

GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

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VIDALIA ONION FUNDRAISER



Grady County 4-H is kicking off its Spring Fundraiser. For the next 8 weeks, you will have the opportunity to sell Vidalia Onions to help generate funds for the Grady County 4-H Program as well as to earn scholarship money to help pay your way to 4-H Summer Camp.

Once the camp scholarships are paid, the remaining profits from the onion fundraiser helps pay for Project Achievement, all of our various judging team programs, the "Summer Fun" program, and of course our Annual 4-H Awards Banquet.

The fundraiser will run from March 7th through May 3rd. All money and forms are due to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:30 pm. Pick-up will be Tuesday, May 17th, 3:30-6:00pm at the Farmers Market.

Sell Onions to pay your way to Summer Camp: As a way to help you pay your registration fees for summer camp, we will once again allow you to use the profits from your total sales to put towards your registration fee. You must first pay the \$75 registration fee and then you can use the profits from your onion sales to pay the remaining \$255 for Cloverleaf and \$305 for Junior & Senior Camp.

Please pay close attention to the green order form for all the specific details regarding prices for the various size bags of onions as well as the tips on how to sell the onions.



As always, please get your parents permission before you start selling onions.

Grower Comments: After talking with the grower, he said the onions are looking good for this year.

Past customers are already asking for onions!



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 27th, call the 4-H Office at 377-1312.

Statewide Prizes:

1st Place—\$100.00

2nd Place—\$50.00

3rd Place—\$25.00

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Vidalia Onion Fundraiser



'22 GRADY CO. 4-H/FFA CATTLE SHOW RESULTS

The 2022 Grady County 4-H/FFA Market Steer & Breeding Heifer Show was held Saturday, February 19th, at the Grady County Livestock Pavilion.

This year, we had 11 exhibitors from Grady County 4-H, Shiver FFA, and CHS FFA showing 7 steers and 7 heifers.

The results of the day's events are as follows:

Showmanship Winners

Cloverleaf: Kaylee Barrett

Junior: Will Collins (SFFA)

Senior: Lindsay Sellars (CHS FFA)

Steer Show Winners

Grand Champion: Kaylee Barrett

Reserve Champion: Hannah Harrison

HG Champion: Vivian Herring

HG Reserve Champion: Jackson Pope

Heifer Show Winners

Grand Champion:

Will Collins (SFFA)

Reserve Champion:

Wade Collins (SFFA)

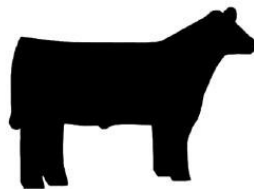
Homegrown Champion:

Jackson Pope

Reserve HG Champion:

Vivian Herring

Other exhibitors not mentioned above include: Hudson Bostick (CFFA), Grayson Stanaland, Mason Herring, and Ethan Herring.



Congratulations to all our exhibitors on a job well done during the 2021-2022 show season.

Getting Started for Next Year:

If you are interested in showing cattle next year, now is the time you need to be locating your steer or heifer.

Cattle producers who raise show steers and heifers are beginning to market those animals for the 2022 - 2023 show season. The upcoming show season for cattle will get started in July '22 and run through the state shows in Feb. '23.

Birthdates of cattle for next year:

It is suggested that steers be born after August 1, 2021.

Heifers must be born after January 1, 2021. You can show purebred or commercial heifers.

Please call me or contact one of our 3 FFA Advisors if you have questions about showing cattle or if you need help locating a steer or heifer for next year.

Cattle Show



Winners

Summer Camp Registration is Still Open!

We realize summer is still 3 months away, but 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.

When you look at the camp registration deadlines, please keep in mind the sooner you pay your camp deposit the more likely you are to guarantee yourself a spot on the bus. We will continue to promote all 3 camps until they are full for the week we will be attending camp.



Senior Camp @ Rock Eagle 4-H Center

4-H'ers in grades 9-12 are eligible to attend Sr. Camp. This year, Senior Camp is headed to the **Rock Eagle 4-H Center**. Camp is scheduled for **July 4-8** and will cost **\$380**. Senior 4-H'ers, this is your chance to socialize with other high school age 4-H'ers and not have those pesky cloverleaf or junior age 4-H'ers hanging around.

Who's going to win the tribal shield?

Plans will include 4th of July picnic with FIREWORKS, game room, and fun activities. There will be plenty of time to socialize with your friends from around the state. You will also enjoy the Rock Eagle Variety Show and Pageant.

There is only 1 statewide Senior Camp and registration is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for the entire state. So, if you are interested in attending Senior Camp, get your registration fee in early.

The camp fee can be broken down into 3 easy payments: March 4th - \$75 non-refundable deposit due, April 8th - \$150, and May 6th final payment of \$155. Mr. Deron will be serving as a leader for Senior Camp. We hope you will decide to join him for this fun and exciting week of camp!

Junior Camp @ Georgia 4-H at Camp Jekyll

Surf's up for Junior Camp 2022. This year, camp for 7th & 8th graders will be at **Camp Jekyll** the week of **July 4-8**. 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 FIREWORKS on the beach, a dolphin boat tour, Tideland's Nature Center, putt putt, bicycle rental, Summer Waves Water Park, a special Buccaneer Ball Thursday evening, beach ecology, and swimming at the beach. You will certainly be kept busy during the week!

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 10 4-H'ers. The **cost of camp is \$380**. This covers all camping activities, lodging, meals, t-shirt, transportation cost and insurance. Camp payment can be broken down into three easy payments. These are as follows: March 4th - \$75 non-refundable deposit, April 8th - \$150 second payment, May 6th - \$155 final payment. **We have started a waitlist!**

This year, Lisa Pollock, Grady County 4-H Agent will be chaperoning the group to Camp Jekyll.



Cloverleaf Camp @ Wahsega 4-H Center

How would you like to spend a week at a mountain getaway! This year, Cloverleaf Camp for 4th - 6th graders will be held at **Wahsega 4-H Center** the week of **June 13-17**. The **cost for the week of camp is \$330**. This covers all camp activities, camp t-shirt, transportation, insurance, lodging and camp meals. It can be broken down into 3 easy payments due as follows: March 4th - \$75 Non-Refundable Deposit, April 8th - \$125, and May 6th - \$130 Final Payment. **We have 5 spots left!**

There is beauty in the woods and they call it Wahsega 4-H Center. Rustic but accommodating, campers enjoy a "hillbilly" theme in the midst of Appalachia, complete with waterfall and trout stream. There is time to go hiking or to be challenged by the ropes course. There are classes in Mountain Hiking, with Wildlife Tracks & Signs, Forest Ecology & Herpetology (Snakes), Ultimate Frisbee, archery, Stream Ecology and the Low Ropes Challenge Course. You will also have a chance to dance to the hillbilly beat and wear your best hillbilly costume! When the sun sets and the moon is high, the fun continues with dances, a talent show, and mountain stories from the mountain man, Coon Lee.

Our beginning camp quota is 40 and sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis. So if you are interested in attending Cloverleaf camp, you need to come by the 4-H Office and pay your camp deposit ASAP.

Mr. Deron and Mrs. Lisa will be chaperoning along with some awesome Teen Leaders and volunteers!



4-H Calendar

GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

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

March

- 7-10 School Club Meetings
- 9 Cattle Show Banquet
- 19 Thomas 4-H Sporting Clays Fundraiser
- 19 State Livestock Judging Contest - Athens

April

- 2 State Hippology & Horse Judging
- 4-8 Grady Co. Schools Spring Break
- 9-10 Senior Conference
- 14 Decatur Mod. Trap Qual. Match
- 29-30 State Archery Match - Rock Eagle

May

- 7 State Mod. Trap Match - Rock Eagle
- 9-12 School Club Meetings (Summer Fun)
- 27-29 State Skeet & Trap Match - Savannah

2022 Georgia 4-H Senior Conference



Attention all current 9th – 12th Grade Senior 4-H Members!!!

You are invited to the Georgia 4-H Senior Conference on April 9 - 10, 2022 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Senior 4-H'ers in Grade 9 – 12 from across the state are invited to this exciting event! It is going to be a blast! We hope you will join us! Here are the details:

- What:** 2022 Georgia 4-H Senior Conference
- Who:** All Current 9 - 12th Grade Senior 4-H'ers
- When:** April 9 – 10, 2022
- Where:** Rock Eagle 4-H Center
- Cost:** \$ 75.00
- Registration Deadline:** March 25, 2022