



# Fifth Grade, & Friends Newsletter

## Welcome 2023-2024 School Year!

# Gwinnett 4-H Connection

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 5th Grade Family and Friends 4-H Council

August 10. Meet in person at Rhodes Jordan Park Community Building. First or second Thursday of most months. 6:30PM-8:00PM  
Allow for your travel time.

#### Meeting dates:

August 10	September 7	October 12
November 9	December 7	January 11
February 8	March 14	April 11
May 2		

Everyone in all grades must complete an Enrollment Form to participate:

[New Member Enrollment](#)  
[Returning Member Enrollment](#)

#### Forestry Judging Sign-up until August 3

5-12 grades Mock Judging 8-29-23, then Area Competition Sep. 2023 4-H State Competition for top 9-12 graders, 09-30-23 Location TBA

#### Consumer Judging Sign Up

Practice every Tuesday Sept 26 and first 4 Tuesday nights in October. Mock Competition final practice before Area Competition November 2023. Top two 9-12 grade teams at Area Competition move on to State

#### Poultry Judging Sign Up in February

Practice every Tuesday in March and two in April, but not spring break. April -Area Competition TBA

**Wildlife Judging** Sign Up in January. Spring Break Camp and Practices Wednesdays in March and April. State Competition at Rock Eagle in April or May.

**DPA** Sign Up now for our Poster Speaking Contest. 4-6th compete Saturday, February 10, 2024.

#### JOIN 4-H Today!

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## Welcome to Gwinnett County 4-H!

4-H events and programs are offered with the understanding that you have a “challenge by choice” opportunity.

### Opportunities for Council Members

What	Who	When	2023 Cost
Rock Eagle Camp There are other camps	4-6th Grade (see below) For 6-8; 7-8, and 9-12	TBA June-July 2024	\$435
5th Grade DPA Poster Speaking Contest	4-6th Grade compete separately the same day	Saturday, February 10th 2024	Club covers cost
Judging Teams: Forestry, Consumer, Poultry, & Wildlife	5-12th Grade	Throughout the school year	Club covers cost
Council Meetings	K-8th Grade	1st or 2nd Thursdays of the month	No cost
Horse Club	5-12th Grade	2nd Tuesdays of the month	No cost
2024 Rewards Trip	5-8th Grade Requirements are grade level specific	TBA,	\$25 with completed requirements

\* See page three for upcoming field trip in October

**5th grade Reward's Trip qualifications are reached by completing any two squares and following Gwinnett Meeting & Event Behavior Guidelines. 5th graders can mix and match Meetings & Activities to total one square with dates on four lines in these two boxes.**

Attend 4 meetings: _____ _____	Train and Compete on a 4-H Judging Team. _Forestry, _Consumer, _Poultry, _Wildlife
Compete at District Project Achievement winter date _____ My Topic : _____	Any 4 other 4-H Activities : _____ _____

**Bring It In—Service Options**

**Pop Tabs**

Keep saving 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 2024.

**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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## Active 5th Grade 4-H Members and 2024 Rewards Trip Requirements

Complete two of the steps outlined below:

- 1) DPA: <https://georgia4h.org/programs/project-achievement/> **All project areas need to be approved before work begins.**
- 2) Attend at least four monthly Council Meetings (ten options).
- 3) Participate on one Judging Team (four are available - see dates below).
- 4) Select any four other 4-H activities:
  - Enter a project to the Gwinnett County Fair
  - Participate in 4-H sponsored community service activity outside the Council
  - Serve as a Leader providing a hands on craft or activity in the first 15 minutes of our new multilevel Council meeting.
  - Participate in Horse Club
  - Recruit a new member to attend four or more council meetings and join 4-H
  - More Activity opportunities will be added throughout the school year



### Judging Teams

You must attend trainings and competition to receive a judging team credit. Judging teams have four/five practices and a Mock Competition before traveling to competition. Some competitions will require checking out early from school in order to make the registration and start time.

Team	Training Time	Area Competition Date
Forestry	June, and August 2023	September 2023
Consumer	October 2023	November 2023
Poultry	March 2024	Late April or Early May 2024
Wildlife	April 2024	Late April or May 2024 @ Rock Eagle

Click the links on page one, in green left hand menu for more info on each Judging Team with its Training information

### Horse Club Meetings Dates

Meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the Gwinnett Annex Building or Dr. Chandler's Barn

Sep. 12	Oct. 10	Nov. 7
Dec. 12	Jan. 9	Feb. 13
Mar. 12	Apr. 9	May 14

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## October Break Field Trip

- **Who:** Active 4-H members 5-12th grade
- **Where:** The Georgia State Fair in Perry, Ga
- **When:** Friday, October 6th
- **Cost:** \$30 per person, includes transportation, entry, and ride band



Sign-up by the September council meeting. Detail flyer coming soon.

## Interested in Horses?

- **Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month**
- **Led by Ms. Rachel and 4-H volunteer Ms. Kaitlyn**
- **Learn and participate in horse related activities with others**
- **You are not required to own a horse or know how to ride to join**
- **Next meeting Tuesday, September 12th**



# Gwinnett Meeting and Event Behavior Guidelines

These are the 4-H Gwinnett Meeting and Event Behavior Guidelines that you will be expected to follow.

Behavior not accepted at 4-H meetings and events:

- ✘ Usage of curse words
- ✘ Discussions of inappropriate topics: if it is not appropriate to say in front of your grandparents, it is not appropriate for 4-H
- ✘ Interruptions by talking throughout a meeting or event
- ✘ Use of cell phones during a meeting or event
- ✘ Breach of **Code of Conduct** rules



4-H'ers will receive a 'strike' for each behavioral issue according to the following policy:

- 4-H'ers may have no more than three strikes against them in order to attend the Rewards Trip.
- If a 4-H'er has more than three strikes, they will not be invited on the trip. If behavior strikes are issued during a rewards trip, parents will be called to pick up their child early from the trip.
- The strike system will run from the day after the Rewards Trip to the next year's Rewards Trip for Seniors (for example: August 1, 2023 – approx. July 31, 2024).
- Strikes may be redeemed (see below).

To redeem behavior strikes, the 4-H'er must exhibit exemplary behavior in any of these areas:

- ✪ Sharing at a project club
- ✪ Helping at providing and leading activity or craft at Council
- ✪ Helping at with younger member level programming
- ✪ Assisting as a teen leader on a younger level field trip
- ✪ Helping as a teen leader at Cloverleaf DPA
- ✪ Office assistance to 4-H Staff (for preparation of events)