



The 4-H Messenger

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4-H Holiday Service Project

Come spread holiday cheer as we help to raise money for local families in need by “ringing the bell” for the annual Holiday Kettle Drive. Athens Clarke County 4-H will man the kettle at Georgia Square Mall on Monday, December 23 from 10 am to 2 pm. Join middle school and high school 4-H’ers as we greet shoppers and highlight the spirit of giving. Students are encouraged to devote at least 30 minutes to this worthwhile activity. All money collected by the Holiday Kettle Drive remains in the community to assist families in need. Sign up for this activity in your club meeting or email Ms. Conway at: ebarber@uga.edu. Suggested times are as follows but you may come at the time most convenient for you and your family.



Coile and Hilsman Middle Schools.....10:00 am to noon
Burney Harris Lyons.....11:00 am to 1:00 pm
St Joseph’s and Clarke Middle Schools.....noon to 2:00 pm

For additional information regarding this service project you may email Ms. Conway at ebarber@uga.edu or telephone the 4-H office at (706) 613-3640.

The 4-H office will be closed December 24-January 1

4-H Happenings

Important dates to remember:

Junior Portfolio due date.....	December 20
Kettle Drive Service Project.....	December 23
Cloverleaf County Project Achievement.....	February 8
Cloverleaf District Project Achievement.....	March 21
Jr/Sr District Project Achievement.....	March 6-8
4-H Summer Camp information.....	January meeting

Students Attend Jr. Conference

Middle school students recently attended state wide Junior Conference at Rock Eagle. Along with workshops and recreation, students also submitted the annual pop tab collection for the Ronald McDonald Charities and enjoyed a performance by Clovers and Company. Georgia 4-H'ers collected more than 10,000 pounds of aluminum pop tabs this year for this worthwhile charity. Keep collecting those pop tabs and turn them in to your 4-H office.



Students attending the conference included: Dalia Aguilar, Ella Cleland, Lucy Crawford, Abby Cruz, Riley David, Ethan Greene, Patrick Howe, Briana Moore, and Makalah Owens. Senior 4-H'ers Daphne Crawford and Davis Slate were selected to teach workshops and lead recreation activities.

Recent Competitions

Consumer Judging

ACC 4-H'ers have been attending weekly practices this fall, learning to compare products and make wise consumer choices as they prepared for the Consumer Judging competition on October 30. Students studied and compared tents, breakfast cereals, venue rentals and jeans. The junior team was comprised of Lucy Crawford, Riley David, Jaleah Maxwell and Ericka Wilson. The junior team won first place at the competition.



Wildlife Judging

The Wildlife Judging team comprised of Michael Campbell, Daphne Crawford, Sammy David, Luke Krohn, August Pearson and Davis Slate attended the state 4-H wildlife competition on October 26. This team was named the first place winners and therefore qualifies to represent Georgia at the national WHEP competition in July 2020.



Peanut Recipe Contest

The judges have reviewed submissions and announced the winners of the middle school division of the peanut recipe contest. Winners for this contest are Maya Shrivastav and Wilson Griffeth.

These competitions take place every year and we hope that you will choose to participate in one or more of them next year.

Cloverleaf Project Achievement

Are you working on your speech for project achievement? Now is the time to get started! Select from one of 62 categories and prepare a short (3-6 minute) informative speech for the competition. Don't forget visuals - something that your audience can see that helps them better understand your subject. Practice so that you can do your very best, and come to the competition.

Project Achievement will take place on **Saturday, February 8** at Clarke Middle School from 9:30AM until noon. Winners will be announced during the closing assembly, and students who win their category will go to the district competition on Saturday, March 21 in Jackson County.

For information to prepare—select the Project Achievement tab at our web site at:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/clarke4h>

If you plan to compete at project achievement, call the 4-H office at (706) 613-3640 to sign up or email Mrs. Conway at ebarber@uga.edu.

Last Call on Project Achievement !!

7th & 8th grade Portfolios are Due December 20th

March 6, 2020— it seems like such a long time from now. There's plenty of time to work on a project and get it ready for District Project Achievement but not nearly as much time for the portfolio. Remember the portfolio? It's your ticket to Project Achievement at Rock Eagle in March. The due date for portfolios is **December 20th**, so let's get busy on that portfolio.

Here are a few simple steps:

1. Refer to our 4-H website for information on how to prepare your portfolio:
<http://www.tinyurl.com/clarke4h>
2. Select your project area from the category list. You do not need to know the exact subject for your March presentation, but you must decide in which project area you wish to compete. **Note: if you choose a food lab (cooking) project you are REQUIRED to attend a workshop at the 4-H office which will provide instruction and guidelines for your project.**
3. Assemble some notes for your activities from the past year. Organize your activities by the portfolio headings: main project work, main project sharing and helping, leadership, citizenship, other 4-H activities, and all other activities. Don't forget things – brainstorm with someone about your activities and events for the year. Use your calendar or agenda book to remind yourself of the things in which you participated. Refer to handouts or contact the 4-H office if you need the headings explained to you again.
4. Type your information using the described format. Try to be as descriptive of your activities as you can be. Remember the person reading and scoring your portfolio does not know you and will never see you. Use your words to make a picture of you and your activities for this judge.
5. The text of your portfolio must be contained on two type written pages, remember no clip art or pictures on the text pages. If your text is more than two pages, adjust font size and/or margins and spacing to make it fit in the required area or edit the information that you have included. Print in black ink.
6. Supporting materials – get out and get some photos made of you doing the things that you have listed in your portfolio. Juniors need one picture page.
7. If you want to go to Project Achievement and need some help with your portfolio, call the 4-H office and arrange a time to meet with someone who will help you.
8. Email a rough draft to the 4-H office for comments or suggestions to Ms. Conway at:
ebarber@uga.edu
9. **Don't miss the submission deadline of Friday, December 20th.**



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