



The 4-H Messenger

Providing Athens-Clarke County Middle School students with the Latest 4-H News!

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Project Achievement

6th Grade—Cloverleaf County Project Achievement will be held on **Saturday, February 8** at Clarke Middle School. Competition begins at 9:30 am and will be complete by noon. Winners at the county competition will advance to the district competition held on **Saturday, March 21** in Jackson County.

7th and 8th grade—Jr/Sr DPA is March 6-8.

If you turned in a portfolio for DPA now is the time to be working on your presentation.

1. **Research** your topic and decide what you're going to talk about.
2. **Write your speech.** Remember junior projects should be between 7 and 9 minutes in length. Don't forget the three parts of a speech: introduction to get your audience's attention, body of information about your subject, and conclusion to summarize your key points.
3. **Make your posters.** Visual aids are important to help the audience understand your information. Use key words and phrases that can be read from the back of the room.
4. **Practice, practice, practice.** Read your speech out loud so that you are sure that you can pronounce all words and that you know your material.
5. Projects must be heard by a 4-H leader before going to competition in March. Call the 4-H office to make an appointment to present your project. Do not wait until the last day to show your project, we may have suggestions that will improve your presentation and you need time to make those changes.
6. Do not hesitate to ask if you need help. Now is the time!



4-H Summer Camp Opportunities

Even though summer is months away, now is the time to start thinking about 4-H summer camp. Camp information and registration forms are available in your 4-H meeting and also available on our web page. Select the “*4-H summer camp*” tab and find the information for the camp for your age level.

6th grade students



Cloverleaf camp is for students currently in 6th grade. Athens-Clarke county will attend cloverleaf camp at the Rock Eagle 4-H center the week of June 22-26. “Blue String” campers will sail and canoe the Rock Eagle lake, zip line through the trees, take a hike, participate in archery and so much more. Registration for Cloverleaf camp will begin on Monday, February 10th at the 4-H office from 8 am to 5 pm.

7th and 8th grade students

Students currently in 7th and 8th grade have several camping opportunities from which to choose. Registration for all junior camps is now open for DPA participants. All other students may sign up for camp on Thursday, February 20. **For these three camps there will be a transportation fee that will be determined at a later date. The transportation fee will be determined by the number of persons being transported and the method of transportation.**

Junior camp will be held June 8-12 at Fortson 4-H Center. Fortson is nestled in a wooded area in Henry County near the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Junior camp is jam-packed with activities at the 4-H center as well as trips to the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coke, Stone Mountain and the speedway.

Marine Resource Camp has two weeks from which to choose. It will be held June 29-July 3 or July 13-17 at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island. This camp focuses on activities and learning to appreciate and protect the important coastal ecosystem. Also included is a trip to the Tybee Island Marine Science Center, a boat ride on the Lady Jane shrimp boat, and beach time!

Wilderness Challenge Camp will be held July 6-10 at the Wahsega 4-H Center near Dahlonega. This camp is a rustic camp setting and with strenuous outdoor activities. Those activities include white water rafting, canopy zip-line, workshops on outdoor survival skills and other outdoor activities.



**Sign up for Cloverleaf Camp is February 10th
Sign up for Junior Camp is February 20th**



4-H Photography Contest

Rules for the 4-H photo contest. Please read through all information carefully. By submitting photographs to the contest you automatically give Georgia 4-H the right to use your photograph without any royalties or other compensation. Your photo may be used on the web site or any other print or digital media including marketing materials. You also waive the right to inspect or approve the final use of your photographs by Georgia 4-H and the 4-H Foundation. All photos should portray people actively involved in 4-H activities or events. You must be able to identify persons shown in your photographs. Photos may not be digitally altered or enhanced. Students may enter a maximum of two photos in the following categories:

1. **Focus on Agriculture and STEM:** Photos should feature 4-H'ers involved in activities related to agriculture or STEM activities such as tending animals, robotics, National Science Day, etc.
2. **Focus on Camp and Environmental Education:** photos should feature 4-H'ers involved in camp or EE activities at any of the 4-H centers.
3. **Focus on Citizenship, Leadership, and Service:** Intended to highlight citizenship, leadership and service, photos must feature 4-H'ers involved in these kind of activities including community service projects and 4-H campaigns and elections.
4. **Focus on Healthy Living:** Each photo should feature 4-H'ers participating in educational and/or recreational activities that promote healthy lifestyle such as cooking/nutrition related competitions, Family and Consumer Science activities and sport related activities such as Project SAFE.
5. **Focus on Volunteerism:** These photos should feature adults volunteers engaging with youth as in leading a judging team practice, coaching a team or specialty club, or teaching 4-H'ers a new skill.

To enter, email your photos to:

clarke4hphotocontest@gmail.com

Be sure to include your first and last name, your address and a title for your picture.

Photographs must have been made since July 1, 2019.

Entries must be received by June 15, 2020.

River of Word Poetry Contest

Are you a poet? Thinking about the importance of our rivers and streams, compose a short poem, no more than 32 lines in length. Entries must be postmarked by **February 1** with an entry form attached to the back of poem (facing outward). Mail your poem to:

GA River of Words

2 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Suite 1462 E

Atlanta, GA 30334

The poetry submission form will be available in the January meeting or it can be found on the *"newsletters, 4-H forms, and other information"* page of our 4-H web site.

Farm Bureau Essay Contest for Middle School Students

The Clarke County Farm Bureau sponsors an annual essay contest for students currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. There will be county, district and state prizes awarded for winning essays.

The topic for this year's essay contest is **"Describe the relationship between farmers and natural resources."**

The things we use every day come from the earth. Nearly all of our daily activities use some kind of resource that is grown on a farm, harvested from the wild, mined, or extracted from deep below the soil. It's difficult to imagine what our lives would be like without the natural resources that provide us with electricity, materials for the everyday items we use, and food to nourish our bodies.

Contest guidelines: Essays should be typed, double spaced and no more than two pages or three pages handwritten on lined notebook paper. **Do not** put your name on your essay. Include the completed entry form containing your contact information and parent signature with your essay. Be sure to cite any references that you use in preparing your essay. Submit your entry at your February 4-H meeting or you may mail or deliver your essay as listed below.

Submit your essay on or before **March 1, 2020** directly to:

Clarke County Farm Bureau
4330 Lexington Road,
Athens, GA 30605.



The **essay submission form** will be available in the January meeting or it can be found on the "newsletters, 4-H forms, and other information" page of our 4-H web site.



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