

# FLASH NEWSLETTER



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## MONTHLY DONATION

New Lotion, Soap or Chapstick/Lip Balm. Students earn Clover Points for participating, but this is not mandatory.

## Meet Our Staff

Ms. Lauren Dye and Mrs. Alex Jones are the University of Georgia Extension Staff responsible for the Elbert County 4-H Youth Development Program. They work closely with the Elbert County School District to offer in-school Club Meetings in the 5th-8th Grades., and with high schoolers in the afternoon/evenings. Additionally, they work with students after school in a variety of activities and competitive events.



Ms. Lauren is a graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia.

She is an Elbert County 4-H alumni and ECCHS graduate. She resides in Elberton on a small farm. She started working with Elbert County 4-H in 2006. Her interests involve all things related to agriculture (especially animal science), outdoor recreation, environmental education, healthy living, experiential learning and leadership development. She loves helping youth find and grow their passions. Project Achievement is her favorite 4-H activity—it offers

something to everyone!



Ms. Alex, 4-H Program Assistant, is also from Elberton. She graduated from Young Harris College in 2006 with an Associate's

of Arts degree with a focus in Art History, and went on to graduate with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Minor in Sociology from Piedmont University. She has worked in Social Services as a case manager for over twelve years. She joined Elbert County 4-H in October of this year to pursue her passion for working with the Elbert County students and sharing her love of outdoor activities and education with them.

## 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.

## Clover Points



### What are Clover Points?

Clover Points are the incentive system used by Elbert County 4-H. All students may earn Clover Points.

**How do I earn Clover Points?** You can earn Clover Points by wearing green or a 4-H t-shirt on Club Meeting Day, bringing back a signed Flash Newsletter, presenting a demonstration in meetings, reciting the 4-H Pledge by memory, turning in pop-tabs from aluminum cans, attending 4-H afterschool activities, competing in a 4-H event, participating in a 4-H sanctioned community service project or the monthly donation item and so much more! Activities will be listed in the Flash Newsletter each month. You can also request a complete Clover Point listing from the 4-H Office.

### What do I do with Clover Points?

Each individual student earns Clover Points to qualify for the Reward Trip at the end of the year (250+ points with 1 district/state competition) or the "4-H'er of the Year" award. Additionally, the Club (class) with



## Clover Points Continued

the highest average of Clover Points each month gets a treat! The Club with the highest average each semester wins a party!

## 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 by scanning the QR Code or visiting this link: (<https://forms.gle/Q1sXCFjZJ2SmJDV7>).

## Elbert County 4-H Fundraisers



Elbert County 4-H strives to offer after school activities and competitive events

free of charge. **For instance, our total cost per student to compete in District Project Achievement is approximately \$50/student for grades 5-6, and \$175/student for grades 7-12 —we charge students \$0.** The only way we can accomplish this is through fundraising. We receive no program money from our funders. All students who assist with fundraising earn Clover Points! There is no cap in the amount of Clover Points earned; they are assigned per dollar profit earned by the student's fundraising efforts. Please consider helping with fundraising or sponsoring a student to attend Project Achievement! Ask for your fundraising packet today!

## Front Door Produce Green Box



Elbert County 4-H is proud to partner with Front Door Produce to supply a 20 pound "Green Box" of fresh Georgia Grown produce for **\$30**. The box will be packaged in Moultrie, Georgia, and may include: bell pepper, cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, green beans, corn, cabbage and satsumas. You can order online now through **November 14**. Pick-up will be the week before Thanksgiving (November 20th tentatively). Orders and payment are done online at: <https://frontdoorproduce.com/products/elbert-county-4h-fundraiser>. The order form asks for customer name, number, email, county (Elbert), youth name (student who gets Clover Points), number of boxes to pick up and number of boxes to donate. Customers will be contacted by our Office to finalize pick-up information. Scan this QR Code to go directly to the Elbert County Ordering Site:



## Cloud 9 and Rada Cutlery

This fall we will offer Cloud 9 and Rada Cutlery fundraisers as well.

Rada Cutlery offers a variety of kitchen items and gifts, starting as low as \$3! Cloud 9 offers sheet sets, pillows and blankets from \$12-\$50. **All orders and payments are due to the 4-H Office (Blackwell Learning Center) by 4:00pm on Monday, December 2nd.**



Cloud9 Fundraising



## Krispy Kreme Fundraiser



It's time to treat your sweet tooth to delicious Krispy Kreme Donuts! Elbert County 4-H

will be selling boxes of donuts and certificates that are redeemable in a Krispy Kreme store. Both are **\$10** (cheaper than what you can buy a dozen for in store). **Orders and payments are due to the Office by 4:00pm on Friday, December 6th.** Donuts and certificates will be available for **pick-up on Friday, December 13th.**

## Georgia Farm Bureau Middle School Bookmark Contest

This art contest is open to students in the 6-8 grades. Design a bookmark that shows agriculture in Georgia. Agriculture impacts each one of use from the time we wake up until we go to sleep. Your bookmark must be completed on GFB template; ask Ms. Lauren or Ms. Alex for a template. You may use crayons, colored pencils

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 November 4-H Flash below. Sign, cut out and return!**

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

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

## GFB Middle School Bookmark Contest Continued

or markers to draw your design about Georgia agriculture. You may only submit one entry. All designs must be your original work. To receive Clover Points, you must turn in your entry to Elbert County 4-H by January 31, 2025. The bookmarks will be judged on how well the design represents Georgia agriculture and the artistic merit.



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Middle School Bookmark Contest

## Portfolio Workshop

All Junior and Senior 4-H'ers (students in the 7th-12th grades) who want to attend Junior-Senior District Project Achievement with Elbert County 4-H in March must complete a portfolio. Ms. Lauren and Ms. Alex can help you! Our first **Portfolio Workshop** for the fall will be held **Wednesday, November 13**, in the **"Clover Room"** at **ECMS** from **3-5pm**. 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.



## Horse Quiz Bowl



Horse Quiz Bowl is a competitive event where students are charged with learning thousands of pages of horse related content, which they must then answer questions on in a jeopardy styled contest held in January! This is a wonderful way to enhance your knowledge if you are an avid horse

lover—but it is not for those who do not want to learn!!! Although fun, there will be homework and tests along the way! Our first practice will be held **Friday, November 15th**, in the **Clover Room** at **ECMS** from **3pm -5pm**.

## "Earthies" Science Club

**FOR 6th GRADERS ONLY.**

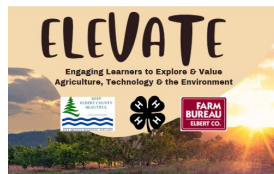
If you love earth science, then this activity is for you! Join us after school in the **Clover Room** and beyond as we expand on our knowledge of earth science in fun, engaging activities. We will meet after school on **Monday, November 18th**. A ride must pick you up at **5:00pm** at the ECMS auditorium and you must be a 6th grade student to attend.

EARTH



## ELEVATE Afterschool Club

Spend one afternoon a month 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**. Meetings are held monthly afterschool until **5:00pm**. A ride must pick you up at ECMS. **ELEVATE** stands for: Engaging Learners to Explore & Value Agriculture, Technology & the Environment. This club is co-sponsored by Keep Elbert County Beautiful & EC Farm Bureau. You don't want to miss it! Students who are interested in being a part of our **ELEVATE** Club should have their parents complete a registration form at: <https://forms.gle/tC5whYMygGT3n3hu9> or scan the QR Code to access the registration. Registration must be completed by



**November 15th** to receive the meeting notification. This is a necessary step to ensuring we are prepared and have enough space for the students who want to attend.



## Care Package Items Requested

Senior 4-H'er Gracie Kidd is a Georgia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador.



As a part of her Ambassador and Project Work, Gracie plans to make "care packages" for patients and the Cancer and Blood Center in Athens. You have an opportunity to assist with this important endeavor by donating needed items. Please help as you are able with donations of individual packs of tissues, mini crackers, lotion, Chapstick, mints, adult coloring books and crayons. Items can be turned in to the 4-H Office, the Clover Room or to the teacher with whom 4-H Club Meetings are held. Please make sure to put your name with any donated items to ensure you get community service Clover Points!

## Georgia 4-H Outdoor Challenge

Do you have what it takes to spend more time outside?



Challenge yourself and others to spend the weekend outdoors! Pledge outdoor hours and follow along online for your chance to win prizes! Students will earn Clover Points for participating! Email Ms. Lauren or Ms. Alex for registration details or

## Georgia 4-H Outdoor Challenge Continued

follow the registration link below:  
<https://tinyurl.com/4-HOutdoorChallenge2024>.



## Cloverleaf District Project Achievement

Elbert County 4-H had a fantastic day at Rock Eagle 4-H Center for Cloverleaf DPA. Congratulations to: Alivia Allen placed 3rd in the General Recreation Project, Landon Anderson received Honorable Mention in the Engineering & Mechanics Project, Skylar Anderson was 2nd Place in the

Poultry Project, Jo'Coby Black earned 1st Place in the Current People, Places, and Events Project, Sophie Black won 1st Place in Herpetology Project, Chloe Bradford received 1st Place in the Poultry Project, Savannah Case was 1st Place in the Individual Sports Project, Raylee Davis earned 2nd Place in the Cat Care Project, Kamiyah Downer placed 2nd in the Paleontology Project, Alexa Duck was 3rd Place in the Team Sports Project, Madalyn Freeman earned 1st Place in the Poultry Project, Brianna Gaither received 1st Place in the Historic Places and Events Project, Jensen Garcia Sanchez was 3rd Place in the Health Project, Zola Graves won 1st Place in the Historic People Project, Skylar Henderson placed 3rd in the Team Sports Project, Rylan House received 2nd Place in the Veterinary Science Project, Jace Hughes was 1st Place in the Time & Money Management Project, Myles Hughes received Honorable Mention in the Team Sports Project, Jayden Jones received Honorable Mention in the Historic Places and Events Project, RJ Lane won 1st Place in the Historic People Project, Kaylyn Londin placed 2nd in the General Recreation Project, Saige Martin earned 1st

Place in the Horse Project, Miya Maxwell received Honorable Mention in the General Recreation Project, Keira McCan won 3rd Place in the Team Sports Project, Aiden McCarty placed 2nd in the Marine & Coastal Ecology Project, Cooper Padgett earned 2nd Place in the Historic People Project, Farrah Petsche won 3rd Place in the Horse Project, Adalynn Pittman placed 3rd in the Wildlife Project, Monroe Ray received 1st Place in the Cat Care Project, and Brentley Woodall was 1st in the Wildlife Project. Special thanks to our Teen Leaders who worked the day too! We couldn't do it without them and Certified Volunteers. Serving this year were: Josue Bravo, Bethany Burden, Shannon Freeman, Gracie Kidd and Makayla McKnight. Frankie and Trish Kidd served as Certified Volunteer Chaperones for the event. Elbert County 4-H Staff Members Lauren Dye and Alex Jones also served as Chaperones and helped with project preparation.

## Clubs of the Month

5th Grade: Partain—Hart  
6th Grade: Whitmire 4th  
7th Grade: Walraven 5th  
8th Grade: Tilley 4th

