



OONEE 4-H FOCUS



MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION SEPTEMBER 2016

Visit the Oconee 4-H website:
www.ugaextension.com/oconee

The 4-H Office is located at
The J. Phil Campbell Research and Education Center
1420 Government Station Road in Watkinsville.

Remind Me!

Don't miss another club meeting or 4-H event.

Text ocms4h or mbms4h to 81010



Most 4-H activities take place after school at the 4-H office. Some are held monthly and others are held periodically. Pre-registration is required for Cooking with Care, unless specified activities are come when you can.

Transportation

Transportation can be requested for 4-H after school activities. A parent's note must be given to your school **each time** you go to the 4-H office.

MBMS: 4-H van will pick up at the bus lane—dismiss with **first** load.

OCMS: 4-H van will pick up at bus lane—dismiss with second load

Athens Academy: Middle School car rider line



Middle School Bash High School 4-H members are planning an awesome time for all middle school 4-H members at Rush in Athens on October 5 from 6:30-7:30. Join in on the fun! Meet at 10 Huntington Road, Athens. Be sure to wear or bring a pair of socks and don't forget to have your parents sign the waiver. <http://rushathens.com/lily-waiver>



4-H Learning Opportunities

6th Grade District Project Achievement District Project Achievement for 6th graders will be held on December 2-3 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Now is the time to get your project together and meet all of your friends at Rock Eagle. Sign up at your club meeting or call the 4-H office.



Pizza and Portfolios 7th through 12th grade 4-H members are invited to join in on portfolio sessions to be sure that their portfolios are the best they can be before time to submit them in January. We will meet at the 4-H office from 4:00-5:00 to get started on September 28 and on October 19 we are having a guest expert. You won't want to miss it!



Consumer Judging 4-H members are invited to be part of the Oconee 4-H Consumer Judging Team to learn to be smart consumers by comparison shopping. A great way to have fun and meet new friends. All practices meet at the 4-H Office after school and end at 5:00. Practices dates are:
October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27 and November 1, 3, 10 & 15 with the area contest on November 16 at the Civic Center.



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Junior Conference 6th, 7th and 8th grade 4-H members are invited to Rock Eagle for a weekend of fun with friends from all across the state on November 5-6. Be sure to register to get the early bird price of \$70 before October 15. A chance to meet new friends, do service projects, see Clover's & Company perform and much more! For an application go to www.ugaextension.com/oconee.



Clover's Crew Do you like to sing, dance or even act? Join the Oconee 4-H Clover Crew today! Meetings are on Fridays, after school at the 4-H office until 5:00.



Wildlife Judging Are you interested in learning about wildlife and their habitats? The Wildlife Judging Team will start practicing on September 11 at 2:00. Practice dates are September 12, 19, 25 and October 2, 3, 9 & 16 to prepare for the state contest on October 22 at Rock Eagle.



Super Science For those who can't get enough STEM—join us for fun and games to learn experiments and be fascinated about the wonders of science. All materials will be provided. Classes will be held on September 23 & 30 and October 21 & 28 after school until 5:00 at the 4-H office.



4-H Community Service Opportunities

Cooking with Care Come to learn the basics of safe food preparation & new recipes while preparing a meal for a local family. Middle School 4-H members can attend on September 26 from 4:00-5:00 at the 4-H Office. Space is limited, so call the 4-H Office at 706/769-3946 starting on September 19 to make a reservation.



Road Clean-Up Join in and help keep Oconee County clean and beautiful! The first two road clean-ups are September 22 and October 24. We will start after school at the 4-H office to pick up our adopted portion of Government Station Road and return to the 4-H office by 5:00.



4-H 4K On Thursday, October 6 we will be celebrating National 4-H Week by hosting a 4K at the 4-H Office. For information and to sign up go to our website: www.ugaextension.com/oconee. Proceeds will benefit Georgia 4-H and Oconee County 4-H. Enter a design for the t-shirt contest by September 9.



RECYCLING POP TABS Georgia 4-H is so close to raising \$100,000 over the past 15 years for the Ronald McDonald House. Please assist in this effort by donating your pop tabs by November 1!

4-H Extras

T-Shirt Design Contest UGA Block and Bridle Club is holding a contest to design a t-shirt for their "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" night. \$50 cash prize to winner. Deadline is November 1.



Georgia 4-H Holiday Card Contest Georgia 4-H is looking for a colorful, 4-H themed holiday card to be sent to our donors. Entries must be submitted on an 8.5 x 5.5 sheet of white, unlined paper. Grand prize is \$50! Deadline to submit entries to Oconee 4-H Office is October 1.

Cloverbuds A pre 4-H club that meets monthly for 2nd through 4th graders. The cost is \$25 for the whole year. The first meeting is scheduled for September 20 from 3:00 to 5:00. To sign up call the 4-H office.



2017



- **County Project Achievement: January 17**
- **District Project Achievement: February 11**
- **7-12 Grade District Project Achievement: March 3-5**
- **Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle: June 12-16**
- **Junior Camp at Jekyll 4-H Center: June 19-23**
- **Wilderness Challenge Camp at Wahsega: July 3-7**
- **Marine Resources Camp at Burton : July 17-21**

Radon Poster Contest Visit UGARadon.org to find more details. Help educate our citizens about the dangers of radon. Deadline is October 1.

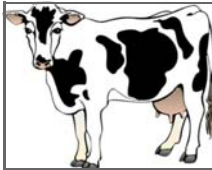


DID YOU KNOW?

4-H members are
4 times more likely
to contribute to their communities.

OCONEE COUNTY 4-H BRAG BOARD

Congratulations to our State Champion **Dairy Quiz Bowl Team!** Senior team members will be representing GA 4-H in Louisville in November. Team members are: GW Hendrix, Quintin Lowder, Lora Nedza and Brantley Saye. The Junior Team was also the state winners. Congratulations to Robie Lucas, Neely McCommons, Emma Newberry and Kalani Washington. Both teams were coached by Godfrey Hendrix.
Congratulations to all!



Oconee County Senior 4-H members did a fantastic job at **State 4-H Congress** in Atlanta in July. Hayden Guthrie, Andrew Hunt, Emily Queen and Kiana Washington. Hayden and Andrew were named project winners and will represent GA 4-H at National 4-H Congress. Congratulations to our newest Master 4-H'ers!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Great job to the **Horse Judging Team** who won third place at the state contest. Congratulations to all: Emily Antwine, Emily Coggins, Mills Crosland and Robie Lucas. A special thank you to Meghan Mitchell for coaching the team and to Julie Lucas for volunteering.



Kiana Washington was chosen as a member of Clover's & Company, the prestigious GA 4-H performing group. See Clovers perform at the GA National Fair on October 16!

Oconee County 4-H'ers had a blast at **State Council!**

They went to many classes, and were a part of an inspiring citizenship ceremony. Those who attended were: Clay Baer, Jared Daniel, Hayden Guthrie, Hunter Jordan, Lora Nedza, Brantley Saye, Reed Smith and Kiana Washington.



Sarah Bowden, Hannon Bulger, Lauren Coker, Andrew Guthrie, Hunter Jordan, Evelyn Lessl, Robie Lucas, Neely McCommons, Matthew Miller, Lora Nedza, Annie Stephenson, Kalani Washington and Harrison Williams competed in the Area **Poultry Judging** Contest. The Junior team won first place and Seniors won second. Congratulations to all! Lora was the High Senior Individual. Special thanks to Colton Lowder, Sawyer Meadows and Dr. Bo Ryles for coaching the team!



Thank you to our **Cloverleaf Camp Teen Leaders.** They all did a great job of assisting their leaders and helping our Cloverleaf Campers. Sarah Bowden, Hayden Guthrie, Andrew Hunt, Lora Nedza, Emily Queen, Kiana Washington and Harrison Williams.



Andrew Guthrie attended **Georgia Officer's Training** at Rock Eagle to prepare for his duties as a member of Northeast District 4-H Junior Board.



Hayden Guthrie, Andrew Hunt, Lora Nedza and Harrison Williams helped at the Fields of Promise Dinner to raise money for Agriculture in Oconee County.



Members of the Corn Club worked hard during the spring and summer to harvest delicious sweet corn. Great job by Clay Baer, Matthew Benson, Caroline Duncan, Daniel Han, David Han, Andrew Hunt, Neely McCommons, Grace Miller and Grayson Yount.



Jenna Bargfrede, Spencer Bargfrede, Andrew Guthrie, Robie Lucas, Charlie Matthews, Sydney Matthews, Abby Pierce, CJ Pierce and Emma Pierce helped at the 4K.



Emily Coggins represented Oconee 4-H at the **State 4-H Horse Show** and qualified to represent Georgia 4-H at the Southern Region Horse Championships in Perry. Congratulations!



Clay Baer, Gregory Bays, Sarah Bowden, Alicia Carnes and Bernadette Frankson completed Certified Teen Leader Training.

Congratulations to Julianna Deramus for being the Grand Prize Winner in the **Oconee 4-H Photography Contest!** Great job!



Our **Summer Programs** offered a wide variety of activities to our 4-H'ers. Thank you to our senior members for sharing their talents. Our instructors for Summer Programs were: Clay Baer, Andrew Guthrie, Hayden Guthrie, David Han, Andrew Hunt, Grace Miller, Amelia Sale, Reed Smith, Kiana Washington and Harrison Williams.

September 2016



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11 Wildlife Judging Practice 2:00-4:00 9-11 Tribute in Watkinsville	12 Wildlife Judging Practice 3:30-5:00	13 Club Meetings: OCMS	14	15 Club Meetings: AA	16 Clover's Crew 3:30-5:00	17 Clarke-Oconee Cattleman's Livestock Show at Heritage Park
18	19 Wildlife Judging Practice 3:30-5:00	20 	21	22 	23 Super Science Clover's Crew 3:30-5:00	24 State 4-H Forestry Field Day
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