

GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

# Clover Connection

SEPTEMBER 2025

## WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR!

*We can't wait to see where this year takes you!*

Welcome to a brand-new 4-H year! I am so excited to kick things off with you and can't wait to see all the fun and learning we'll share together. Through our many projects, clubs, and events, I know you'll discover something that sparks your interest.

4-H is all about *hands-on experiences*—so be ready to jump in, try new things, and make great memories. And remember, you never have to hesitate to ask me questions or share your ideas. There truly is something in 4-H for everyone—and I'm thrilled to help you find your place here!

Mrs. Lisa Pollock

Join the  
**CLUB!**  
Do More, Be More.

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





# GET INVOLVED!



Archery (4th-12th Grade)

-Orientation Meeting will be September 23 @ the 4-H Office

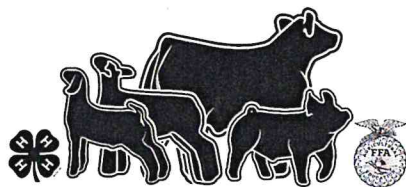
Modified Trap (6th-12th Grade)

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

-Orientation Meeting will be held in January 2026

\*4-H'ers must complete two other activities prior to January 1, 2026.

\*All shooters in 6th-12th grade must complete the GA Hunter Safety Course by January 31, 2026.



Market Hog Breeding Heifer/Market Steer

Market Lamb Market Goat

Breeding Doe Breeding Ewe

Breeding Gilts Prospect and Progress Steers



☐ Friends of NRA Banquet ☐ Mule Day Petting Zoo

Peanut Fundraiser (Fall) Onion Fundraiser (Spring)

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Junior Conference (November 8-9, 2025)

Fall Forum (December 13-24, 2025)

Senior Conference (April 11-12, 2026)



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 (Nov. 15, 2025)

Junior: 7th-8th Grade (Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2026)

Senior: 9th-12th Grade (Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2026)



Cloverleaf Camp: 4th-6th Grade (July 6-10, 2026)

Junior Camp: 7th-8th Grade (June 22-26, 2026)

Senior Camp: 9th-12th Grade (June 29-July 3, 2026)



Wild Adventures

Cooking Adventures

STEM Camp

Crop Scouting School

Back 2 School Blitz

Many More Activities

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging (November 13, 2025)

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



## GRADY COUNTY 4-H CLUB

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Visit and like "Grady County 4-H"

Instagram:  
Visit and follow "@gradycounty4h"



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## 4-H Calendar


September	2-8	Club Meetings
	6	4-H Day at UGA Football Game
	17	Georgia National Fair 4-H Exhibits Due
	22	Livestock Show Parents Meeting
	23	Clovers in the Kitchen
	23	Archery Organizational Meeting
	24	Cotton Boll Consumer Judging Practice Begins
	25	Caring Clovers Crochet Club
October	2-12	Georgia National Fair
	3-10	Grady County Fall Break
	5-11	National 4-H Week
	6	Pumpkin Decorating Contest
	10	4-H Day at the Georgia National Fair
	14-16	Sunbelt Ag Expo
	20-23	School Club Meetings
	23	Caring Clovers Crochet Club
	31	Boo on Broad



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  
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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 24th  
at 3:30 pm

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Come judge headphones, jeans, chips, streaming services, water bottles, and gaming consoles!

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

The contest will be held in Moultrie on Thursday, November 13th.



# Caring Clovers Crochet Club

Open to all 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Free to join! No experience needed!

- Learn fun crochet skills together
- Make blankets, baby hats, scarves and more
- Donate handmade items to local nursing homes, hospital birthing units, and other charities in need!

Bring your favorite yarn and crochet hooks (optional) a caring heart and a willingness to learn!

Location: Grady County 4-H Office (Kitchen)

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- September 25 - 3:30 - 5 PM
- October 23 - 3:30 - 5 PM
- November 20 - 3:30 - 5 PM
- December 23 - 1:30 - 4 PM

Pre-registration  
is encouraged



Material  
donations are  
welcomed by all!  
(yarn, crochet  
hooks, etc)

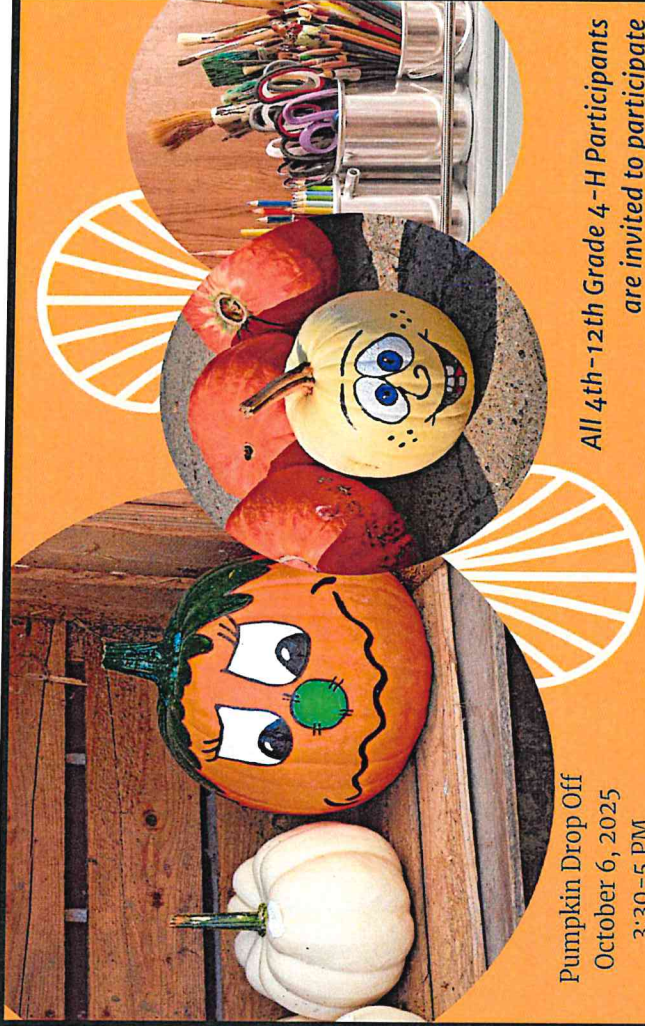


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Contact Janette Burkes, FACS Agent  
(229) 377-1312



Pumpkin Drop Off  
October 6, 2025  
3:30 - 5 PM

All 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Participants  
are invited to participate

## Grady County 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest

### Rules:

- Pumpkins 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

### Judging:

- Pumpkins will be judged through October 12 by  
Social Media  
Community Leaders  
Public Choice

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

Pumpkins must be

- Dropped off - October 6, 3:30 - 5 PM
- Pick up - October 13-17  
8 AM - 12 PM or 1 PM - 5 PM



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# 2026 Grady County 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show

**NEW Show Date:** Monday, February 16, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.  
**Boosted Sale:** Monday, February 16, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Weigh-In:** Sunday, February 15, 2026 – 2:00–3:00 p.m.

**Parent/Exhibitor Meeting:** Monday, September 22, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. at the Grady County Extension Office

## Important Notes

- **Eligibility:** Students in grades 1–12 may show hogs. Kindergarten and younger can participate in Pee Wee Showmanship with a borrowed pig.
- **Tag-In & Ownership Deadline:** **Friday, December 5, 2025** – pigs must be in possession and tagged by this date.
- **Show Weight Range:** 215–290 lbs. Buyers prefer pigs in the 230–290 lb. range.

## Pig Selection Tips

- By December 1, pigs should weigh at least **97 lbs.** to make show weight.
- Consider pigs born in **early July** for a more "mature" show look, but manage their weight carefully.
- Keep pigs **healthy, warm, dry, and well-fed** with plenty of fresh water and balanced feed (16–23% protein)
- **Check progress:** Call to weigh your pig during the season using the portable Paul scales.
- **Optional equipment:** Families may purchase affordable platform scales such as the *VS-660 Hog Sheep Goat Alpaca Dog Scale (43"x20" Heavy Duty)* available on Amazon.

## County Grown Division

- Formerly "Homegrown," this division now recognizes any litter born & raised in **Grady County**.
- Let your 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor know at tag-in if your pig qualifies.

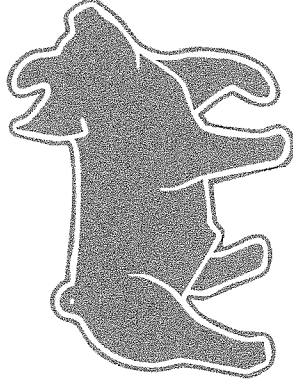
## Double Entry Option

- Exhibitors may **double-enter** pigs for both the County Show and the State Show (Feb. 18–21 in Perry).
- Double-entered pigs can return home after the County Show before traveling to State.

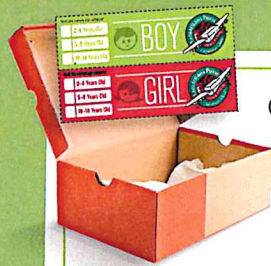
## New Exhibitors

If you know someone interested in showing, please share this information or contact the 4-H Office.

<u>Producer</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Garry Childs	Cairo	
Southern Select Show Pigs	Omega Mr. Robert Bruce	*Call the 4-H Office or Contact an FFA Advisor for their phone numbers.
Frank Morgan	Vienna	
Bryant Oliver	Reidsville	Jeremy Jones/Donnie Turner—County Grown Pigs
Southern Pride Show Pigs	Alamo	
Bruce Herndon	Swainsboro	
K and H Show Pigs	Ocala	
Lyons Show Pigs	Mayo, FL	
Matt Barnes	Sale City	
OMG Show Pigs	Watkinsville Ga	
Drawdy Show Pigs	Pierce FJ	
24/7 Show pigs	Odum Ga	
Bar M Show Pigs	Eastman Ga	
Franklin County FFA	Carnesville Ga --- Trey Harris	



# HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



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

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

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

2



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.\*

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

3



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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.

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

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## 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 14, 2025.

