



FOCUS ON 4-H



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ENROLL IN LAMAR COUNTY 4-H TODAY!

I am so excited to announce that the link to enroll in the 2026-2027 Lamar County 4-H Program is now available! Please complete the Google form to enroll at



<https://rebrand.ly/LamarCounty4-HEnrollment>. Once you are enrolled, your parent will receive an email with links to other forms that

you may need to participate in Lamar County 4-H program. Welcome to an awesome year with Lamar County 4-H!

4-H DAY AT THE GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

Lamar County 4-H will attend "4-H Day at the Georgia National Fair" on October 16, 2026. We'll leave the Lamar County Extension/4-H office at 10:30 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. There are thirteen (13) spaces on the bus. The 4-H'ers who wish to attend must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. The day will include a short program with games, prizes, giveaways, and then you're off to have more fun at the fair! For the day, there will be items for sale: unlimited ride wristbands (\$30), food vouchers (\$5, \$10 and \$20), and t-shirts (\$12), however these items must be pre-paid at the Lamar County Extension/4-H office by September 14 before 5:00 p.m.

To register to attend this event, **please complete one form per participant at**

<https://rebrand.ly/4-HDayattheGANF> or scan the QR Code. The deadline to register and pay is September 14 before 5:00 p.m. Registration will close on September 14 or when the 13 spaces have been filled.



LAMAR COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



ARTIST: LEE
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LEFT CHEST
22.5" X 3.25" W
WHITE INK

FULL BACK
12.5" X 11.5" W
UNDERBASE
PINK 66% PINK
KELLY GREEN
BLACK PINK



The Lamar County 4-H Program is having a t-shirt fundraiser to bring awareness to breast cancer. ALL the proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to United in Pink (<https://unitedinpink.org/>). This organization is Central Georgia's breast cancer family resource provider of emotional, social, and financial support for individuals and their families. **The shirts are short sleeves and are 100% cotton. The cost for the shirt is \$25. The t-shirt comes in adult sizes Small through 4X.**

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, please place your order using the google form at <https://rebrand.ly/T-Shirt-Fundraiser> by September 28 before 5:00 p.m. Cash and checks made payable to **Lamar County Extension** are the accepted forms of payment. For more information, please call us at 770-358-5163. Thank you!



LAMAR COUNTY 4-H

MINIBOOTH COMPETITION

Enter the Lamar County 4-H minibooth Competition for a chance to win ribbons and prizes. The top four minibooths will be entered into the Georgia National Fair for a chance to win ribbons and cash prizes! The deadline to enter and submit your entry to the Lamar County 4-H office is **September 11 before 4:30**

p.m. For more details, please contact Ms. Jackson at 770-358-5163.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved in Your Community!

POPTAB COLLECTION

The Lamar County 4-H program collects pop tabs year-round for its annual community service. The pop tabs will be recycled, and the proceeds will benefit local families and Ronald McDonald House charities. Please bring your pop tabs to the Lamar County 4-H office by **November 6, 2026**! Please call us at 770-358-5163 if you would like more information.

STREAM CLEAN-UP*

Saturday, October 24

8:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Join other volunteers as we clean litter and trash found near waters that flow through the Flint River watershed! After a short safety briefing, we will spend some time cleaning up. Afterwards, we'll head for a pizza lunch, door prizes and picture taking! This activity is limited to 3rd – 12th grade 4-H'ers and one of their parents. Volunteers need to wear comfortable outdoor clothes, bug spray, tall waterproof boots and gloves.

Mr. Roy Morris, UGA Certified Volunteer, will lead this event for Lamar County 4-H and transport participants to and from this event on the 4-H bus. Transportation will leave from the Lamar County Extension/4-H office at 8:15 a.m. and return at 1:45 p.m. If you are interested in participating, complete one form per participant at: <https://forms.gle/C5Jpmh47MMGhtN7RA> before **Friday, October 2**.



LAMAR COUNTY 4-H OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to the Lamar County 4-H Open House on September 16 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Barnesville-Lamar County Library. Learn about our exciting activities for 1st–12th graders including art, shooting sports, camp, public speaking, drama, crocheting, and more. Also, learn about teen leadership opportunities, and career workshops we offer throughout the school year!



GEORGIA 4-H HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

Georgia 4-H is pleased to announce its annual "Georgia 4-H Foundation Holiday Card Contest". The first-place winner will receive \$100 and will have his or her artwork displayed on the cover of the 2026 Holiday Card. The holiday card will be sent to 4-H supporters to express our gratitude and well wishes! An entry form with more details can be found at:

<https://extension.uga.edu/content/dam/extension-county-offices/lamar-county/4h/Lamar-County-4-H-Holiday-Card-Contest%20Form-Final.pdf>

REPRESENT LAMAR COUNTY 4-H!!

Lamar County 4-H will attend the October 20, 2026 Lamar County Board of Commissioners Meeting in observance of National 4-H Week! We would like current 4-H'ers, 4-H alumni, 4-H parents and 4-H volunteers to attend in-person to show their support for Lamar County 4-H!

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Call us at 770-358-5163 by **October 13, 2026** to let us know if you will attend.



4-H CONSUMER JUDGING



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Do you want to learn how to save money while still getting what you want? Well, join the 4-H Consumer Judging Team! The 4-H Consumer Judging teaches you how to be a smart shopper. Team members also create a 30 or 90 second commercial about cotton! The team is open to eight 5th – 12th graders living or attending school in Lamar County, GA. Or, for those Lamar County 4-H'ers who submitted a "Change in Membership Form" for 2026-2027.

Practices will be held at the Lamar County Extension/4-H office from 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on the following days: September 23 and 30; October 7 and 21. An optional October 14 practice will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. because we are "going shopping". The final practices will be November 4 and 11. The 4-H Consumer Judging competition will be held on November 17 in



Perry. To join the team, please complete the following form by **September 8:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ConsumerJudgingTeam>

ENTER 4-H CONTESTS AT THE GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR!

If you are a registered 4-H'er in the Lamar County 4-H Program in grades 4-12, you may want to enter 4-H contests at the Georgia National Fair for cash prizes and ribbons! There are so many contests you can enter:



- Family Patriotic Scarecrow Contest
- Omelet Contest
- Public Speaking
- Instant Camera Photography Contest
- Wild Game Dish
- Homemade Ice Cream Contest and many more!

Rules for all contests can be found at:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=GeorgiaNationalFair&f=2026_4-H\(2\).pdf&cb=8D14B6B0](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=GeorgiaNationalFair&f=2026_4-H(2).pdf&cb=8D14B6B0)

Contact the Lamar County Extension/4-H office at 770-358-5163 for a registration form. Registration forms are due to the office by Monday, September 21.

NO-CARVE DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST!

We are excited to announce the 6th annual Barnesville-Lamar County Library and Lamar County 4-H "No-Carve Decorated Pumpkin Contest"! This contest is open to 1st-12th graders and adults (18+ who are not in high school) living or attending school in Lamar County, GA. Or, for those Lamar County 4-H'ers who submitted a "Change in Membership Form" for 2026-2027. An entry form must be completed and submitted electronically at: tinyurl.com/library4-Hpumpkindecocontest or, scan the QR Code.

No pumpkins will be accepted without prior registration. **The deadline to complete this form is October 3 by 11:59 p.m.** One youth and one adult "Best in Show" winner will receive a \$50 gift card. Winners will be announced via the Lamar County 4-H Facebook page on **October 19 at 7:00 p.m.** All the best!



WHO WANTS TO GO TO CAMP?!

4-H'ers, mark your calendars now! The 2027 dates for 4-H summer camp have been set and we know where we are going!

Cloverleaf Camp will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton from July 12-16 for 5th and 6th graders. **Adventure Quest Camp** will be held at Fortson 4-H

Center in Hampton, GA June 14-18 for 7th and 8th graders. **Wilderness Challenge Camp** will be held in the mountains at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega for 6th-8th graders June 21-25. **Senior Camp** will be held in the mountains at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega for 9th-12th graders June 28-July 2.

Cost information about each camp will be available in January 2027 (if not before)!

