

# FLASH NEWSLETTER



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## Georgia 4-H Forms



Don't forget to turn in your Georgia 4-H Forms! All youth who plan to participate in any 4-H activity (outside of in-school club meetings) should complete and return a **Medical Release Form** (yellow sheet) and a **Code of Conduct Form** (green sheet). Both forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Classes who return 100% of these student forms will receive a special reward! Returning these forms ensures you are ready to attend any 4-H activity of interest throughout the school year. Congratulations to Mrs. Mack—Partain HR 4-H Club for having 100% forms completed!

## ELEVATE Afterschool Club

Spend your afternoon with us learning a variety of topics, completing projects, and enjoying fun activities! You are sure to love this engaging and interactive time in 4-H Clover Room (ECMS auditorium lobby) and BEYOND! Meetings are held monthly **afterschool until 5:00pm**. A ride must pick you up at ECMS. The first meeting is **Monday, October 16th**. ELEVATE: Engaging Learners to Explore & Value Agriculture, Technology & the



Environment. This club is sponsored by Keep Elbert County Beautiful & EC Farm Bureau. You don't want to miss it!

## Young Riders 4-H Horse Club



If you like horses, make plans to join the Young Riders Horse Club! This afterschool club will meet once a month to learn & have fun! You do NOT have to own or ride a Horse to participate in this Club! Meetings are held in the **Clover Room** at the ECMS (auditorium lobby), afterschool **until 5:00pm**. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 17th**. Congratulations to Saige Martin for being our "fastest horse" and Ma'Kylan Taylor for being our "highest jumping horse."

## "Earthies" Science Club

**6TH GRADE ONLY.** If you love earth science, then this activity is for you! Join us after school in the **Clover Room** as we expand on our knowledge of earth science in fun, engaging activities. We will meet again on **Thursday, October 5th**. A ride must pick you up at **5:00pm** at the ECMS auditorium and you must be a 6th grade student to attend.



## MONTHLY DONATION

Socks, Gloves or Stocking Caps. New or Gently Used. Students earn Clover Points for participating, but this is not mandatory.

## Trash or Treasure!

Is it trash or is it treasure? As Halloween approaches, Elbert County 4-H is partnering with Keep Elbert County Beautiful to collect candy wrappers! That's right—they are a treasure instead of trash! All students who turn in candy wrappers will earn Clover Points. You don't have to trash those candy wrappers and doom them to an eternity in a land-fill—or, even worse, in our oceans. Collect them and turn them in! Wrappers only—no boxes, sticks or aluminum.



## Junior Conference

**7TH & 8TH GRADE ONLY.** Junior 4-H'ers are invited to Rock Eagle for the annual Junior Conference with other students from around the state. The theme this year is **"Rockin' & Rollin' at the Rock!"** The cost for the event is **\$100**. Students must register at the 4-H Office with the fee by **Monday, October 30th**.



## Junior Conference Continued

Georgia 4-H Junior Conference is  
**November 11-12.**



## Annual 4-H Plant Sale

It is that time again! Our annual plant sale is going now through **Wednesday, October 25th.** Order forms must be turned in with money for the purchase of plants. Prices range from **\$10-\$40.** Plants available include: apple trees, crabapple trees, Asian pear trees,

peach trees, pear trees, plum trees, fig trees, goji

berry bushes, muscadine vines, pomegranate bushes, blueberry bushes, raspberry bushes, blackberry bushes, pecan trees, and mulberry bushes. Plant pick-up will be on **Friday, November 10th.** Students who participate in the 4-H fundraiser by purchasing and/or selling plants earn Clover Points. If you are interested, ask Ms. Lauren or Ms. Sophie for an order form!



## Portfolio Workshop & Office Hours

All Junior and Senior 4-H'ers who want to attend Junior-Senior District Project Achievement with Elbert County 4-H in March must complete a portfolio. Ms. Lauren and Ms. Sophie can help you! Portfolio Office Hours will be held at the **4-H Office (Blackwell Learning Center)** during Fall Break on **Monday, October 9th.** The Office is open from 8am-12pm, 1pm-5pm. Categories of the portfolio include: 4-H'er background, main project work, main project helping and sharing, teen leadership, community service and citizenship, 4-H activities and other/school events or information.



## Cloverleaf District Project Achievement

5th & 6th grade students who participated in Project Fair will receive information in regards to signing up to complete at District Project Achievement with Elbert County 4-H on **Saturday, November 4th.** All students who want to compete at this higher level must sign up with the 4-H Staff no later than **Friday, October 20th.** We look forward to working with you!



## Cloverleaf Conference

We sincerely appreciate our 4-H'ers who traveled with us to Cloverleaf Conference at Wahsega 4-H Center.

Elbert County 4-H had the largest delegation! Participating 4-H'ers were: Lilyian Adams, Sophie Black, Blakely Burton, Ella Dixon, Emma Engelhardt, Natalie Evans, Zola Graves, Myla Hood, Carson Jarrell, Grace Kuykendall, Ben Martin, Myleigh Maxwell, Braden Smith, Lily Temple, Ava Triplett, Addyson Webb and Skyla White. Additionally, Elbert County 4-H had four instructors: Gracie Kidd, Allie Stephens, Julianna Walsky and Samantha Walsky. We also appreciate our Teen Leaders, who were: Bethany Burden, Kennedy Ray and Jalyn White.



## Clubs of the Month

5th Grade: Mack—Partain  
6th Grade: Bridges 1st  
7th Grade: Jordan 5th  
8th Grade: Tilley 6th

## Sign-Up for a Digital Copy of the Flash Newsletter

Parents who would like to sign up to receive a digital copy of the Flash Newsletter each month can do so at this link (<https://forms.gle/Q1sXCFjZJ2SmJDVv7>) or by scanning the QR Code.



## 5th Grade Parents:

5th graders who would like to participate in afterschool activities at ECMS in the Clover Room must have a note from home to be a walker or bus rider (depending on weather) to the Middle School.

Anyone who has questions or concerns about the protection of minors involved in UGA programs or activities can contact the Elbert County 4-H Agent (Lauren Dye, [LMDYE@UGA.EDU](mailto:LMDYE@UGA.EDU)). Additional contacts include the District 4-H Program Development Coordinator (Al Parker, [ALPARKER@UGA.EDU](mailto:ALPARKER@UGA.EDU)) and/or UGA's Director of Compliance for Programs and Activities Serving Minors at [programsforminors@uga.edu](mailto:programsforminors@uga.edu) or 706-542-7255.

**Want Clover Points? Parents, please indicate you have seen the October 4-H Flash below. Sign, cut out and return!**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_