



The 4-H Messenger

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

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Junior Conference at Rock Eagle

Saturday– Sunday, November 9-10

\$40 Registration for 2024 DPA Participants

\$90 Regular Registration due at 4-H Office October 18



6th, 7th, and 8th graders let's get together for a weekend at Rock Eagle 4-H Center with students from all over GA! You will meet new friends, do service projects, workshops, exhibit fair, have a dance, and see Clovers & Co. perform. **Register at the Extension/ 4-H Office TODAY located at 275 Cleveland Road near GA Square Mall!**

Registration fee includes Saturday lunch-Sunday Breakfast, lodging & transportation. Students who competed in DPA in 2024 qualify for reduced price of \$40. All other students' registration fee is \$90. **DO NOT PAY REGISTRATION AT SCHOOL.**



Cloverfest! Fall Festival



Registration online at

<https://tinyurl.com/Cloverfest2024>

You're invited to Cloverfest on Wednesday, October 9 at 6-7:30pm

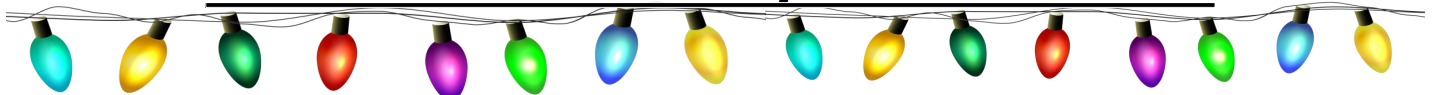
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- Cloverfest is a chance for 4-h'ers in grades fifth through eight grade from across Athens-Clarke County to come together to meet new friends and have a fun learning experience!
- We'll have exciting events hosted by our High Scholl 4-H'ers including outdoor games, flowers, crafts, snacks, and even line dance class.
- It is FREE! Parents must register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Cloverfest2024> signup ends October 1st
- It will be at the 4-H Extension Facility located at 275 Cleveland Road near the GA Square Mall.
- Be one of the first 20 students whose parent signs up online and completes the Agreements sent to Parent email.

Steps to Signup for Cloverfest! Fall Festival:

1. Have a parent register you at <https://tinyurl.com/Cloverfest2024> Signup ends: October 1st
2. Families notified by email if child receives a spot: October 1st
3. Parent completes Agreement link sent to email listed on registration
4. Have someone bring you to 4-H Extension Facility on Wednesday October 9 at 6pm and pick up at 7:30pm (275 Cleveland Road near GA square mall)

Annual 4-H Holiday Card Contest



Design a holiday card for our 4-H Holiday card contest. The winning design will be featured on ur Athens Clarke County4-H card. This card will be sent to the mayor commissioner, the school board and other supporters of 4-H. To enter your own card, just follow there simple IMPORTANT rules:

1. Make your drawing on **white, unlined paper**.
2. The size of the paper must be 8.5 x 5.5 inches. This is one half of regular computer printer paper.
3. Put your **NAME, ADDRESS, GRADE, and SCHOOL** on the back of the card.
4. Use a universal December holiday theme rather than depicting one specific holiday, and don't forget to include the 4-H symbol.

5. Submit your card at your October 4-H meeting.

Here are a few helpful hints to make your holiday card: Make your card design attractive and very colorful! Include the 4-H emblem, the four leaf clover!

Radon Poster Contest



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Here's a drawing contest designed for students ages 9 to 14. To enter this contest simply design and submit a poster that will help raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas and the importance of testing your home. First take a few minutes to learn a little about

- Submit your poster at your October 4-H meeting
- Use only white paper, size 8.5 by 11 inches
- Artwork must be original— crayon, markers, paints, colored pencils are all acceptable
- Do not use symbols or characters associated with product, organizations, or businesses.
- Poster must have a title on the front.
- Student's name must not be on the front of the poster
- Poster must be about one of the following themes: 1. What is radon?; 2. Where does radon come from?; 3. How does radon get into our homes?; 4. Radon can cause lung cancer; 5. Test your home for radon; 6. Mitigating radon in your home.

You can find information and learn about radon from the following web sites:

www.epa.gov/radon or www.UGAradon.org

Start Planning NOW for Summer Camp 2024!

Plans are already underway for 2025 4-H Summer Camp! Sixth grade students will camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center the week of June 23-27. Seventh and Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to camp at Fortson 4-H Center near Atlanta the week of June 2-6. Mark your calendars and begin making plans now! Summer will be here sooner than you can imagine. Applications will be available in January.



Important Upcoming Dates

Junior Conference at Rock Eagle	November 9-10
DPA Portfolios due at 4-H office	December 20
Cloverleaf Project Fun Day (6th Grade)	February 8
JR/SR DPA (7th-12th Grade) at Rock Eagle	March 7-9
Cloverleaf DPA (6th Grade) at Jackson County	March 22

Consumer Judging

Do you like to shop or want to learn how to get the most for your money? Then 4-H Consumer Judging is for YOU!

Sign up by September by emailing Ms. Conway: ebarber@uga.edu

Consumer Judging is an after school activity to prepare for the district competition held in Watkinsville. In Consumer Judging students will read a scenario which will give details that a person needs when shopping for a particular product. Students will then compare four products in the category and evaluate how each satisfies the stated requirements. The categories for this years competition are: Laptops, Sandals, Energy Drinks, and Fitness Equipment. Also included in the competition students will give a 30 second speech/ advertisement about cotton.

Workshops will be held at the 4-H office on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 pm to 5:30 om starting September 26th through Thursday October 24th.

Workshop dates are as follows:

Thursday September 26

Thursday October 17

Thursday October 3

Thursday October 24

Thursday October 10

The competition will be held at the Oconee County civic Center in Watkinsville on Tuesday October 29th. For more information you can contact Ms. Conway at (706) 613-3640 or by email: ebarber@uga.edu



Laptop



Sandals



Energy Drinks



Fitness Equipment



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