

# GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

# Clover Connection

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September 2024



We are very excited to meet you! We hope through our many activities that you will find something that interests you. We are committed to providing you with great hands-on experiences! Do not hesitate to ask us questions —

**There really is something for everyone!**

-Mrs. Lisa Pollock and Mr. John Sodrel

Scan the QR Code Below to Register  
Your Child for 4-H:



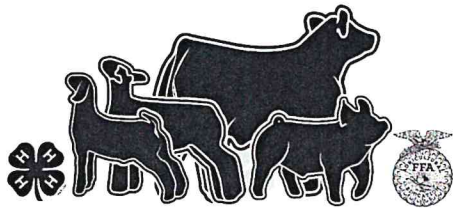
# GET INVOLVED



- Archery (4th-12th Grade)
- Modified Trap (6th-12th Grade)
- Skeet, Trap, & Sporting Clays (6th-12th Grade)

\*4-H'ers must complete two other activities prior to February 1, 2025.

\*All shooters in 6th-12th grade must complete the GA Hunter Safety Course.



- Market Hog     Breeding Heifer/Market Steer
- Market Lamb     Market Goat
- Breeding Doe     Breeding Ewe
- Breeding Gilts     Prospect and Progress Steers

## fundraising

- Friends of NRA Banquet
- Peanut Fundraiser (Fall)
- Mule Day Petting Zoo
- Onion Fundraiser (Spring)

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

- Junior Conference (November 9-10, 2024)
- Fall Forum (December 14-15, 2024)
- Senior Conference (April 5-6, 2025)



Students choose a project area of interest, research the topic, and write and present a demonstration. There are also food labs and performing arts categories.

- Cloverleaf: 4th-6th Grade (December 7, 2024)
- Junior: 7th-8th Grade (February 7-9, 2025)
- Senior: 9th-12th Grade (February 7-9, 2025)



- Cloverleaf Camp: 4th-6th Grade (June 9-13, 2025)
- Junior Camp: 7th-8th Grade (Tentative: June 2-6, 2025)
- Senior Camp: 9th-12th Grade (Tentative: July 7-11, 2025)



- Wild Adventures     Cooking Adventures
- STEM Camp     Crop Scouting School
- Back 2 School Blitz     Many More Activities

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging (November 6, 2024)
- Horse Club
- Peanut Recipe Contest     MilkMake Contest
- Giant Watermelon Growing Contest
- Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest
- Operation Christmas Child
- Wildlife Judging     Collecting Pop Tabs





# ACTIVITIES = POINTS = 4-H'ER OF THE YEAR

**15 Points**

- \* National Congress & Conference
- \* Georgia 4-H Ambassador
- \* Citizenship Washington Focus
- \* National Judging Trip
- \* State Congress
- \* GOT Training
- \* District/State Officer Duties
- \* National Shooting Sports Competitions
- \* National Level Livestock Shows
- \* GNF Ambassador Application/winner
- \* GA Jr. National Spotlight Application/winner
- \* Southern Regional Horse Show
- \* Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference

**10 Points**

- \* Summer Camps
  - Cloverleaf – Junior – Senior
  - Specialty Camps
- \* Jr. Fall Conference
- \* Sr. Fall Forum
- \* Sr. Spring Conference
- \* State Council
- \* Dean's Award Portfolio & Interview
- \* Leadership in Action Portfolio
- \* Key Award
- \* Project Achievement Portfolios
  - Junior & Senior
- \* Project Achievement
  - Cloverleaf
  - Junior & Senior
- \* County Livestock Shows
  - Market Hog Show
  - Market Steer Show
  - Breeding Heifer Show
  - Market Lamb/Goat Show
- \* State Livestock Shows
  - Market Hog Show
  - Market Steer Show
  - Breeding Heifer, Doe, & Ewe Shows
  - Market Lamb & Goat Shows
- \* State Horse Show
- \* Judging Team Contest
  - Hippology
  - Horse Judging
  - Horse Quiz Bowl
  - Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging
  - Wildlife Judging
- \* Shooting Sports Program
  - Modified Shotgun Team
  - Skeet, Trap, & Sporting Clays Team
  - Archery Team
  - Sporting Clays Invitational
- \* Teen Leader Application
- \* Scholarship Application
- \* State Leadership Role
- \* Giant Watermelon/Pumpkin Growing Contest
- \* State Photography Contest
- \* State Livestock Recordbook Submissions

- \* Clovers & Company Auditions
- \* Livestock Judging Camp
- \* Livestock Multi-Day Fitting/Clipping Camps

**5 Points**

- \* Fund Raisers
  - Peanut Sales
  - Vidalia Onion Sales
  - Hog & Cattle Show Concession Stand
  - Mule Day Petting Zoo
  - "Friends of NRA" Banquet
- \* Statewide Exhibits
  - GNF, Fall Forum, Jr. Leadership Conference,
  - State Horse Show Other Contest
- \* Statewide Livestock Shows
  - GA National Fair - Jr. Beef Futurity
  - GA Young Farmer Shows
- \* County Mini-booth Exhibits
- \* Teen Leader Activities
- \* 4-H Ambassador led activities
- \* 4-H Day Events
- \* GA Jr. Cattlemen's Field Day
- \* Civic Club Programs
- \* Community Service Projects
- \* Area Shotgun/Archery Matches
- \* Area Judging Events (CBCJ)
- \* UGA Recruitment Event
- \* SW District Winners Workshop
- \* Certified Teen Leader Training
- \* Week-Long Day Camps
- \* Multi-County Portfolio Workshop
- \* Pork Quality Assurance Certification Course
- \* Livestock Fitting/Clipping Day Camps
- \* Clovers & Company Performances

**3 Points**

- \* MilkMake Contest
- \* Peanut Recipe Contest
- \* Area/Regional Livestock Shows
- \* Area Fair Exhibits (Thomasville/Albany)
- \* Summer Fun Classes and Trips
- \* 4-H Week Activities
- \* Project Club Work
- \* DPA Reward Trip
- \* Livestock Show Clinics
- \* Jackpot Cattle/Goat/Pig Shows
- \* Green Crusaders Meetings

**1 Point**

- \* Judging Team Practices
- \* Shooting Sports Practices
- \* Assisting w/ Extension Programs
- \* After School Workdays Preparing for Programs
- \* FNRA Banquet Activities

# 4-H Calendar

## GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

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|-----------------|-------|---|
| <b>October</b>  | 2-6   | GA National Fair Cattle, Goat, & Lamb Shows |
|                 | 6-12  | National 4-H Week                           |
|                 | 9-14  | Grady County Fall Break                     |
|                 | 10-13 | GA National Fair Hog Shows                  |
|                 | 11    | 4-H Day at the Georgia National Fair        |
|                 | 15-17 | Sunbelt Ag Expo                             |
|                 | 21-25 | School Club Meetings                        |
| <br>            |       |   |
| <b>November</b> | 2     | Mule Day Petting Zoo                        |
|                 | 6     | Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Contest    |
|                 | 9-10  | Jr. Conference @ Rock Eagle                 |
|                 | 11    | Co. Hog Show Ownership Deadline             |
|                 | 18    | Operation Christmas Child Due               |
|                 | 18-22 | School Club Meetings                        |
|                 | 25-29 | Grady County Thanksgiving Break             |
|                 | 28-29 | 4-H Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holidays   |



### 4-H

P R O J E C T S T S  
 T R A E H L L B D J  
 N S I K C F E N K K  
 E E F A J A A R G H  
 L G B F F H D F O T  
 A D C K D Q E Z W L  
 T U R A T Z R W M A  
 C J E S H O W S T E  
 V H F U N A U A E H  
 H R S G N I T E E M

Projects	Meetings	Health	Talent
Judges	Leader	Hands	Heart
Shows	Head	Fair	Fun

**Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Team**

Begins September 23rd at 3:30 pm

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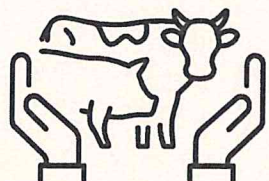
Come judge laptops, sandals, energy drinks, fitness equipment, food delivery services, and carry on luggage!

All practices will be held from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

The contest will be held in Tifton on Wednesday, November 6th.

## BUYING YOUR 2024 - 2025

# Show Animals!



"We don't have our kids to help raise our livestock, we have livestock to help raise our kids."

### What is the Livestock Program?

The Grady County Livestock Program is a program that has helped youth understand the roles of responsibility, hard work, and nurturing through raising an animal.

### Livestock Projects



#### Market Hogs

- Must be bought in *Sept-Oct*
- 1st-12th Grade can show at County Show
- Pee-Wee Showmanship Class is back
- County Hog Show is *Jan 20th @ 9 AM*
- County Hog Sale is *Jan 21st @ 7 PM*
- State Market Hog Show is *Feb 19th-23rd*



#### Breeding Heifer

- Looking for calves around *March/April*
- 4th-12th Grade can show at County/State
- County Cattle Show is *Feb 15th @ 11 AM*
- State Heifer Show is *Feb 19th-22nd*



#### Market Beef

- Three divisions: **Prospect, Progress, & Market Heifer**
- **Prospect** is  $\leq 949$  lbs. **Progress** is  $\geq 950$  lbs.
- 4th-12th Grade can show at County/State
- County Cattle Show is *Feb 15th @ 11 AM*
- State Market Beef Show is *Feb 19th-23rd*



#### Market Goat/Lamb

- Both Projects are **State-Level Only**
- Must be born between *Jan-Apr*
- 1st-12th Grade may be exhibitors
- Goats are usually Boer goat crosses
- Lambs usually are Suffolk-Hampshire crosses
- State Lamb and Goat Show is *Oct 3rd-6th*



#### Breeding Doe

- **State-Level Shows Only**
- Must be owned and tagged in Dec of prior year to showing
- 1st-12th Grade may be exhibitors
- State Breeding Doe Show is *Feb 20th-21st*



#### Breeding Ewe

- **State-Level Shows Only**
- Must be owned and tagged in Dec of prior year to showing
- 1st-12th Grade may be exhibitors
- State Breeding Ewe Show is *Feb 21st-22nd*

Please if you have any questions, call or email  
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# HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



1

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

4



Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

2

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



5



A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.\*

3

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



6



Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

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To Follow Your Box, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)

## Build a Shoebox!

ONLINE



Scan the QR Code to start building a shoebox online! Remember to forward us the confirmation email for activity points.



# SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



## "WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

## TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

## ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

## NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

## A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

*If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.*

## QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

*Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.*



**Do Not Include:** Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

# BOY

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

# GIRL

Call the Grady County 4-H Office if you have any questions!

229-377-1312

All boxes must be turned in by November 18, 2024.



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Pumpkin Drop Off  
October 22, 2024  
3:30-5 PM

All 4th-12th Grade 4-H Participants  
are invited to participate

# Grady County 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest

## Rules:

- Pumpkin must be real - any size or gourd may be used
- Pumpkins must not be punctured (not carved or hollowed out)
- Pumpkins must be pre-decorated by the 4-H Participant using paint and other art supplies
- Entry must have a title/theme

### Pumpkins must be

- Dropped off - October 22, 3:30 - 5 PM
- Pick up - October 30-November 1, 8 AM - 12 PM or 1 PM - 5 PM

## Judging:

- Pumpkins will be judged through October 29th by
  - Social Media
  - Community Leaders
  - Public Choice

*Please refrain from sharing individual entries on personal social media, as it may lead to disqualification.*



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