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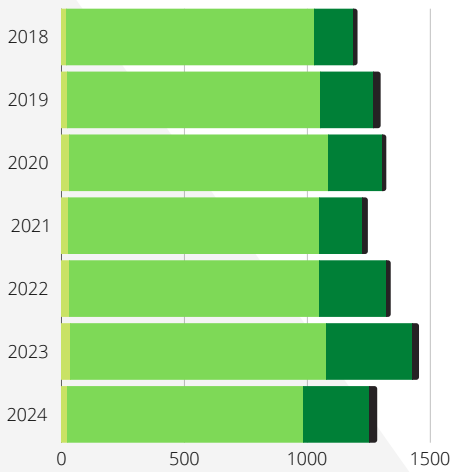
# WALKER COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



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**4-H Enrollment by Grade**

Light Green is Cloverbud (1-3)  
 Medium Green is Cloverleaf (4-6)  
 Dark Green is Junior (7-8)  
 Black is Senior (9-12)



4-H Staff meet **53 club meetings monthly** around the county both in-school and community settings.

**1st-12th** grade 4-H'ers meet at Cloverbud and Community 4-H Club meetings focusing on community service and science and are open to all youth in public/private schools & homeschools.

In-school **4th grade** 4-H'ers took part in a six month 4-H program focusing on Language Arts and Civic Education.

This year, **5th grade** students at **all** local elementary schools were served with a six month 4-H program focusing on Language Arts and Science.

In-school **6th grade** 4-H'ers participated in monthly educational meetings centered on Wildlife Habitats and Language Arts.

In-school **7th grade** 4-H'ers participated in monthly educational lessons on Financial Literacy topics. While in-school **8th grade** 4-H'ers focused on Life Skills.

# CLUB ENROLLMENT

# 1,284



# 4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT



## Cloverleaf (4th-6th grades)

**673** students presented a demonstration of their choice in county-based competition, 85 of those participated were invited to the district competition, Cloverleaf District Project Achievement, of which **57** competed with 82% placing in the top 3.

- 19 first place (district)
- 21 second place (district)
- 7 third place (district)

## Junior (7th-8th grades)

**9** students submitted written portfolios (resume-like) of work and skills learned during 2023. Portfolios counted for half of their total score in the contest. Those were able to present 10-12 minute speech demonstrations to judges at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in March at Junior District Project Achievement.

- 4 placed first (district)
- 2 placed third (district)

Senior 4-H'ers Jocelyn Putman and Grant Matteson head to State Congress this Summer.



# 80%

of all 4-H members presenting on district level placed in top 3



2023-2024 Walker County 4-H DawgBytes VEX IQ and VEX VRC Robotics Teams qualified & placed 12th and 18th at the Georgia VEX Robotics State Championships. The two teams included **14** members with 5 volunteer coaches. They won regional Excellence Award, Judge's Award, as well as 2nd and 3rd place skills.



**37** students participated in local, district and state livestock events including chicken, heifer, steer, goat, doe and hog showing competitions.

**2** students excelled in 4-H/FFA livestock record book competitions with both placing **1st in the state**.

**8** competed in Cotton Boll Consumer Judging contest with the junior team placing 2nd at the district competition.



**14** competed on the Project SAFE BB Gun Rifle Shooting Team, and **10** in the Project SAFE .22 Rifle Shooting Team.

**3** competed in the Watermelon & Pumpkin Growing Contests.



# COMPETITION TEAMS



# CAMPS & CONFERENCES

Learning responsibility in a safe environment is a staple of 4-H activities.

**34** Walker County 4th-8th graders were able to attend the 4-H Camps across Georgia.

**31** students participated in 4-H summer programs including Field Trips.

**9** middle and high school 4-H'ers attended the Georgia 4-H State Junior Conference and State Senior Conference both at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.



**2X**

4-H'ers are two times more likely to participate in STEM activities and make healthy choices



Youth learn to be well-informed and engaged citizens through hands-on, learning experiences in 4-H.

Grant Matteson, LHS 9th grader, served as Georgia 4-H State Wildlife Ambassador.

Chyanne Martin, LMS 7th grader, was elected as Vice President for the 2024-2025 Northwest District 4-H Junior Board of Directors.

**5** students served as GA 4-H Certified Teen Leaders.

**3** students represented Walker County 4-H at the Farm Bureau Legislative Dinner.

**2** students represented Walker County 4-H at Walker County Ag Day teaching 3rd graders. **3** 4-H'ers taught at state-wide robotics training for 4-H staff professionals.



Gregory Hobbs, SRMS 8th grader, was invited to lead pledges at local Farm Bureau annual meeting as well as spoke at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents in Pittsburgh, PA on 4-H robotics.

Walker County 4-H is served by **18** adult Georgia 4-H Certified Volunteer Leaders.



# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**4-H Service for Seniors** project yielded 176 cards for nursing home and assisted residents in Walker County.

4-H served at the community **Kids Day** at Saddle Ridge handing out goodies to attendees and **4-H'er led food drive** for local families.

**4-H collaborated with Rossville Reads** to help serve during the summer and shared the Great 4-H Book Share found on YouTube.

Walker County 4-H members spent time with residents of the **Jimmy Simpson Foundation** as well as making crafts and cards to residents as well as for the local **Meals on Wheels** program.

4-H also hosted a **Pet Photo Contest** in Spring 2024 with 18 kids from across the county participating.

4-H partners to host the **Walker County Ag Festival** held each Fall.

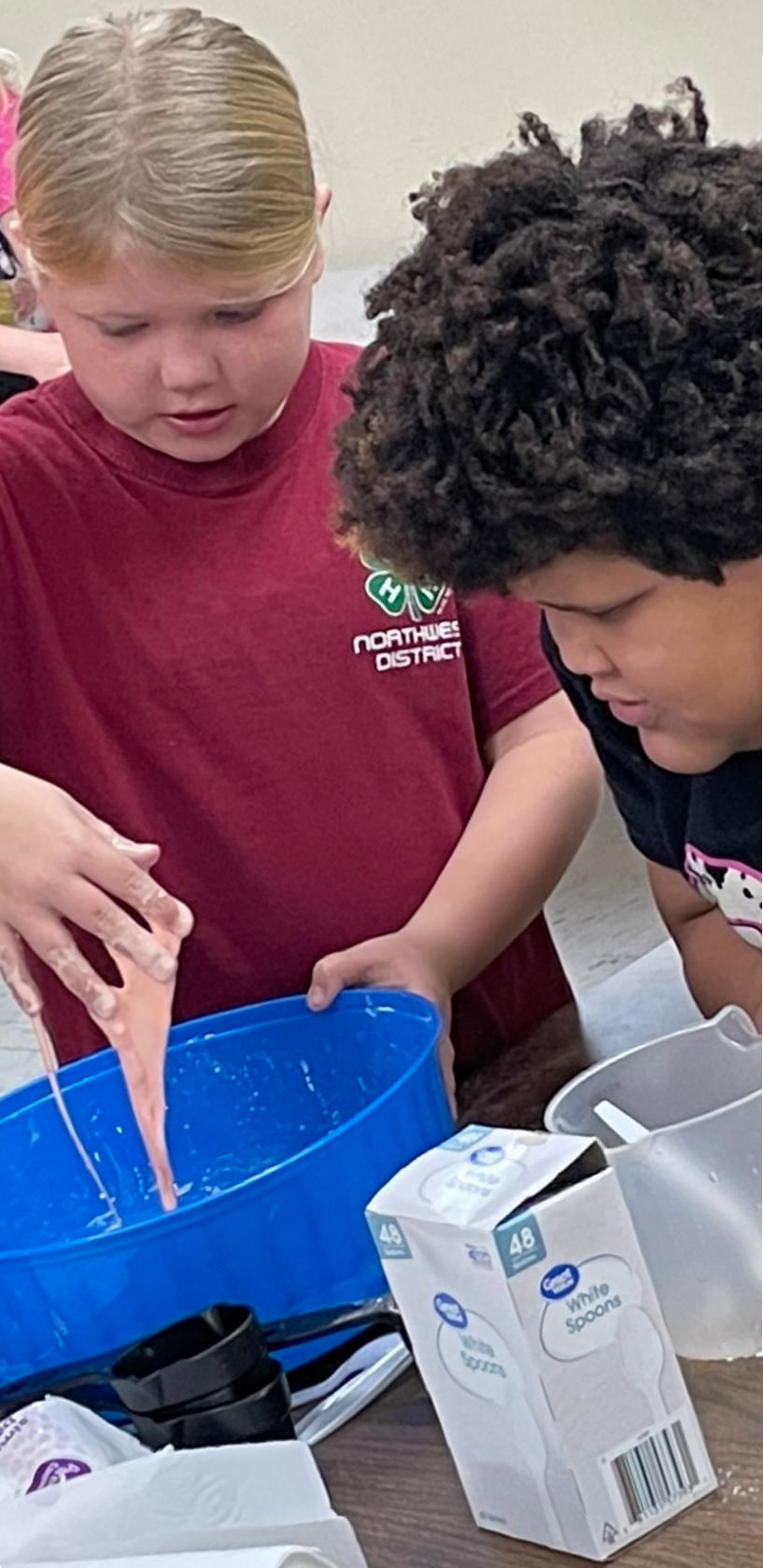


# 4X

4-H'ers are four times more likely to give back to their communities

# WALKER COUNTY

## 4-H



In 1914, the Smith Lever Act established the Cooperative Extension Service under the state's land grant universities. This service extends researched-based information from the university to the citizens of the county. County Extension Agents are faculty members of the university. Staff members are usually funded cooperatively through a variety of local and state entities.

Although we offer a multitude of local, state and national 4-H opportunities, the funding for Walker County 4-H programming comes from some state, county, school board, and grants.

Walker County 4-H is looking for new funding sources to maintain a free and low cost program for all Walker County youth.

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**Walker County 4-H, a partner in public education, is youth and adults, learning, growing and working together to experience and accomplish the extraordinary.**



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