

GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

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GRADY COUNTY WILDLIFE JUDGING TEAM

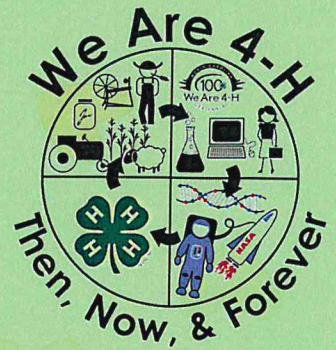
Come and join us for Grady County 4-H's first ever Wildlife Judging Team!!! Wildlife Judging is all about learning about wildlife species that are native to Georgia and how to properly identify them. If you love animals or the outdoors, this is the contest for YOU!

This judging team is open to all 4-H'ers from 4th to 12th grade. We will be holding practices at the 4-H office starting February 12th, from 3:30—5:00 P.M.. Practices will be every Wednesday until the contest at Fortson 4-H Center on April 26th.

We are super excited for this program and we hope to see you all soon!

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4-H GIANT WATERMELON & PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST

Georgia 4-H is once again hosting a contest to see who can grow the largest watermelon and pumpkin in the State of Georgia.

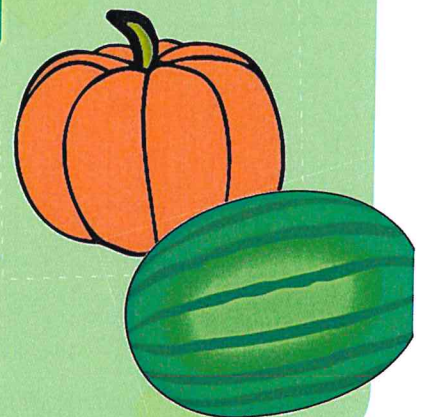
Grady County has an excellent track record of winners participating in these two contests.

The watermelons will be officially weighed in around August 1st and the pumpkins around October 1st.

If you would like more information on these two contests or need growing tips, you can visit the contest website at ...

<https://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/agriculture-stem/agriculture/plant-science/>

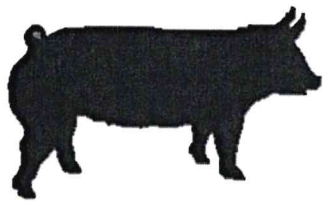
Registration deadline for both contests is May 23rd, call the 4-H Office at (229) 377-1312.



'25 GRADY CO. 4-H/FFA MARKET HOG SHOW RESULTS

The 2025 Grady County 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show & Sale was another huge success. This year, we had 50 participants from 4-H and FFA exhibit 62 pigs in the show.

The results of this year's show were as follows:



Grand Champion: Gentry Jones

Reserve Grand Champion: Cheyne Norton

3rd Overall: Bryson Bennett

4th Overall: Gentry Jones

5th Overall: Kady Childs

County Grown Champion: Gentry Jones

Reserve County Grown Champion: Bryson Bennett

Showmanship Winners:

Senior: Cheyne Norton

Junior: Makinley Pollock

Cloverleaf: Gentry Jones

Pee Wee: Nolan Brown

Congratulations to all our winners and to the rest of the exhibitors as well.



PEANUT FUNDRAISER—EXTRA PEANUTS

Thanks to all of our 4-H'ers, we had a very successful Peanut Fundraiser in 2024. We still have some Honey Roasted, Butter Toffee, and Skinless/Salted peanuts left that are available at the price of \$5.00 per can. Please stop

by the 4-H office if you would like some.

All proceeds will fund 4-H's educational programs such as Project Achievement, various judging programs and our annual 4-H Awards Banquet.



ARE YOU READY FOR 4-H SUMMER CAMP?!



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Summer Camp Registration is Here!



ATTENTION

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S):

We realize summer is still 4 months away, but February is our Official Camp Promotion Month! You will find information for all age groups included on this page.

Let us tell you to begin with that we will once again allow you to use the profits from your Vidalia Onion Sales in March - May to pay your camp registration fee. You will have to pay the non-refundable deposit out of your pocket and then you can use your onion profits to pay the remaining portion of your camp fee. For all of the camps, the deposit is \$75.

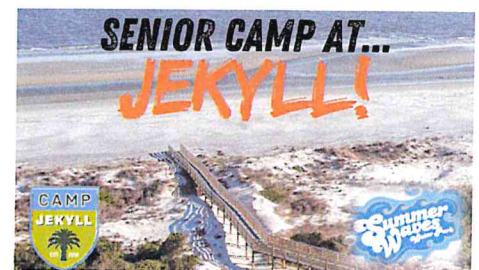
Senior Camp @ Camp Jekyll

Surf's up for Senior Camp 2025. This year, camp for 9th-12th graders will be at Camp Jekyll the week of June 30 - July 4. Jekyll Island is a Sea Island located just south of Brunswick, GA. Jekyll Island allows you to experience the wonders of Georgia's marshes and the beauty of its beaches.

Highlights of the week will include a Summer Waves waterpark, Tidelands Nature Center, riding bikes, shopping at the Jekyll Island Beach Village and Historic District, and swimming at the beach!

It is a week full of activities you will not want to miss. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost of camp is \$415. This covers all camping activities, lodging, meals, swimming t-shirt, transportation cost and insurance. Camp payment can be broken down into three easy payments. These are as follows: March 7th - \$75 non-refundable deposit, April 11th - \$170 second payment, May 9th - \$170 final payment.

So if you are interested in attending Senior camp, you need to come by the 4-H Office and pay your camp deposit ASAP.



Junior Camp @ Fortson 4-H Center



those engines for Junior Camp! This year, camp for 7th and 8th graders will be at Fortson 4-H Center the week of June 2-6. Fortson 4-H Center is just south of Atlanta and about 4 miles from the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, GA.

Highlights of the week will include a trip to Stone Mountain to see their exciting laser light show and shopping at Stone Mountain Village, a TWO-STORY rock-climbing wall, ziplining, a low ropes course, archery, canoeing, and even making your own derby car to race!

It is a week full of activities you will not want to miss. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and our beginning camp quota is 8 4-H'ers. The cost of camp is \$415. This year, Mr. John will be chaperoning the group to Camp Fortson.



Cloverleaf Camp @ Rock Eagle 4-H Center

4-H'ers in grades 4th, 5th, and 6th are eligible to attend Cloverleaf Camp. This year, Cloverleaf Camp is headed to the Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Camp is scheduled for June 9-13. Get ready to camp at the largest 4-H center in the WORLD!!!

Who's going to win the Flight Shield?

Whether you are glowing from the heat of the Firebirds, roaring like the Thunderbirds, or soaring like the Skybirds, only one crew will win the Flight Shield. You can earn points to win the Flight Shield by winning games as a crew and being the loudest! Be ready to cool off in the pool with a **HUGE** diving board and a slide! We will also be canoeing and **ZIPLINING!**

It is a week full of activities you will not want to miss. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and our beginning camp quota is 45 4-H'ers. The cost of camp is \$400. This covers all camping activities, lodging, meals, swimming, t-shirt, transportation cost and insurance.

Camp payment can be broken down into three easy payments. These are as follows: March 7th - \$75 non-refundable deposit, April 11th - \$160 second payment, May 9th - \$165 final payment.

The Cloverleaf Camp Orientation Meeting will be held on May 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the 4-H Office. Please be sure to bring your camper as well for a mandatory 'Living Peacefully Together @ Camp' lesson with Mr. John.



4-H Calendar

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4-H's Motto: "To Make The Best Better"



February

- 3-6 School Club Meetings
- 7-9 Jr/Sr DPA @ Rock Eagle
- 15 State Sporting Clays Invitational
- 19-23 State Livestock Shows - Perry

March

- 1 County Cattle Show
- 3-6 School Club Meetings
- 10 Clovers in the Kitchen

April

- 5-6 Senior Conference
- 7-10 School Club Meetings
- 17 Decatur Co. Mod. Trap Qual. Match

May

- 2-3 State Outdoor Archery Match-Rock Eagle
- 5 Cloverleaf Camp Orientation Meeting
- 9-10 State Mod. Trap Match - Rock Eagle
- 23-25 State Skeet & Trap Match - Savannah

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Grady County Indoor Archery Teams

The **State 4-H Indoor Archery Match** was held in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds on January 17th. Grady County 4-H was well represented with 30 4-H'ers competing. Cloverleaf shooters included Piper Andrews, Braxten Ansley, Bryden Avery, Riley Barber, Paige Carnahan, Garner Collins, Jody Connell, Jacob Faircloth, Makayla Hunsberger, Reagan Maige, Daphne Miller, Norah Miller, Reganne Sadler, Peyton Salter, Dahlia Shea, and Palmer Woodward. Junior shooters were Javier Adams, Davis Amaro, Emma Ausburn, Kady Childs, Alyssa Dillow, Zane Phillips, Alex Ramm, Jake Sodrel, Conor Stanley, and Cooper Woodward. Our Senior shooters were Donnie James, CJ Lee, Reese Miller, and Jackson Wilcox. Special Thanks to coaches Janette Burkes, Robbie Carnahan, AJ Childs, George Hunsberger and Chip Wells for attending the event and coaching the shooters.

