



4-H Connections

Madison County

September 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 4-H Year. Our program is 4-H RICH, REACH new horizons, INVOLVE inclusive and safe participation, CONNECT with peers and caring adults, and HOPE challenges become positive impacts. These same elements have given Madison County 4-H its rich 100+ year history and great hands-on experiences helping 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!! You can sign up through online surveys accessible through our website, at the office on signup sheets or by calling 4-H office at 706-795-2281 for all events!

Reaching, involving, connecting, and hoping, that's what Madison Co.4-H is all about! 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the country and is part of the UGA Program. Madison Co. 4-H'ers develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills through independent project work, group activities, community service and meeting work. We are also truly rich in that we are supported by our Madison County Board of Education and your teachers.



Stay Connected!

Website:

<https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/madison/4-h-youth-development.html>

Facebook:

@UGAExtensionMadisonCounty

Monthly Newsletter: Passed out in club meetings and posted on our website

Georgia 4-H: georgia4h.org or facebook.com/georgia4h

Opportunities at a Glance

Equestrian & Project Clubs—all year

Project Achievement—Aug-Mar

Consumer Judging—Sept-Nov

Horse Quiz Bowl—Oct-Jan

Wildlife Judging—Jan-Apr

Hippology—Feb-Apr

Poultry Judging—Feb-May

Summer Camp—Jun/Jul

S.A.F.E. Shooting Sports—call the office for more information

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October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 County Council applications Due HPCC Club Mtgs	2 Hull Club Mtgs	3 Tech Team Retreat (Oct 3-4)
4 Equestrian Drill Team	5 Comer Club Mtgs	6 Colbert Club Mtgs Consumer Judging	7 Colt Club Mtgs	8 Ila Club Mtgs GA National Fair Livestock Shows (Oct 8-11) Lamb, Goat and Cattle	9	10
11 MS/HS Kick-off Equestrian Drill Team	12	13 Consumer Judging	14	15 GA National Fair Livestock Shows (Oct 15-18) Pig Shows Elberton County Fair (Oct 15-25)	16	17
18 Equestrian Drill Team	19	20 MCMS Club Mtgs Consumer Judging	21	22 STEM Challenge	23	24
25 Equestrian Drill Team	26	27 Consumer Judging	28 MCHS Club Mtgs	29 HPCC Club Mtgs	30 Hull Club Mtgs	31



AWARD CELEBRATION

The 2019-2020 Virtual Awards Cloverleaf, Junior and Senior Celebration were announced on September 14, 2020! Come to the 4-H office to pick up your awards packets!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF

All 6th-12th grade students and their families are invited to our 4-H RICH kick-off on Sunday, October 11, 2020 from 7pm-9pm. During this event, we will listen to board campaign speeches, elect officers and enjoy a movie and games. Prepackaged popcorn and canned drinks will be provided but students can bring their own pre-packaged movie snacks for their own enjoyment.

SOUTHERN REGION TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SRTLTC)

A virtual event for students 14-18 years old!

The virtual Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference is scheduled for the evenings of September 24 and 25 then throughout the day on September 26. There is no cost to participate but students will be able to purchase "SRTLTC swag". Please mark your calendar for this event as we look forward to making it one to remember in 2020! Read more at: <https://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/citizenship/military-programs/schedule-of-events/southern-region-teen-leadership-conference/>.

FRUIT TREE SALE

Our 4-H Fundraiser

The Madison County Extension Office and 4-H annual fundraiser is happening now! Several varieties are available. Visit <https://t.uga.edu/6i5> for more information.



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Look What's COMING UP

MADISON COUNTY, GEORGIA NATIONAL AND ELBERTON FAIRS—September & October

Madison County and Livestock Shows (September 22-26; Georgia National Fair Livestock Shows (October 8-11/15-18) and Elberton Fair Exhibits (October 10)

Start working on those craft projects, canned goods, etc. so you will have a good showing!!! Contact our office for more details. K—12th graders...bring completed fair project entry exhibits to MC Fair at 2pm-6pm on Fri., September 18th or 2pm-5pm on Sat., September 19th and 7th—12th graders bring project mini-booths on Sat., September 19th as well!

EQUESTRIAN DRILL TEAM—beginning soon!

Held Sundays at 3:00pm at Dancing Tree Farms for members.

WATSON MILL STATE PARK CLEANUP—September 26

We will work on the barns and campground area at the park. Meet in the Equestrian parking lot at 8:45am and bring gloves, bug spray, and any tools you prefer to use. The park staff are not allowed to serve lunch so bring a sack lunch/snack with you. They will have bottled water available.

SCHOOL OFFICERS— October Club Meeting Election

5th-12th grade 4-H'ers...it is time to campaign and begin training for elected students. See flyer for details.

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST—September 30 deadline

Check the flyer for more details.

NATIONAL 4-H STEM CHALLENGE



This annual initiative inspired youth everywhere to take an interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through hands-on learning. This year's fun, accessible challenge involves Mars and will show how STEM skills can be applied to the world around you. Save the date of Thursday, October 22, 2020! Students can drop in to experience STEM exhibits from 4:00-6:30pm.

PROJECT SAFE



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 in the upcoming months. The BB team is open to 4th-9th graders, the Shotgun team is open to 7th-12th graders and the Archery team is only to 4th-12th graders. Be on the lookout for more information.

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

September 2020

4-H'er signature (you) _____
School Club _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

EVENTS FOR ALL GROUPS

COUNTY COUNCIL— Applications Due Oct. 1st

Are you interested in serving on the County Council? Applications can be picked up at the Middle and High Schools or the 4-H office. Deadline to apply is October 1st and campaigning will be during the 4-H Kick-off on October 11th. All candidates must prepare a 1 minute campaign speech with a poster (no larger than 1/2 poster board).

HORSE QUIZ BOWL & CONSUMER JUDGING—Beginning soon!

Weekly study practices will begin September 22 for Consumer Judging. Please call to sign up and check flyers for more details. Information on the Horse Quiz Bowl will be coming out soon.

PIONEER HARVEST FESTIVAL EXHIBIT—November 7

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Partners in Agriculture sponsor the festival and 4-H will have an exhibit.

JUNIOR CONFERENCE—November 7-8

6th-8th grade, as well as selected teen leaders from 9th-12th grades, can register for all the fun at "Decode Decades" Rock 4-H Center Junior Conference. Sign up by September 25th for the \$70 early bird sponsored fee.

DISTRICT PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT PORTFOLIO DEADLINE —

Call the 4-H office to pick up a packet to help out with this process required for Junior/Senior District Project Achievement competitors. Remember to keep a detailed record of all events you have been involved in and ones you are using for project sharing! Final completed portfolio is due Friday, December 18th. No late portfolios! Call the 4-H office for other important dates.

CLUB NEWS

4TH-6TH GRADES—Cloverleaf

Cloverleaf points...you should receive a pamphlet at your classroom meeting. This Cloverleaf Point Pamphlet explains the items we collect toward a reward trip at the end of March. Your leaders will go over this during your club meeting. Be sure to take it home for your parents to review and sign. Once it is signed by your parents and 4-H leaders, this becomes your record of points you earn. All points are due Monday, April 26, 2021. **New this year!!** 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.

7TH-8TH GRADES—Junior 4-H'ers

Junior Points...you should receive a pamphlet at your meeting. This Junior Point

Pamphlet explains point earning activities toward the reward trip at the end of March. Be sure to take it home for your parents to review and sign. All points are due Monday, April 26, 2021. **New this year!!** 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.

9TH-12TH GRADES—Senior 4-H'ers

Certified Teen Leader Name Tags...if you have been trained as a Certified Teen Leader and would like to purchase a nametag, come in and pay the \$10 fee. Remember that these nametags are for you to wear at County, District or State events. Orders and money are due October 1.

SEPTEMBER DATES

September 14
Award Celebration

September 22
Food Challenge Video Submissions Due

September 22-28
Madison County Fair Exhibits

September 24-26
Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference

September 26
Watson Mill State Park Cleanup

September 29
State Food Challenge Winning Teams Announced

CONGRATULATIONS

We take this time to show how proud we are of our 4-H'ers and their accomplishments!



MADISON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW 4-H'ERS—

Congratulations for great showmanship at local and state shows that were recently held. Please send photos of your events to dwofford@uga.edu!

MADISON COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING—4-H'ers competed

at the State 4-H Virtual Junior Livestock Judging Contest. *Emily Strickland* was high individual for the entire contest and the Madison County 4-H Juniors were named as Champions of the contest for the teams. Congratulations to *Emily and Robert Strickland, Mallory and Morris Lee and Maggie Moon!*

NORTHEAST DISTRICT STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE—

Parker Varnadoe was recently elected to the State 4-H Board of Directors at a virtual State Council. This four-day series included the campaigns, voting and election of new state officers. To view the full online series, go to youtube.com/Georgia4h.

STATE CONGRESS HONOREES—*Parker Varnadoe* placed 1st

in the Performing Arts-General project and was recognized as a Master 4-H'er. *Kaylie Goldman* placed 4th in the Workforce Preparation and Career Development project.

MADISON COUNTY 4-H POULTRY JUDGING SENIORS—Our

Senior 4-H'ers competed in the State 4-H Virtual Poultry Judging Contest. *Clayton Adams* was named as the 5th high individual and *Sophie Merka* was named as the 10th high individual for the contest. **MADISON COUNTY 4-H SENIORS NAMED AS THE RESERVE CHAMPION TEAM—** Congratulations to *Clayton Adams, Sophie Merka, Alyssa Goldman and Kaylie Goldman.*

STATE 4-H VIRTUAL HORSE SHOW DEMONSTRATION—

Congratulations to *Sophie Merka* for being named the Champion for this event!

NATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL—*Parker Varnadoe* was named as

a 3rd place winner for this event. Congratulations!

DISTRICT FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST—Congratulations to

our 1st place 7th-8th Grade Junior and 2nd place 9th-12th Grade Senior 4-H'ers for moving on to the State Food Challenge. Our 7th-8th Grade Team (*Harper Clarke, CA Duncan, and Abbigail Parham*) and 9th-12th Grade Team (*Tyler Guest, Sophie Merka, Michelle Perry, and Elise Sparks*) did a great job!

