



The 4-H Messenger

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4-H Holiday Service Project Sam's Club on December 19

Come spread holiday cheer as we help to raise money for local families in need by “ringing the bell” for the annual Holiday Kettle Drive. Athens Clarke County 4-H will man the kettle at the entrance of the Sam’s Club located at 4365 Atlanta Hwy on Monday, December 19 from 12noon to 2 pm. Join middle school and high school 4-H’ers as we greet shoppers and highlight the spirit of giving. Students are encouraged to devote at least 30 minutes to this worthwhile activity. All money collected by the Holiday Kettle Drive remains in the community to assist families in need. Sign up for this activity in your club meeting or email Ms. Conway at: ebarber@uga.edu. Suggested times are as follows but you may come at the time most convenient for you and your family.

Clarke and Hilsman Middle Schools.....noon to 1:00pm



BHL & St Joseph’s Middle School.....1:00pm to 2:00 pm

For additional information regarding this service project, you may email Ms. Conway at ebarber@uga.edu or telephone the 4-H office at (706) 613-3640.

The 4-H office will be closed December 23-January 2

4-H Happenings

Important dates to remember:

Junior Portfolio due date 7th & 8th grades.....	December 16
Kettle Drive Service Project: GA Square Mall.....	December 19
Cloverleaf County Project Achievement 6th grade Clarke Middle.....	February 18
Cloverleaf District Project Achievement 6th grade Jackson County.....	March 25
Jr/Sr District Project Achievement at Rock Eagle.....	March 10-12
4-H Summer Camp information.....	January meeting
Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle.....	June 19-23
Junior Camp at Jekyll Island.....	July 10-14

Students Attend Junior Conference

Middle school students recently attended statewide Junior Conference at Rock Eagle with over 500 members from Georgia 4-H. Along with workshops and recreation, students also submitted the annual pop tab collection for the Ronald McDonald Charities and enjoyed a performance by Clovers and Company. Georgia 4-H'ers collected more than 6,000 pounds of aluminum pop tabs this year for this worthwhile charity. Keep collecting those pop tabs and turn them in to your 4-H office.

Students attending the conference included: Alex Buckley, Keinon Diaz, Carolyn Griffeth, Patrick Harris, Riley Nix, Benny Padilla, Derek Pokoski, Sofia Torres, and Mary Wicker.



Want to receive a Summer Camp Scholarship?

Fifth and Sixth Grade students who compete at Cloverleaf Project Achievement at Clarke Middle School on February 18 and at Jackson County on March 25 can apply for a Summer Camp Scholarship to pay for most of the Rock Eagle Registration fee. Students are encouraged to do their best at the competitions but are not required to win. However, parents must complete the Scholarship Application form after the Jackson County DPA if they want their 4-H'er to receive a camp Scholarship for June 19-23

Seventh and Eighth Grade students who submit a Portfolio by December 16 and compete at Junior Project Achievement held at Rock Eagle on Friday-Sunday, March 10-12 can apply for a Summer Camp Scholarship to pay for most of the Camp Fortson Registration Fee for July 10-14. Students are encouraged to do their best at the competition but are not required to win and it is free to compete at Rock Eagle for the March weekend.



Cloverleaf Project Achievement

Are you working on your speech for project achievement? Now is the time to get started! Select from one of 62 categories and prepare a short (3-6 minute) informative speech for the competition. Don't forget visuals - something that your audience can see that helps them better understand your subject. Practice so that you can do your very best and come to the competition.

Project Achievement will take place on **Saturday, February 18** at Clarke Middle School from 9:30AM until noon. Winners will be announced during the closing assembly, and students who win their category will go to the district competition on Saturday, March 25 in Jackson County.

For information to prepare—select the Project Achievement tab at our web site at:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/clarke4h>

If you plan to compete at project achievement, email Mrs. Conway at ebarber@uga.edu to sign up.

Last Call on Project Achievement!! 7th & 8th grade first draft Portfolios are Due December 16th

March 10, 2023— it seems like such a long time from now. There's plenty of time to work on a project and get it ready for District Project Achievement but not nearly as much time for the portfolio. Remember the portfolio? It's your ticket to Project Achievement at Rock Eagle in March. The due date for portfolios is **December 16**, so let's get busy on that portfolio.

Here are a few simple steps:

1. Refer to our 4-H website for information on how to prepare your portfolio:
<http://www.tinyurl.com/clarke4h>
2. Select your project area from the category list. You do not need to know the exact subject for your March presentation, but you must decide in which project area you wish to compete. **Note: if you choose a food lab (cooking) project you are REQUIRED to attend a workshop at the 4-H office which will provide instruction and guidelines for your project.**
3. Assemble some notes for your activities from the past year. Organize your activities by the portfolio headings: main project work, main project sharing and helping, leadership, citizenship, other 4-H activities, and all other activities. Don't forget things – brainstorm with someone about your activities and events for the year. Use your calendar or agenda book to remind yourself of the things in which you participated. Refer to handouts or contact the 4-H office if you need the headings explained to you again.
4. Type your information using the described format. Try to be as descriptive of your activities as you can be. Remember the person reading and scoring your portfolio does not know you and will never see you. Use your words to make a picture of you and your activities for this judge.
5. The text of your portfolio must be contained on two type written pages, remember no clip art or pictures on the text pages. If your text is more than two pages, adjust font size and/or margins and spacing to make it fit in the required area or edit the information that you have included. Print in black ink.
6. Supporting materials – get out and get some photos made of you doing the things that you have listed in your portfolio. Juniors need one picture page.
7. If you want to go to Project Achievement and need some help with your portfolio, call the 4-H office and arrange a time to meet with someone who will help you.
8. Email a rough/first draft to the 4-H office for comments or suggestions to Ms. Conway at:
ebarber@uga.edu
9. **Don't miss the submission deadline of Friday, December 16th.**



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