



# Middle School and Friends Newsletter

August & September 2024

## Gwinnett 4-H Connection

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle School 4-H Council August 13  
Rhodes Jordan Park Community Center  
Second Tuesday of most months  
First Tuesday April  
Thursday May 8 Awards Program  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
Meeting dates:

September 10	October 8	November 26
December 10	January 14	February 11
March 11	April 1	May 8

You must complete these Enrollment Forms to participate:

[New Member Enrollment](#)

[Returning Member Enrollment](#)

Consumer Judging details page 3 sign up ends  
September 20, 2024 call office  
678.377.4010

### Gwinnett County Fair

**Sign-up to work a shift** at the 4-H Farm Rhodes Exhibit in the Big Red Barn. Sign-up comes out in late August. Look for an e-mail from Ms. Brittany, our 4-H Agent  
**Enter Something** in the Fair Youth Exhibits registration form page 4 details page 2  
**Pre-registration** deadline Fri Aug 30 5:00pm  
**Exhibit Take-in** at drop off site only  
Friday, Sept. 6 from 12:00pm to 6:30pm  
**Exhibit Pick-up** at drop off site only  
Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 12:00pm to 6:30pm

### Two Fall Break Day Trips

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**Hike Trip** (limit 9) \$10.00each

Thursday October 10th 8am-5pm

Sign-up by Sept 30

Hike participation limited to 9

**2nd trip GA National Fair Trip**

Friday, October 11th

**\$30.00** transportation larger but limited

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### New Meeting Day (Tuesdays), Location, & Time for Middle School 4-H Council.

### New meeting location concurrently holds K-4, and 5th Grade Councils in separate rooms.

- Location: Rhodes Jordan Park 100 East Crogan St., Lawrenceville, Ga 30046.
- Main Building Community Recreation Center at the top of the hill.
- These monthly Council meetings are on **Tuesday** nights.
- The meeting starts at 6:30PM, ends 8:00PM.



### Calling All Middle School Students

Service, leadership, friends, and fun!

Unlock the possibilities with Gwinnett 4-H.

Get the big picture of 4-H in Gwinnett

During the school year:

- \* Pick and choose from all the 4-H age appropriate opportunities
- \* Earn your way to District Project Achievement
- \* Participate on a Judging Team
- \* Help with a service project
- \* Be part of our Horse Club
- \* Visit us at the Gwinnett County Fair

Find out how to earn a place on the **2025** Rewards Trip!

4-H is the place for you to shine, develop leadership skills, and grow self confidence.

### October-Fall Day Trips

**Thursday October 10th, Hike North GA**-This hike has a moderate level of difficulty, with a distance of about 5 miles. Our destination is weather dependent, meaning the location may change due to weather. Sign-up by September 30th. Meet in the lower parking lot by 8:00AM and look for the white 4-H van. We will return to the same place by 5:00PM. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Our transportation is limited to 9, but we must reach the 5 participant minimum to go. Detailed day pack list will be sent to participants. You bring what is on the list, your lunch, drinks and snacks. Sign-up by turning in Medical Information and Release form with your \$10.00 payment - check, or money order can be mailed in. If you come into the office (Monday – Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM) Mastercard, Visa and Discover credit cards, or exact cash can be used.

[Medical Information & Release](#)

### Friday October 11th trip \$30.00 GA National Fair in Perry

Requires separate Medical Information & Release form, with payment. Ms. Brittany is running this trip.

### JOIN 4-H Today!

Contact:  
barbara.larson@gwinnettcountry.com

The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished, through "hands on" learning experiences, focused on agricultural and environmental issues, agriculture awareness, leadership, communication skills, foods and nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship.

Exploring and discovering, encouraging and challenging, that's what Georgia 4-H is all about. As a program of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension System, 4-H is part of the nationwide Extension network.

Georgia 4-H, a partner in public education, is youth and adults learning, growing and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary.

4-H activities and programs are designed with kids in mind. It's a place for young people to interact with sharing adults. 4-H is made up of large groups of enthusiastic and motivated kids, in an environment which builds pleasant memories. It is an assembly of teenagers extending peer support rather than peer pressure in a forum to experience hands-on learning to produce a well-rounded person.

4-H'ers have the opportunity to learn by doing various 4-H projects. Each 4-H'er is encouraged to choose a project in the area of sports and recreation, sciences, human development, performing arts, public speaking, nutrition and health, or leadership. 4-H'ers practice what they have learned through various activities such as: local, district, state, and national project achievement competitions, judging team events, leadership development programs, community service activities, and special interest clubs.

Outstanding members can receive recognition, awards and college assistance scholarships. With a goal of providing boys and girls opportunities for achievement and community involvement, 4-H is one of the most personally rewarding experiences a young person can have.



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## 4-H at the Gwinnett County Fair

Active 4-H members in middle school and high school will receive an e-letter inviting them to sign-up in late August to work a shift at our 4-H Farm Friends Educational Exhibit. Working one or more shifts counts as a **single activity point**. Look for the e-letter to come from our 4-H Agent, Ms. Brittany.

Look for the big red barn between the children's rides and the arena/animal stalls. We have young and friendly farm animals. "Learning by doing" is our 4-H slogan, so don't be shy. Everyone is welcome!

Admission fee to the barn helps raise funds that cover our District Project Achievement and Judging Team competition fees. It also covers materials and supplies used at council meetings.

Nothing can replace the pride and connection you get from coming in and getting acquainted with our young farm animals.

## Youth Exhibit Entry Information

You may wish to enter an exhibit in the county fair. Visit the [gwinnettcountryfair.com](http://gwinnettcountryfair.com) website. Under [Fair Info](#), click on [Exhibits](#) for the 2024 Fair Exhibit Book which has information on exhibiting crafts and crops.

[Exhibit Application](#) [Rules and Entry Classes](#)

- \* Nine youth divisions, each with multiple categories
- \* Unlimited number of items per exhibitor may be entered, but only one item per class
- \* Prize money awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
- \* Exhibitor pre-registration is due by 5:00pm Friday, August 30
- \* Take-in of all items is Friday, September 6, between 12:00pm - 6:30pm at the fairgrounds (only use gate #1 off Davis Road)
- \* Pick-up your entered items on Tuesday, September 24 between 12:00pm-6:30pm at the fairgrounds (use gate #1 off Davis Rd.)
- \* Follow the rules!

Entering one item or more items will count as a **single activity point**.

## Why do Middle School members Want to Earn Activity Points?

Members working towards the Rewards Trip need to earn four activity points to go on the Rewards Trip, as well as: one Judging Team participation, DPA participation, and attendance at four meetings.

**Mission Make It** Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Rock Eagle \$5.00 day trip to Rock Eagle Cisco Damons our 4-H volunteer is taking a group down. Sign up at the Extension office. Medical forms and payment hold your place. Programing runs 9:00am-4:30pm at Rock Eagle. Van leaves 8:00am and returns 6:00pm.

### What are 4-H Clubs?

4-H clubs are available at the community, project, or special interest group level. Community 4-H clubs have a planned program that runs throughout the year and focuses on a variety of self-chosen learning experiences and activities. Examples include photography, robotics, gardening, animal science, ecology, textiles, and cooking. 4-H community clubs typically meet in the evenings or on the weekend. Each county offers a variety of programs. Project 4-H clubs also provide planned programs that run throughout the year and focus on one project area. Project 4-H clubs typically meet in the evenings or on the weekend. 4-H special interest groups are short-term, focus on a specific learning experience and are not limited to members of 4-H clubs

### Bring It In - Service Options Aluminum Pop Tabs

Last chance for this year to save aluminum pop tabs. We turn in the pop tabs annually in November at the Junior Conference. The large number of tabs that Georgia 4-H collects will make an impressive contribution to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Each Gwinnett 4-H participant in the 6th-12th grades will be credited \$.10 per ounce, which is awarded in voucher form applicable toward future 4-H events and activity fees in May of 2025.

### Old Eye Glasses

4-H'ers are collecting used eye glasses that will be donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind. Please bring your donations to the next Council meeting.

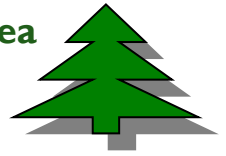


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## Gwinnett 4-H Forestry Team is in the August Training, Mock for June & August, and Area Competition



Learn about different trees

Identify bugs, diseases, and conditions that affect trees

Improve or discover your accuracy by walking off measurements and pacing

Learn how to estimate the board feet of lumber in a live standing tree using a scale stick, two eye-balled glances at 66 feet from the base of the tree using a volume table.

August training dates: Tues, August 6th, **Monday August 12th**, Tuesday, August 20th, and August 27th. 2nd floor conference room 4-H office building. Area Competition on Tuesday, September 3rd in Conyers, GA. 2:00pm to 9:00pm **Sign up by August 5th** Competition limits our 5th-8th grader participation to 20, and 9th-12th to 20 additional participants.

**Next Judging Team is Consumer Judging; Practice 6:30pm – 8:00pm Starting Tuesday, Oct. 1st, then Monday Oct. 7th, and the final three Tuesdays in October, the 15th, 22nd and 29th. Area Competition estimated time is 2:00pm - 9:00pm, November 4 in Gainesville, GA Sign up now– Sept 20th!**

**Do you like to shop?** Improve your skills in comparison shopping! Learn what to look for, how to spot the best deal, and how to logically state reasons for why this product in a particular class is the best for the situation scenario given. Four Product Studies for 2024: Laptops, Sandals, Energy Drinks and Fitness Equipment . Use the link for you guide; [2024 GA 4-H Consumer Judging Study Guide](#)

**Do you like to act?** Here is a quick, creative, and fun part of this competition. Props and/or costumes can be used by all grades.

- 30-second Cotton Commercial with 22" x 14" poster, Grades 4-8
- 90-second Cotton Advertisement (no poster), Grades 9-12

(Why cotton? The cotton industry sponsors this competition and donates prizes.)

Each of the first four Tuesday night practices focuses on one of the product studies. Cotton Commercial or Advertisement is developed with check points at practices. Final practice is our mock competition with cotton commercial / dress rehearsal. Annual paperwork, if not in yet, is due on sign up. No cost to you for registration,

# Gwinnett County Fair Registration Form

One (1) person per form



**Adult**     **Youth—Grade** \_\_\_\_\_    **Master number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For Office Use Only)

A description of your items must be on your form. Example of a photo entry description: Lady sitting on a horse in a field of yellow flowers. See detailed example below of how to complete this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_    Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_    City \_\_\_\_\_    Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

	Ticket #	Division	Class	Brief Description of Item
EX.	12345	Division 4 Adult Crafts	Class 329 Jewelry- Pink and green Beads	Necklace with red, white and blue beads.
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