



The 4-H Messenger

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

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2025 September

Issue #1

Junior Conference at Rock Eagle

Saturday– Sunday, November 8th –9th

\$40 Registration for 2025 DPA Participants

\$90 Regular Registration due at 4-H Office October 17



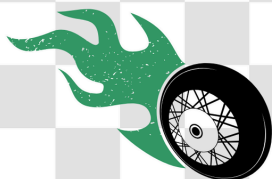
**Junior
Conference**



**Accelerate
with 4-H**



November 8-9



6th, 7th, & 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 2025 qualify for reduced price of \$40. All other students' registration fee is \$90.

DO NOT PAY REGISTRATION AT SCHOOL.



Cloverfest! Fall Festival at 4-H Extension Facility



Cloverfest Fall Registration opens on Thursday, September 18th at 7 pm

You're invited to Cloverfest on Wednesday, October 8 at 6 – 7:30pm

What is Cloverfest? It's a chance for fun Cloverleaf 4-H'ers from across Athens-Clarke County to come together to meet new friends and have a fun learning experience!

What will we do at Cloverfest? We'll have exciting events hosted by our High School 4-H'ers including outdoor games, flowers, crafts, snacks, and even line dancing class!

What does it cost? It's FREE! Parents must register online starting 7pm Thursday September 18; Sign up ends on September 30.

Where is Cloverfest? It will be at the 4-H Extension Facility located at 275 Cleveland Road near the GA Square Mall.

How can you participate in Cloverfest? Be one of the first 20 students who's parent signs up online and completes Agreement sent to Parent E-mail.

Steps to Sign up for Cloverfest Fall Festival!:

1. Have your parent fill out the **Cloverfest Fall Festival Registration** on September 18th. Sign up ends September 30th.
2. Families notified by email if child received a space: October 1
3. Parent completes Agreement link sent to e-mail listed on registration
4. Have someone bring you to 4-H/ Extension Facility on Wednesday, October 9 at 6pm and pick you up at 7:30pm. (275 Cleveland Road near GA square mall)

4-H Holiday card contest



Design a holiday card for our 4-H holiday card contest! The winning design will be featured on our Athens-Clarke County 4-H Holiday Card! This card will be sent out to the mayor, school board, county commissioners, and other local dignitaries.

1. Make your drawing on white, unlined 8.5 by 5.5 inch paper. This is one half of regular computer, printer paper. The size is very important.
2. Put your NAME, ADDRESS, GRADE and SCHOOL on the back of the card.
3. Include the 4-H symbol, the 4 leaf clover in your design.
4. Submit your card to your teacher before your October club meeting. This is an excellent way to earn points for Club of the month!

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!

Be CREATIVE!

**CASH
PRIZES!!**

Radon Poster Contest

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 radon and the hazards associated with it.



Just follow these simple steps:

- 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 products, organizations, or businesses.
- Poster must have a title on the front.
- Student's name must not be on the front of poster.
- Poster must be about one of the following themes:
 - What is radon?
 - Where does radon come from?
 - How does radon get into our homes?
 - Radon can cause lung cancer.
 - Test your home for radon.
 - 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 2026!

Plans are already underway for 2026 4-H Summer Camp! Sixth grade students will camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center the week of June 22–26. Seventh and Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to camp at Burton 4-H Center near Tybee Island. the week of June 8–12. Mark your calendars and begin making plans now! Summer will be here sooner than you can imagine. Information will be available in January.



2025 Junior Camp Group

Important Upcoming Dates:

Junior Conference at Rock Eagle
DPA Portfolios due at the 4-H office
Cloverleaf Project Fun Day (6th Grade)
JR/ SR DPA (6th–12th Grade) at Rock Eagle
Cloverleaf DPA (6th grade) at Jackson County

November 8–9
December 19
February 21
March 6–8
March 21

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 October 1st, 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 year's competition are: Headphones, Jeans, Chips/Crunchy Snacks, and Streaming Services. 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 Monday afternoons from 4:15pm to 5:30 pm starting October 6th through November 10th.

Workshops are the following dates:

Monday, October 2
Monday, October 20
Monday, November 3

Monday, October 13
Monday, October 27
Monday, November 10

The competition will be held at the Oconee County civic Center in Watkinsville on Tuesday November 11. For more information you can contact Ms. Conway at (706) 613-3640 or by email: ebarber@uga.edu



jeans



headphones



chips



streaming services



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If you need a reasonable accommodation or language access services, contact the Athens-Clarke County Extension office at 706-613-3640 or ebarber@uga.edu, at least three weeks prior to the program date.