



Oconee 4-H Focus



MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION

JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year!

The 4-H Office is located at
1420 Government Station Road in Watkinsville

Visit our Website: ugaextension.com/oconee

My next meeting is: _____

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. Please be sure to follow the directions for your school: MBMS—meet at the bus lane, dismiss with first load; OCMS dismiss with second load and meet at the bus lanes. Athens Academy—Meet 4-H van in middle school car rider line.



4-H Learning Opportunities

County Project Achievement

County Project Achievement (5th and 6th graders) will be held on January 17 at North Oconee High School from 4:00-6:30. To compete, every 4-H'er must present a demonstration or a project. There are many different project categories available. First, second and third place winners will receive a free trip to District Project Achievement at Rock Eagle on February 11. Sign up at your 4-H meeting at school or contact the 4-H office for more information at 706/769-3946. For information on project achievement go to: <http://www.georgia4h.org/public/coreprograms/projectachievement/ResourcesforParents/default.htm>



District Project Achievement

District Project Achievement is open to all who qualify at County Project Achievement. It will be held on Saturday, February 11 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. 4-H members from all over Northeast Georgia will meet to present their projects.

Everyone who advances to District Project Achievement should attend a practice on January 27, February 1 or 2 after school at the 4-H office. Call the 4-H office for any questions.

Project Achievement Practice Days

Anyone who would like some help preparing for County Project Achievement can call the 4-H office prior to CPA. All who qualify for DPA must go to a practice day after school until 5:00 on January 27, February 1 or February 2.



Art Club

Have fun and learn some basic art skills at this class. Meet on Wednesday, January 18 and Wednesday, January 25 after school until 5:00 at the 4-H office.



To make the best better!



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Junior/Senior DPA Practice All 7th-12th graders who are competing at District Project Achievement in March must attend practice days on February 13 (schedule a time between 1-5) or on February 16, 17 & 22 after school until 5:00.



4-H Community Service Opportunities

Cooking With Care Middle School Students are invited to join us after school at the 4-H office on January 23 to learn cooking skills and prepare a meal for a local family. Join us to learn great recipes and practice proper cooking skills to benefit a local family. Cooking With Care ends at 5:00.



Recycle Your Cans! Please bring your recycled aluminum cans to the trailer at the back entrance to the 4-H office. A full trailer equals a Camp scholarship for a deserving 5th or 6th grader.



4-H Extras

Photography Contest

If you enjoy taking pictures, then do not miss out on the Oconee County Photography Contest. The categories include **Focus on Youth, Focus on Agriculture, Focus on Animals and General Photography**. Please attach the entry form to the back of your photo or email digital photos to ksahley@uga.edu. The deadline to turn in your entry is February 28. Winning photos will be forwarded to the **State 4-H Photography Contest**. If you have any questions please call the 4-H Office at 706/769-3946.



SUMMER

Summer Fun 2017

Cloverleaf Camp for 5th & 6th Graders will be held on June 12-16 at Rock Eagle

Junior Camp for 7th & 8th Graders will be held June 19-23 at Jekyll 4-H Center

Wilderness Challenge Camp for 7th & 8th Graders will be held on July 3-7 at Wahsega 4-H Center

Marine Resources Camp will be held on July 17-21 at Jekyll 4-H Center.

Details for all camps will be distributed at February Club meetings!

Oconee 4-H Photo Contest

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Title of Photo: _____

Category (circle one): Agriculture Youth

Animals General Photography

Attach to the back of photo!

For tips on taking great pictures go to:
<http://www.georgia4h.org/photocontest/tips.html>



Did you know?

All participants in Project Achievement (CPA & DPA) will be able to sign up early for Summer Camp!

Oconee County 4-H Brag Board

Congratulations to our *Clubs of the Month*



CFES— Mrs. Dodge
HSES— Mrs. Cooper—2
MBES— Mr. Arnold
OCES— Ms. Drake—1
RBES— Mrs. Yount

Congratulations to our **State-Winning Consumer Judging Team!** Ayah Abdelwahab, Mennah Abdelwahab, Harrison Williams and Kiana Washington will be representing Georgia 4-H in Denver, CO. Great Job!



Congratulations to Lora Nedza for being selected as a delegate for **National 4-H Conference!** Lora will represent Georgia 4-H in Washington D.C. in March.



*Rebecca Baldwin, Jenna Bargfrede, Laleha Brown, Andre Byrd, Hollis Eversole, Zaniya Griffin, Olivia Hawkins, Kira Jackson, Analeigh Long, Lucy Miller, Ellen Patterson, Aiyanna Peavy, Adsila Ringdahl, Reagan Shehee, Julia Traill, Faith Tucker, Allison Waltman and Presley Yount had fun in the kitchen at the November meeting of **Cooking with Care.** Thanks to Emily Queen for helping.*



Congratulations to the Senior **Consumer Judging Team** for winning first place at the area contest and qualifying to compete at the state contest! Mennah Abdelwahab was the High Individual. Members include: Ayah Abdelwahab, Mennah Abdelwahab, Andrew Hunt, Neely McCommons, Lora Nedza, Emily Queen, Amelia Sale, Reed Smith, Annie Stephenson, Camille Stephenson, Kiana Washington and Harrison Williams. Super job! The **Junior Consumer Judging Team** won second place! Junior members include Laleha Brown, Hannon Bulger, Alicia Carnes, Mills Crosland, Andrew Guthrie, William Knoblock, Robie Lucas and Kalani Washington. A great job by all!



Thank you to those who helped with November **Road Clean Up!** John Donatelli, Zaniya Griffin, Andrew Guthrie, Abigail Haynie, Sarah Idrees, Kira Jackson, Abigail Miller, Faith Tucker, Grayson Yount and Presley Yount worked hard picking up trash. Thanks to Hayden Guthrie, Lora Nedza and Emily Queen for serving as teen leaders.



*The December 5th Grade **Cookies With Care** made cookies for our county dignitaries. Thanks to Andrew Hunt, Neely McCommons, Grace Miller, Emily Queen and Annie Stephenson for helping. Our chefs included Jenna Bargfrede, Andre Byrd, Hollis Eversole, Zaniya Griffin, Olivia Hawkins, Regan Kusiak, Lucy Martin, Mary Matthews, Samantha Matthews, Johana Medina, Viveka Mehrotra, Ellen Patterson, Reagan Shehee, Julia Traill and Presley Yount. Great Job!*



Thanks to all the Oconee 4-H'ers who rang the bell for the **Salvation Army:** Adam Brantley, Caroline Duncan, Andrew Guthrie, Hayden Guthrie, Lilly Ann Smith, Reed Smith, Annie Stephenson, Camille Stephenson and Grayson Yount.



Congratulations to our Juniors and Seniors who completed **Certified Teen Leader Training: Olivia Johnson, Charli Matthews, Sydney Matthews, Emma Pierce, Leah Szczepanski and Keyazia White.** Special thanks to Sarah Bowden, Alicia Carnes, Caroline Duncan, David Han, Andrew Hunt, Kalani Washington and Kiana Washington for helping!



Thank you to Emily Queen for doing a fantastic job helping with the November and December meeting of **Cloverbuds!**

Lora Nedza helped our 4-H members learn budgeting skills in Financial Fitness. Participants included: Kira Jackson and Presley Yount.



Brag Board Continued

Our Middle School **Cooking With Care** prepared a delicious meal in November. Thank you to Emily Antwine, Alicia Carnes, Mills Crosland, Austin Geslin, Sadie Jordan, Robie Lucas, Lucy Rentz and Kalani Washington. Special thanks to Emily Queen and Keyazia White for helping.



4-H members cleaned up the banks of the Oconee River as part of **Rivers Alive!** Thank you to for working hard and collecting lots of trash. Thanks to Ayah Abdelwahab, Mennah Abdelwahab, David Han, Lora Nedza, Kalani Washington, Kiana Washington, Harrison Williams, Grayson Yount and Presley Yount. A special thank you to our volunteers, Henry Hibbs, Mark Yount and Wendy Yount.



At **Cookies With Care** 4-H'ers made yummy Christmas Cookies for county officials. Frida Alejandra, Emily Antwine, Addie Baer, Emma Benetzen, Jillian Callaway, Caroline Duncan, Andrew Futrell, Evelyn Lessl, Brenna Pursley and Grayson Yount worked hard with help from our great teen leaders.

Congratulations to all juniors and seniors who turned in portfolios! They will be busy getting ready for Junior/Senior District Project Achievement in March. Congratulations to: Ayah Abdelwahab, Mennah Abdelwahab, Addie Baer, Clay Baer, Adam Brantley, Alicia Carnes, Emily Coggins, Caroline Duncan, Andrew Guthrie, Daniel Han, David Han, Charli Matthews, Sydney Matthews, Neely McCommons, Grace Miller, Lora Nedza, Maxwell Pinckney, Emily Queen, Amelia Sale, Brantley Saye, Reed Smith, Annie Stephenson, Camille Stephenson, Leah Szczepanski, Kalani Washington, Kiana Washington, Keyazia White, Harrison Williams, Katherine Woody and Grayson Yount.



CONGRATULATIONS to all who made yummy recipes in the **Milk Make Contest:** Juliana Bluhm, Abigail Miller, Alyssa Smith and Faith Tucker. Thanks to our judges: Andrew Hunt, Grace Miller, Lora Nedza, Emily Queen and Harrison Williams.



Clover's Crew did an amazing job performing for Seniors and County Employees. Kiana Washington led this group of: Kayla Bittner, Emma Brandt, Alicia Carnes, Noah Futris, Ella Gisler, Emily Gschwind, Kira Jackson, Grace Miller, Maggie Waller, Kalani



Seniors had a fantastic weekend at Rock Eagle for **Fall Forum!** Those attending included: Ayah Abdelwahab, Mennah Abdelwahab, Clay Baer, Hayden Guthrie, Lora Nedza, Emily Queen, Brantley Saye, Reed Smith, Kiana Washington, Keyazia and Harrison Williams. Lora and Emily taught classes while Ayah, Mennah, Reed and Keyazia participated in the Exhibit Fair. Kiana did a fantastic job performing with Clovers and Company.



6th Grade Project Achievement at Rock Eagle was Fantastic! Congratulations to Kylie Anderson, Hannon Bulger, Lucie Claire Corbett, Alyssa Haag, Michael Im, Sadie Jordan, Robie Lucas, Jack Durham Marable, Lucy Rentz, Lilly Ann Smith, Thomas Stewart, September Truelove, Maggie Waller, Jackson White and Caroline Woody for an awesome job! A special Thank You to Emily Queen for serving as a teen leader.



Sarah Bowden, Hunter Jordan, Lora Nedza and Harrison Williams attended **Counselor Selection Weekend** at Rock Eagle.



Thank you to everyone who helped at CAMFest— Ayah Abdelwahab, Mennah Abdelwahab, Jenna Bargfrede, Spencer Bargfrede, Alicia Carnes, Andrew Hunt, Hunter Jordan, Grace Miller, Lora Nedza, Emily Queen, Brantley Saye, Annie Stephenson, Camille Stephenson, Kalani Washington, Kiana Washington and Harrison Williams



Hayden Guthrie and Andrew Hunt represented Oconee County 4-H at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta. They met with 4-H members and leaders from across the country to celebrate 4-H!



January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Horse Quiz Bowl Practice		Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Clover's Crew	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Livestock Judging Practice 3:30-5:00	Senior Meeting Horse Quiz Bowl Practice	Club Meetings: MBMS	Club Meetings: OCMS Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Clover's Crew	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		5 th & 6 th Grade County Project Achievement at NOHS 4:00-6:30	Art Club Horse Quiz Bowl Practice	Club Meetings: Athens Academy	Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Clover's Crew	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		 Livestock Judging Practice 3:30-5:00	Art Club		5 th & 6 th Grade DPA Practice Clover's Crew	
29	30	31				
		Livestock Judging Practice				

February 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			5 th & 6 th Grade DPA Practice	5 th & 6 th Grade DPA Practice	Clover's Crew	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Livestock Judging Practice 3:00-5:00	Senior Meeting	Club Meetings: MBMS	Clover's Crew	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7-12 Grade DPA Practice 1:00-5:00	 Club Meetings: OCMS Livestock Judging Practice		Club Meetings: Athens Academy 7-12 Grade DPA Practice 4:00-5:00	7-12 Grade DPA Practice Clover's Crew	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		 Livestock Judging Practice	7-12 Grade DPA Practice 4:00-5:00	 Cooking With Care - Middle School 3:00-5:00	Clover's Crew	
26	27	28				
		Livestock Judging Practice				