



The Candler Clover



October 2026

4-H'er Note

George Balanchine, along with Lincoln Kirstein founded the School of American Ballet in 1934. They developed a method of ballet commonly known as the Balanchine method, which is a fast athletic style of traditional ballet. Since this time, many others have contributed to the development of American ballet to help young people follow their dreams in dance.

-Lillian Collins, 8th grade 4-H'er

Camp Corner

4th-6th graders will be invited to attend 4-H summer camp at one of our 5 Georgia 4-H camp locations for the week of **June 14-18**. In December, we will announce the location. Each month, we will give you a location clue. **Clue 2: The center we will visit for camp does not have a small farm. Which one can you mark out?**



NEXT 4-H Meeting: _____

Remember to wear a GREEN or 4-H SHIRT!!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Donate CANNED FOODS for local families and backpack buddies
10 club points per note/card

SCHOOL SERVICE

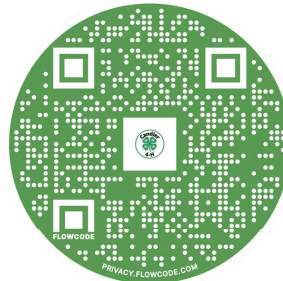
Write THANK YOU NOTES to school teachers and staff
100 club points if entire class participates

Candler County 4-H

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Open Monday—Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 noon; 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
extension.uga.edu/county-offices/candler



Scan QR code to sign-up for 4-H events

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I have read my child's 4-H newsletter:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name

Cut out and bring to 4-H classroom before next meeting



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Upcoming Programs + Activities

October 5, 12, 21, 26, November 2	Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Practices @ 3:00-5:00 PM @ MES/MMS Media Center
October 6	National 4-H Week Coloring Contest Deadline (turn in @ school or 4-H Office)
October 9	4th and 5th Grade Big/Little Reveal during Connections in ILC
October 12	Georgia 4-H Holiday Card Artwork Contest Deadline *call 912.685.2408 or see page 3 for rules and info
October 15	LifeSmarts Interest Meeting (6th-12th graders) @ 3:15-4:30 @ Bigwood Room
October 16	Poinsettia + Produce Fundraiser Orders due to 4-H Office
October 17	Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Mini-Booth Set-Up @ 9:00-11:00 AM
October 22	Georgia 4-H Pumpkin Growing Contest Weigh-In Deadline *bring homegrown pumpkins to 4-H office to weigh
October 25	Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Mini Booth Take-Down @ 2:00-3:00 PM
October 26	4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest Entries due to L.C. Anderson Memorial Public Library *call 912.685.2408 or see page 3 for rules and info
October 27	Project SAFE Shooting Sports Orientation @ 4-H Office - MANDATORY for participants *6:00 PM - BB (4th-9th grade), 7:00 PM - SHOTGUN (6th-12th grade)
October 30	Deadline for Project SAFE Shooting Sports registration and payment (must attend meeting on October 27 to be eligible)
November 3	Georgia 4-H Radon Poster Contest Deadline *call 912.685.2408 or see page 3 for rules and info
November 5	Southeast District Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Contest
November 7	LifeSmarts Scrimmage in Athens (6th-12 th graders) *sign-up to attend by Friday, October 30
November 14-15	Georgia 4-H Junior Conference @ Rock Eagle (6th-8th graders) - \$105 to attend *call 912.685.2408 to sign-up by Friday, October 23, payment due by Tuesday, October 27, scholarships available
November 18	Cloverleaf Ag Fun Day @ 3:30-5:15 PM @ 4-H Office *call 912.685.2408 to sign-up by Friday, November 13, Space is limited, Free

SAVE THE DATE

4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT - MARCH 13

4-H SUMMER CAMP - JUNE 14-18

Art Contests

There are several art contests in the month of October.

- **Georgia 4-H Holiday Card Artwork Contest** - design a 4-H holiday card for the Georgia 4-H Foundation. The State Winner will win \$100. Artwork is due to the 4-H Office by Monday, October 12. Entries must be 4-H'ers original drawing on a 8.5" x 5.5" sheet of white, unlined paper. All entries must be colorful and creative. No digitally created entries will be accepted. All entries should include 4-H in the theme of the message or design. Students in grades 4-12 are eligible.
- **Candler County 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest** - decorate a live or artificial pumpkin that corresponds to your favorite book or book character. Drop it off at L.C. Anderson Memorial Public Library by Monday, October 26. Prizes will be awarded on Saturday, October 31 to the top 3 in each age division based on People's Choice voting on Facebook. Youth ages 6-18 are eligible. Pumpkins must be picked up by 6 PM on Monday, November 2.
- **Georgia 4-H Radon Poster Contest** - design a poster on 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" white, unlined paper to educate the public on the dangers of radon. No digitally created entries will be accepted. Copyrighted characters, logos, trademarks or brand names cannot be used. Contact 4-H Office for more details. Artwork is due to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, November 3. Youth ages 9-14 are eligible.

Poinsettia + Produce Fundraiser

4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in our poinsettia and produce fundraiser this fall. They can get an order form to take orders for 3 different sizes and colors of poinsettias for the holidays and boxes of fresh Georgia Grown produce.

- All orders and payment are due to the 4-H Office by Friday, October 16.
- Produce will be available for pick-up the week of November 16.
- Poinsettias will be ready for pick-up the week of November 30.

For every item sold, 4-H'ers get a \$5 fundraising credit they can use for any 4-H activity through July 31, 2027.

Project SAFE BB & Shotgun Teams

- 4-H'ers in grades 4-9 can participate in 4-H BB Team. Participants learn to shoot paper targets in 4 different position and are coached by their parent/guardian.
- 4-Hers in grades 6-12 can participate in 4-H Shotgun Team. Participants learn to shoot clay targets.
- Anyone interested in participating in either of these program must attend a MANDATORY Orientation on Tuesday, October 27 at the Candler County 4-H Office. BB participants will meet at 6:00 PM, Shotgun will meet at 7:00 PM. Registration for both teams will begin that night and end on Friday, October 30.
- Parents can request information packets from the 4-H Office.

LifeSmarts

- 4-H'ers in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the ultimate consumer challenge - LifeSmarts! Participants focus on 5 key topic areas: consumer rights and responsibilities, the environment, health and safety, personal finance, and technology, workplace preparation and career development. Middle and high school students interested in participating should register at the 4-H Office. An interest meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 15 at 3:30-4:30 PM at the Bigwood Room at Metter Middle School**. This is a free event.
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Junior Conference

- 4-H'ers in grades 6-8 are invited to attend a statewide conference at Rock Eagle on **November 14-15**. The conference includes workshops, team building, recreation and more! The cost is \$105 and the registration deadline is Friday, October 23. Payment will be due by Tuesday, October 27. Scholarships are available upon request.
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Cloverleaf Ag Fun Day

- 4-H'ers in grades 4-6 are invited to an afterschool activity all about agriculture on **Wednesday, November 18 at 3:30-5:15 PM at the Candler County 4-H Office**. We will have interactive and fun activities. This is a free event. Sign-up by Friday, November 13. Space is limited.
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4-H Demonstration Reminders & Tips

When you sign up for a 4-H demonstration remember these tips!

- 1.) Choose a topic that YOU'RE interested in! It can be anything that's school appropriate.
- 2.) Keep it simple. Demonstrations should only be 3-5 minutes.
- 3.) Research your topic thoroughly! Find interesting information and facts that you can teach us.
- 4.) Summarize and put information in your own words. DO NOT COPY AND PASTE FROM YOUR SOURCES.
- 5.) Create a visual aid to help you share your information. This can be a Google Slide or Canva presentation, poster or triboard. BE SURE TO **SHARE YOUR PRESENTATION WITH THE TEACHER YOU DO 4-H WITH BEFORE YOUR 4-H MEETING SO YOU ARE ABLE TO PRESENT!**
- 6.) Use pictures and designs on your visual aid to make it eye appealing, but DO NOT put text on top of pictures.
- 7.) Be sure your presentation has an introduction, body and conclusion.
- 8.) Get prepared. Practice! Practice! Go through your presentation several times before presenting. Practice looking toward your audience, not at the board.
- 9.) HAVE FUN! You're going to do a great job and everyone loves demonstrations.

4-H Demonstrations are worth 50 Club Points and 5 Clover Coupons!

Presentation Groups should be limited to 1-2 presenters.

If everyone in your class gives a demonstration this year, you will get 500 club points!

Sign-up with your Club's Vice President.