



# 4-H Connections

## Madison County

August 2024

Welcome to the 2024-2025 4-H Year. Madison County 4-H has a rich history and loads of Madison County and University of Georgia resources to “Celebrate Your Achievements” by developing great STEAM, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math skills. Our upcoming activities will include exploring from the mountains to the seas, learning about nutrition and even helping solve environmental issues. Great hands-on experiences, such as these, help members gain knowledge and skills in public speaking, decision making and much more.

You may participate in some of these exciting opportunities by reading this newsletter! Madison County 4-H is all about great life-learning experiences. 4-H, as the largest youth organization in the nation, reaches students in 4th - 12th grades. Let’s get involved and “Celebrate Your Achievements” and aim for success with your bright future!



### Stay Connected!

**Website:**

<http://caes.uga.edu/extension/madison/>

**Facebook:**

@UGAExtensionMadisonCounty

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**Monthly Newsletter:** Passed out in club meetings, posted on our website, emailed to families

**Georgia 4-H:** [georgia4h.org](http://georgia4h.org) or [facebook.com/georgia4h](https://facebook.com/georgia4h)

### Announcements

**Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging...** This judging event teaches 4-H’ers how to observe, compare, and make decisions based on facts collected. It also provides experience in organizing thoughts and defending decisions with oral reasons. In this contest, youth will learn to rank articles or products over others based on standards and quality. 4-H’ers will evaluate consumer items and tell why they think one is better than the other. The Consumer Judging contest will take place in Conyers on October 29th with the following topics to judge: laptops, sandals, energy drinks, fitness equipment. Practices will be on Mondays at the 4-H office and will begin toward the end of August. Please call us at 706-795-2281 or email Susan ([sgoldman@uga.edu](mailto:sgoldman@uga.edu)) to let us know if you’d like to participate in this event.

**Project S.A.F.E. Target Sports!** We’ll offer three Project SAFE team opportunities this year—Archery, BB, and Shotgun. Students will learn important safety rules and practice target shooting. These teams will hold orientations with more information/requirements. The BB team (4th-9th graders), the Shotgun team (6th-12th grad-

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### 4-H Fundraiser



The Madison County 4-H Fruit Tree sale is our largest fundraising effort and will start up next month. Please help us by spreading the word to your family and friends.

We have several varieties to choose from.

Cloverleaf 4-H’ers can earn Reward Points if their name is listed on the order form.

More information will be emailed to your parents with a link to our website that will provide more information on the trees available to purchase.



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# 5th Grade Empowerment

**Clover Points—All 5th graders...All points are due in May of 2025.** All drop offs for points need to be at the 4-H office or in the 4-H box at the front of your school.

- Earn 5 points when you turn in your 4-H Friends book completed!
- Earn 1 point each time you wear a 4-H shirt (or any shirt that is at least 50% GREEN) or UGA shirt to club meetings. Show your SPIRIT!!
- Earn 2 points when you turn in the signed slip from your newsletter!

Everyone who signed their 4-H Information Form through school has already been awarded 2 Clover Points for signing up for our email list. If you haven't signed up or aren't sure if you have, please contact the 4-H Office ([uge1191@uga.edu](mailto:uge1191@uga.edu)) and let Carrie know to add your child to the list. Please provide an adult's email address.

## Middle School Mastery

### Mission Make-It (6th-8th graders)

Georgia 4-H is hosting *Mission Make-It: The Georgia 4-H Engineering Challenge*, held this year on Saturday, **September 14, 2024**, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center from 9am-4:30pm. Mission Make-It is an exciting educational, non-competitive event for middle school students to engage in the engineering design process, teamwork, and critical thinking. Our 2024 theme is...**We're Not Pollen Your Leg: Come Bee an Engineer!**

Youth will learn about the pollination process, some very important pollinators, and participate in two, exciting engineering design challenges! The cost of **\$10/person** includes lunch, facility fees, supplies, insurance, and transportation to Rock Eagle.

### Building Block Contest (6th-8th graders)

Using the theme Phenomenal Pollinators, youth will build one item using small brick building blocks and create a video about their experience. Entries must be in one category: (1) flowers or (2) pollinators, such as insects, birds, bats, and more. If you're interested in this challenge, please contact our office. Videos must be uploaded by October 1, 2024 and we can provide you all the information you need on doing this.



**MCMS September Club Mtg**  
Tuesday, September 10th

## High School Achievers

**MCMS September Club Mtg**  
No Date Set Yet

### Teen Leaders needed for Mission Make-It

If you're a current teen leader (certified for the 2024-2025 school term) interested in helping out at Mission Make-It, please let us know by Monday, August 19th. A limited number of teen leaders will be selected to serve in leadership roles. If you are accepted, the cost of Mission Make-It will be covered.

### Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC)

SRTLTC will take place in Tennessee from Thursday, September 19, through Sunday, September 22. This is an awesome opportunity to embark with teen from Georgia and other states, learning more leadership skills! The registration fee is \$360 and due by August 22nd.

**Return** this signed portion of the Clover Connection verifying that you and your parents read the newsletter to receive points.

**August 2024**

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