



Pulaski County 4-H Youth Development Sponsorship/Donor Opportunities

Pulaski County 4-H wouldn't be where we are without the support of our local schools, businesses, and farmers. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization offering experiential learning experiences for today's youth. Georgia 4-H is a part of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and the Colleges of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences. There are many opportunities for the people of Pulaski County to help us continue to deliver quality youth development programming, such as 4-H Camp, Summer Experiences, Project Achievement, and State 4-H Council.

4-H Camp: Georgia's 4-H summer camping program, administered through the county offices of UGA Cooperative Extension, offers a 4-H summer camping experience unparalleled in the nation. Over 8,000 children ages 9-19, accompanied by over 1,000 adult and teen leaders, annually descend on each of Georgia's unique 4-H centers for a week of camp that will be reflected upon and cherished for years to come. Every camp offers great adventure, friendship, and fun, and all seek to develop the camper's Head, Heart, Hands and Health to make him or her a better person. Pulaski County will hold an essay contest for students with a financial hardship to win a chance for a summer camp scholarship.

Summer Experiences: Pulaski County 4-H also offers Summer Experiences for students to take advantage of when they're not attending school, without which many Pulaski County youth would never have such a fulfilling educational and fun opportunity. These day camps are held at various places in the state such as Splash in the 'Boro, Go Fish Education Center, and S.A.M. Shortline Railway. We are hoping to offer more opportunities in the summer of 2015, such as the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education or 4-H Tidelands Nature Center on Jekyll Island. Donations dedicated for field trips like these would help keep cost per student down and allow Pulaski County 4-H to offer new destinations in the future. We also hold local arts and crafts workshops, outdoor recreation days, and team-building experiences at our office or at various locations in Pulaski County. If you would like to host or sponsor a cookout, farm tour, or any other activity mentioned above, we will certainly welcome any opportunity.

Project Achievement: 4-H Project Achievement is a self-directed individual competition including presentations and, when age appropriate, a documented record of project work, leadership, and service, based on experiential learning activities. Youth beginning at age nine and continuing until nineteen have the opportunity to explore an area of interest and share their knowledge through a competitive process designed to meet youth development and age appropriate standards. Projects are offered in more than 50 different areas with nearly every topic of interest or educational area available for exploration and presentation. Junior and Senior 4-H'ers (7th through 12th grades) attend Project Achievement every February over a three-day period at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. Cloverleaf 4-H'ers (4th through 6th grades) attend a one-day competition in March at various locations in our district. As a reward for the hard work these 4-H'ers put forth in preparing for Project Achievement, these trips are offered to them at no cost.

State 4-H Council: State 4-H Council is the annual meeting of the Georgia 4-H Council. High school age youth participate in the election process including evaluation of candidates, voting for officers, and review of the Georgia 4-H Constitution including, as needed, amendments to the Constitution. Additionally, youth interact in workshop sessions, large group seminars, the Iron Clover competition, community service and other leadership opportunities.

Youth participate individually and in groups in learning initiatives selected each year. State 4-H Council also includes the annual Citizenship Ceremony, where any 4-H'er eligible to vote in the next election takes the citizenship oath, and the announcement of the newly-elected state 4-H officers. Students will explore opportunities of community relations and public service, and will describe the importance of thoughtful and effective participation in civic life.

4-H Club members all over the nation have gone on to become civic leaders, entertainers, politicians, and educators. These are just a few of the opportunities you have to help support the success of Pulaski County youth. Thank you for helping to do your part in the development of tomorrow's leaders. To learn more about Summer Camp, Project Achievement, or State 4-H Council, visit www.georgia4h.org. If you would like to support one of these or any other program through sponsorship or a charitable contribution, please contact our office at (478)783-1171 or e-mail us at uge2235@uga.edu.

