

OCTOBER 2024

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6	7	8 Middle School Club Mtg Cloverleaf Conference	9	10	11 4-H Day at the Fair	12
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20	21 Comer Elementary Club Mtgs	22 Hull/Sanford Elementary Club Mtgs	23 Colt Academy Club Mtgs	24 High School Club Mtg Final Rough Draft for Project Achievement Due!	25	26
27	28	29 Bridgeway Academy Club Mtgs Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Competition	30	31		

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

NOVEMBER 2024
 9-10
 Junior Conference
 9
 Harvest Festival
 15-17
 Equestrian Drill Team Competition
 29-29
 Thanksgiving Holiday, offices closed

DECEMBER 2024
 14-15
 Fall Forum
 14
 State FFA & 4-H Rabbit Show
 25-31
 Christmas Holiday, offices closed

JANUARY 2025
 1
 New Years Holiday, offices closed
 3
 Final Copy of Completed Portfolio DUE for Project Achievement
 25
 State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl

FEBRUARY 2025
 8
 Cloverleaf Project Achievement
 19-22
 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show
 21-23
 Equestrian Drill Team Competition
 25
 4-H Day at the Capitol



SCAN ME

To visit the 4-H web page!

NE District Sweatshirts on sale NOW!!

If you'd like to order a sweatshirt/hoodie, contact us by September 26th. Hoodies are \$45 and crew neck sweatshirts are \$40.



4-H Connections

Madison County

September 2024

Announcements

Upcoming Fair Exhibits! Start finalizing your craft projects/canned good entries for the **Madison County Fair**. Contact us for a packet with more information on what you can enter or visit our website. For Juniors & Seniors...your Fair mini booth should be turned in to our office no later than Friday, September 20th. We're still meeting on Thursdays to work on our Fair Booth (theme: "Tailgate 4-H Project Achievement") from 5pm-6pm at the 4-H Office. **Georgia National Fair (10/2-10/12)** contests...please contact our office if you'd like more information. Each 4-H'er is responsible for registering and preparing for these events as well as transportation to and from. Deadline is September 19th!

River's Alive Clean Up Day! The Keep Madison County Beautiful River's Alive program is scheduled for September 28, 2024 beginning at 9am at the South Fork Broad River off of Fred Goss Rd. We'll meet at the paved clearing at the curve in the road (formerly Mill Pond area). Look for the signs! Bring gloves and wear closed toe shoes and old clothes. Trash bags, bug spray, and safety information will be provided. Our 4-H goal is to lead our community in environmental stewardship of the watershed through education, volunteerism, and recycling.

Horse Quiz Bowl Practices Start October 24th! Calling all horse enthusiasts! Horse Quiz Bowl will start up soon. This competition teaches students all about horses—care, health, feeding, housing, etc. Practices are held on Thursdays (3:30pm-5pm) and the State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Competition is on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Reach out to us if you're interested.

Awards Program! Save the Date of Sunday, October 27th for our 2023-2024 Awards Program. District and State competitors will receive an invitation with all the details.

Superlatives...6th-12th Graders are encouraged to complete a checklist for an upcoming award. It's based on points earned on that checklist for Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards. Think back on all of your accomplishments from last year (2023-2024 Academic Year) and contact us for a packet.

Club Officers... Each year, 5th-8th grade 4-H'ers are given the opportunity to campaign for various club officer positions (President, Vice President, or Secretary). Make sure you've discussed this with your parents & teachers if you want to run. Officer training is scheduled for Monday, September 30th, and will be held at the Board of Education.

Holiday Card Contest...All 4-H youth are encouraged to design a December holiday card for the Georgia 4-H Foundation, which will be sent to 4-H supporters to express our gratitude and well wishes. Top prize is \$100! Entries are due to our office by October 4, 2024 and must hand drawn (no digitally created entries accepted). If you weren't given an entry form and are interested, please call Carrie at 706-795-2281.



Stay Connected!

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<http://caes.uga.edu/extension/madison/>
Facebook:
 @UGAExtensionMadisonCounty
Instagram:
 @madico_extension
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Cloverleaf Corner

Cloverleaf Conference—4th-6th Graders

Cloverleaf Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, **October 8, 2024** from 4pm-7:45pm at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center. This is a chance for Cloverleaf 4-H'ers to come together to meet new friends and have a fun, learning experience! Classes will be taught by older 4-H'ers.

Teen Leaders are needed for Cloverleaf Conference. If you're interested, please reach out to us by 5pm on September 27th.

Registration fee is \$20 and covers pizza, supplies, transportation, and insurance. Sign up at the 4-H Office by **Tuesday, October 1st.**



GEORGIA
4-H NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Cloverleaf Conference is for 4-H'ers in the 4th-6th grades.

CLOVERLEAF CONFERENCE
ROCK EAGLE
OCT. 8, 2024
4:00-7:45

Cloverleaf Conference is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to come together and meet new friends. This event is full of fun and new learning experiences. We'll have exciting classes, a pizza party, games and recreation all at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Clover Points—All 5th graders...All points are due May 1, 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!
- Earn 5 points for bringing items in for the Food Drive
- Earn 5 points for submitting a craft exhibit in the Madison County Fair (turn in on 9/20 or 9/21)

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

Junior Power

MCMS October Club Mtg
Tuesday, October 8th

Junior Conference—November 9-10

6th-8th grade and **selected teen leaders** from 9th-12th grades can register for all the fun at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center Junior Conference. Registration is \$100.00 and includes Saturday lunch and dinner, lodging, Sunday breakfast, and transportation. Deadline to register is Thursday, October 24, 2024. Drops after Friday, October 25th, will incur a \$30.00 cancellation fee. Spaces are limited so sign up NOW!

Senior Excitement

MCHS October Club Mtg
Thursday, October 24th

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

September 2024

4-H'er signature (you) _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

School Club _____

4-H Fundraisers



4-H

FRUIT TREE SALE FUNDRAISER

Support the Madison County 4-H!
Order deadline is Friday, November 15, 2024.

Visit <https://t.uga.edu/6i5> or call the Madison County Extension office at 706.795.2281



Our annual fruit tree fundraiser is here! Please share this information with family and friends. The proceeds we receive from sales helps us fund programs. Rewards Points can be earned by 4th and 5th grade 4-H'ers which helps them earn a reward trip at the end of the year. Scan the QR code above with your smartphone for more information.

Please support us by placing an order at <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5630443.50c96aa> and telling your friends and family about it. Online orders will be shipped shortly after the order is placed.

Proceeds allow us to continue our programming and help offset the cost our 4-H'ers pay for competitive, judging, and educational events.



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Project Achievement helps develop skills for a lifetime. You choose a project area that interests you. Once you do that, you research your topic, write, and present a presentation. The process develops leadership, creativity, public speaking, record keeping, and communication skills.

Cloverleaf DPA...Scheduled for February 8, 2025 in Newton County. If you would like to compete, please reach out and schedule an appointment to plan your presentation.

6th Grade / Junior / Senior DPA Portfolio and Presentations...District Project Achievement is **March 7-9, 2025** at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center. **Showcase/Dress Rehearsal** is on **Sunday, March 2, 2025**. 6th graders are not required to have a portfolio but will need to resent their project (similar to Cloverleaf Project Achievement).

Steps to take NOW!

1. Choose your project area
2. Set up an appointment with us (call 706-795-2281)

Dates to Save (Junior/Senior ONLY)!

- 09/26/2024—Workshop & 2nd rough draft (3:30-5pm)
- 10/24/2024—Final Rough Draft (Mandatory)
- 11/21/2024—1st Support Page Workshop
- 12/19/2024—2nd Support Page Workshop
- 01/3/2025—Final Copy of Completed Portfolio Due



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