



DECEMBER DATES

January 1
Offices CLOSED

January 4
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

January 7
Awards Program

January 11
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

January 15
Offices CLOSED

January 18
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

January 20
Cloverleaf CPA

January 25
Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

January 27
State Horse Quiz Bowl Competition

January 29
Poultry Judging Practice begins



To visit the
4-H web page!

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Comer Club Mtgs MCMS Club Mtg Poultry Judging	6	7 Colt Academy Club Mtgs	8 Ila Club Mtgs	9 Colbert Club Mtgs	10
11	12 Poultry Judging	13	14 4-H Day at the Capitol	15	16	17 Cloverleaf DPA
18	19 Poultry Judging	20 GA National Fair Livestock Shows (2/20-2/24)	21	22 MCHS Club Mtg	23	24 Jackson Co BB Fun Match
25 Jr/Sr DPA Showcase	26 Poultry Judging	27	28	29	Equestrian Drill Team Competition (2/23-2/25)	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

March 1-3 Jr/Sr DPA	April 20 State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest	June 21-23 State 4-H Council
March 16 State Livestock Judging Contest	April 27 State Wildlife Judging Contest	July 1-5 Senior Camp
April 6-7 Senior Conference	May 14 4-H Reward Trip	July 8-12 Cloverleaf Camp
April 18 Area Poultry Judging Contest	June 3-7 Junior Camp	July 15-19 National Resources Exploration Camp
April 19-24 4-H National Conference	June 4-8 State 4-H Horse Show	July 23-26 State 4-H Congress
April 19-21 SEMDTA Mounted Drill Competition	June 10-14 Senior EXTREME Camp	
April 20-21 Junior Rally	June 17-21 Wilderness Challenge Camp	



4-H Connections

Madison County

January 2024

Sign up SOON for Summer Camp!

Registration opens January 22, 2024 for Summer Camps! Spaces are limited so go ahead and sign up with our office to reserve your spot. Our soft deadline to register is February 15th.

Cost for each camp is \$415. We have some scholarship/fundraising opportunities available; please let us know if you're interested. *Cloverleaf Campers will pay \$440 if they choose not to fundraise.*

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.



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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 February Club Mtg
Monday, February 5th

Senior Excitement

MCHS February Club Mtg
Thursday, February 22nd

Junior & Senior 4-H'ers...

4-H Day at the Capitol... February 14th...is held annually to allow Georgia 4-H'ers to visit the capitol building, schedule visits with their legislators, and if the General Assembly is in session serve as House and Senate pages, see top 4-H'ers honored on the floor of the House and Senate, and hear our State 4-H President deliver an address to the state legislature. Senior 4-H'ers can sign up with our office and any Junior 4-H'er interested can reach out to us and have their name added to a waitlist. Sign up by February 1st.

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.

January 2024

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

School Club _____



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.



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.

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.

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.

