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NEWSLETTER

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Holes, Blights, and Beetles – Oh My!

You've gotten your garden started and it looks great. While you're monitoring your plants for signs of disease and damage, use this handy guide to help identify what may be causing the problems. Once you have an idea of the issue, give us a call or email for help determining the best method of control.

Tips on asking for advice from your Extension Service

Take pictures – clear pictures of the whole plant, the affected leaves (top and bottom), stems, fruit, and of any bugs or eggs you see

Have information ready – When was it planted? How long has the problem been present? Have you tried any kind of treatment already? Are other plants having the same issues?

Bring in a sample – We are happy to try and diagnose problems in our office (Free). However, for some problems, samples are sent to the UGA Plant Pathology Lab (\$14). Samples should be in an enclosed bag or container and include damaged plant parts and any insects that were on it



The Intersection of Mosquito Management and Pollinator Protection

Mosquitoes can transmit a wide variety of pathogens and significantly reduce our quality of life with their aggressive biting behavior. Pollinators, and honey bees in particular, are a critical part of our natural environment, contributing significantly to food production and ecological diversity. Unfortunately, these two groups of insects often have overlapping habitats. As a result, proponents of both mosquito management and pollinator protection must find a way to communicate effectively and work together for the betterment of both society and these important entities.

Mosquitoes pose a significant public health risk due to their disease transmission potential. While West Nile virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease in Georgia, other diseases like Eastern equine encephalitis and LaCrosse encephalitis are also regularly detected. In addition to their disease transmission potential, biting mosquitoes are a perennial deterrent to outdoor activity in many communities. As a result of their pervasive pest status, many different techniques are used to suppress mosquito populations. Comprehensive mosquito control today should be conducted using integrated pest management practices. This approach typically includes education, source reduction, surveillance, larviciding, and adulticiding. When conducted properly, scientific studies and repeated operational observations have demonstrated that an integrated pest management approach does not pose a significant risk to honey bee colonies.

That being said, pollinators are extremely important and seemingly at risk. Pollination, the process of transferring pollen, is necessary for the production of seeds and fruits in many crops. While many insects such as flies, beetles, moths, butterflies, and wasps can be important pollinators, bees outperform them all because of their dietary need for pollen and nectar, their hairy bodies that carry pollen grains easily, and their rapid flight from flower to flower. In addition, of all insects considered beneficial, none is more favorably viewed by the public than the western honey bee, *Apis mellifera*.



Community Events

Nature Hike - Join a naturalist and learn about the trees above the forest floor, explore the scattered rock outcrops, and discover the beauty of our natural world. All ages are welcome, and this hike is considered moderate. Participants will be hiking old trails and re-establishing the Youth Farm trail system. Dress for the weather, wear suitable hiking shoes, and bring a water bottle and pair of binoculars if you have them.

E.M.B.A.R.C. Community Youth Farm May 27 at 10am

Annual Plant Swap and Share - Swap up to 10 native plants and share extras with new native gardeners. We'll swap plants, learn from information provided by partner organizations and have native plant related activities for the kids. Read about how to prepare by clicking here.

We are looking for a few volunteers who can identify and talk about native plants with attendees. If you can help contact Dekalb Master gardener shannon.maher@comcast.net.

Hosted by Georgia Native Plant Society At Zonolite Park on April 30 from 1p-3p

Food Preservation - Learn some easy ways to make jellies and the safe way to preserve foods.

May 6 at 2pm

Register with Stone Mountain - Sue Kellogg Library

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Please join us for the

SEASON  **N**
KICK  **OFF**

KIRKWOOD SPRING FLING

Saturday, May 13, 2023

12 PM - 8 PM

Bessie Branham Park

2051 Delano Dr. Atlanta, GA 30317



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**Fresh on DeK:
DeKalb Mobile Farmers Market
2023 Schedule**

MAY 15 - JULY 7

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **County Line -
Ellenwood Library**
4331 River Rd.
Ellenwood, Ga. 30294

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Beulah Missionary
Baptist Church**
2340 Clifton Springs Rd.
Decatur, Ga. 30034

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Scott Candler Library**
1917 Candler Rd.
Decatur, Ga. 30032

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Lou Walker Senior Center**
2538 Panola Rd.
Lithonia Ga. 30058

Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Clarkston Community Center**
3701 College Ave.
Clarkston, Ga. 30021

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **East Lake Family YMCA**
275 Eva Davis Way, S.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30317

Friday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Reserve at Hairston Lake**
1023 North Hairston Rd.
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **DeKalb County Extension**
4380 Memorial Dr.
Decatur, Ga. 30032



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JULY 17-SEPT. 8**

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- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **EMBARC Community Youth Farm**
1185 Rock Chapel Rd.
Lithonia, Ga. 30058
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Norris Lake Community Benefits Corp.**
8320 Norris Lake Rd.
Snellville, Ga. 30039

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **South DeKalb Senior Center**
1931 Candler Rd.
Decatur, Ga. 30032
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Stone Mill Elementary School**
4900 Sheila Ln.
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Redan Recreation Center**
1839 Phillips Rd.
Lithonia, Ga. 30058
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **The CREST Center**
2321 Candler Rd.
Decatur, Ga. 30032

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Starnes Senior Community**
3543 Clarkston Industrial Blvd.
Clarkston, Ga. 30021
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **DeKalb County Extension**
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4-H Day at Medieval Times[®]

DINNER & TOURNAMENT



Join DeKalb County 4-H



July 21, 2023
10am-12:45pm



Atlanta Castle
5900 Sugarloaf Parkway,
Lawrenceville, GA 30043



\$30.95

GRADES 4-12
AS OF END OF 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

FEATURING

- A 90-minute show experience
- A four-course lunch. Vegetarian and allergen meals available
- A live tournament with six competing knights, jousting, sword fighting, and beautiful horses

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STUDENTS WILL:



Learn

- Knighthood & Heraldry
- Medieval Feasts & Tournaments
- Feudalism
- Geography & Social Studies
- History
- Falconry
- Weaponry & Combat
- Elements of Modern Theatre
- Horsemanship



Dine

Four-course lunch with oven-roasted chicken, garlic bread, sweet corn coblette, herb roasted potato, chocolate chip cookie and bottled water. Vegetarian and allergen meals are available.



Have Fun!

Level up the fun with exclusive upgrades

NEW! Heraldry Package	\$3 each	Chancellor Package	\$7 each
Your group will be honored with preferred, center section seating in our Grand Ceremonial Arena. Every guest will receive a cheering banner in the color of the knight you will be cheering for!		Our Chancellor Package provides each of your guests with a group photo of your classroom and a cheering banner in the color of the knight you'll be cheering for!	
Cheering Flags	\$4 each	Group Photos	\$6 each
Amp up the excitement by upgrading to a knight's flag! These large, decorative flags bear the crest of your knight and are a perfect show memento!		Commemorate your visit to the Castle with a photo of your group. Your school name, grade, or class year can be added to the image!	



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CLOVERLEAF CAMP AT CAMP BURTON, TYBEE ISLAND

4TH- 6TH GRADES
CAMP DATES: JUNE 12-15, 2023

\$75 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
(PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE)

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\$400

includes
transportation,
lodging, meals, T-
shirt, activities,
and more





Upcoming Virtual Learning Opportunities

"Enchanting Fairy Gardens & Whimsical Landscapes"- Lunch & Learn, May 10th at 12pm- Add some whimsy to your garden with a fairy village or garden accents to enhance your landscape.

"Attracting Pollinators"- May 23rd at 6pm Pollinators are an important part of any garden. Whether you need them to help pollinate your edibles or would like to create an environment that is friendly for them. We will go over some of their favorites.

"Shade Gardening"- Lunch & Learn, June 15th at 12pm Made for Shade. Whether you have a shady landscape or just a shady spot. We will talk about plants to help brighten up the shade in your garden

"Insects Pests & Beneficials"- July 13th at 6pm How to minimize the bad bugs and keep around the good bugs in your garden and landscape.