** for the Winter Break and will re-open on January 2, 2024.

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Cloverleaf Corner

Clover Points—All 5th graders...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.

- Earn 5 points when you turn in your 4-H Friends book completed!
- Earn 1 point each time you wear a 4-H shirt (or any shirt that is at least 50% GREEN) or UGA shirt to club meetings. Show your SPIRIT!!
- Earn 2 points when you turn in the signed slip from your newsletter!

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. Please provide an adult's email address.

4th and 5th Grade County Project Achievement—Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Read more about 4-H Project Achievement further along in the newsletter!

Junior Power

MCMS January Club Mtg
Monday, January 8th

Senior Excitement

MCHS January Club Mtg
Thursday, January 25th

Junior & Senior 4-H'ers...

Superlatives... Current 7th-12th graders are encouraged to complete a checklist for the Madison County 4-H Superlative Award that covers the 2022-2023 year. We present Gold, Silver, and Bronze Superlatives. The Superlative you receive is based on points earned on the checklist. This is due to our office no later than December 1st. Make plans for attending the 2024 Awards Program on January 7, 2024.

Jr/Sr/Volunteers and Family Holiday Party... ***December 14th***...Back by popular demand, the Holiday Christmas Party will be held at the Traveler's Museum in Comer from 6:30-8:30pm. This includes all our valuable volunteers and their families. *Bring a Holiday covered dish and a 2-liter drink/tea. 4-H'ers need to bring a $5 valued gift to exchange!* Provide your own transportation or catch a ride with a 4-H friend or leader and meet us there.

Junior / Senior DPA Portfolio and Presentations... Read more in the 4-H Project Achievement section of the newsletter. If you're interested in running for District Board, please email Susan (sgoldman@uga.edu) as soon as possible.

Teen Leaders for CPA...Teen Leaders and County Council, you must be pre-approved as judges or runners because space is limited. Pre-approved Teen Leaders will receive a letter with this newsletter; **You will need to wear Madison County 4-H or Georgia 4-H polos & black/khaki pants.**

Return this signed portion of the Clover Connection verifying that you and your parents read the newsletter to receive points.
December 2023

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

School Club _____

Georgia 4-H project achievement

Cloverleaf County Project Achievement—Our Cloverleaf CPA will be held Saturday, **January 20, 2024** at 2:00 p.m. This is simply the classroom demonstration you've been doing. You can refer to your Friends Magazine: DPA to help you prepare. If you would like to be a participant – come with your speeches printed out and posters/power points and visual aids or performances, ready to perform! Call the 4-H Office at 706-795-2281 for more information about County Project Achievement. By participating in County Project Achievement, you will automatically be invited to **District Project Achievement** at **Rock Eagle 4-H Center** on **Saturday, February 17, 2024.**

Junior / Senior DPA Portfolio and Presentations... We have sixteen (16) 4-H'ers scheduled to compete at District Project Achievement. YOUR PORTFOLIO MUST BE COMPLETE BY JANUARY 4th, 2024 with no exceptions. We have Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays available for you to come in and work. Your demonstration appointments can be made in January, 2024. The final deadline for demonstrations to be complete is February 25th. **Call the 4-H Office to schedule your appointments ASAP at 706-795-2281**. District Project Achievement will be take place **March 1st – 3rd, 2023. Junior / Senior Showcase (Dress Rehearsal)** has been scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 25th, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Board of Education PLC 2.** You need to provide your own transportation to this event if all possible. Parents and Volunteers are encouraged to attend the Junior / Senior Showcase.

Discover Yourself in 4-H

WHAT IS PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT?

Project Achievement helps develop skills for a lifetime. You choose a project are that interests you. Once you do that, you research your topic, write, and present a presentation. The process develops leadership, creativity, public speaking, record keeping, and other skills.

Sign up SOON for Summer Camp!

Cloverleaf Camp will take place at the great Atlantic Ocean Jekyll Island 4-H Center, July 8 – 12th for students that have completed the 3rd – 6th grades.

Other camping opportunities in the Georgia 4-H summer camping program in 2024 include **Junior Camp** for students who have completed the 7th and 8th graders at the Burton Tybee 4-H Center on June 3 -7.

Wilderness Challenge Camp at Wahsega 4-H Center, June 17-21, for students who have completed the sixth, seventh or eighth grades (Wilderness Challenge campers must be 12 years old by Thursday, June 20, to go white water rafting at Wilderness Challenge Camp.)

High school students (grades 9-12) may attend **Senior Camp** at Wahsega 4-H Center, July 1-5; and, **Senior EXTREME Camp**, a more primitive camping experience at Fitch Pioneer Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, also choosing one of two weeks, June 10-14. High school students may also apply to attend **National Resources Exploration Camp**, a collaborative effort between Georgia 4-H and the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at UGA. This camp will be held July 15-19, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, with trips to the UGA campus in Athens.

To Make the Best BETTER

I pledge my
head to clearer thinking
heart to greater loyalty
hands to larger service
health to better living
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.