



# The 4-H Messenger

*Providing Athens-Clarke County Middle School students with the Latest 4-H News!*

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## 4-H Holiday Service Project

### Hobby Lobby on December 20

Come spread holiday cheer as we help to raise money for local families in need by “ringing the bell” for our annual Holiday Kettle Drive. Athens-Clarke County 4-H will man the kettle at the entrance of the **Hobby Lobby** located at 5770 Parkway Blvd, Athens, GA 30606 on **December 20 from 10am-12pm**. 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](mailto:ebarber@uga.edu)** or call the 4-H office at (706)613-3640.



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**The 4-H Office will be closer December 24 —January 1**

# 4-H Happenings

**Important Dates to remember:**

- Junior Portfolio due date 7th & 8th graders.....December 13
- Kettle Drive Service Project: Hobby Lobby.....December 20
- Cloverleaf county Project Achievement 6th Grade ACC Extension Office.....February 8
- Cloverleaf District Project Achievement 6th Grade Jackson County.....March 22
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**6th Graders have the option to compete at DPA in Jackson County OR at Rock Eagle**

Jr/ Sr District Project Achievement at Rock Eagle.....March 7-9

**4-H Summer Camp Information.....January Meeting**

**Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle 6th Grade.....June 23-27**

**Junior Camp at Fortson 4-H Center 7th and 8th Grade.....June 2-6**

## STUDENTS ATTEND JUNIOR CONFERENCE

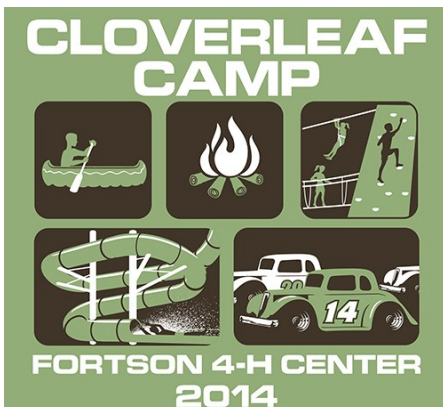
Middle School students from all across Georgia attended state wide Junior conference at Rock Eagle with over 400 members from Georgia 4-H. Along with workshops and recreation, students also submitted the annual pop tab collection for the Ronald McDonald Charities and enjoyed a performance by Clovers and Company. Georgia 4-H'ers collected more than (#) pounds of aluminum pop tabs this year for this worthwhile charity. Keep collecting those pop tabs and turn them into your 4-H office.



**Students who attended the conference from ACC 4-H included:** Riley Nix, Solomon Bics, Vera Baugh, Alivia Hart, Beatrix Tatarski, Ruby Faulk, Robin Card, Gabrielle Coes, Yuliana Heard, Aurelia DeWald, and Kaylee Maldonado Rojas

## Want to receive a Summer Camp Scholarship?

Fifth and Sixth Grade Students who compete at Cloverleaf Project Achievement at **Athens-Clarke County 4-H Extension Facility on February 8** and in **Jackson County March 22** OR at **Rock Eagle March 7-9** 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 camp scholarship from June 23-27.



Seventh and Eighth Grade Students who submit a portfolio by December 13 and compete at Junior Project Achievement held at Rock Eagle on Friday-Sunday, March 7-9 can apply for a Summer Camp Scholarship to pay for most of Camp Burton on Tybee Island Registration fee for June 2-6. 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.

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## **Cloverleaf Project Achievement (Project Fun Day!) Saturday February 8 at ACC Extension Facility 9:30am-Noon**



Are you working on your speech for Project Achievement? Now is the time to get started! Select from one of 63 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 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 10 at the Athens Clarke County 4-H Extension Facility from 9:30 a.m. 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 23 in Jackson County.

For information to prepare — select the Project Achievement tab on our website at:

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

If you plan to compete at project achievement, email Ms. Conway [ebarber@uga.edu](mailto:ebarber@uga.edu) to sign up.

# Last Call on Project Achievement!!

7th and 8th Grade First Draft Portfolios are Due December 13

March 7, 2025— 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 dates for portfolios is December 25, so lets get bus 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 on which project 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 material— 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](mailto:ebarber@uga.edu)

**9. DON'T MISS THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 13**



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