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New 4-H Office



Athens-Clarke County Extension and 4-H has a new home. Our building is complete and we are settled in. After 40+ years at our old location we are excited for the opportunities that this wonderful new facility will provide. We are located at 275 Cleveland Road. Cleveland Road turns off the Atlanta Hwy past the Georgia Square Mall. You will find our office approximately 1 block off the Atlanta Hwy next door to the new Athens-Clarke Fire Station # 2.

Radon Poster Contest

Here's a drawing contest designed for students ages 9 to 14. To enter this contest simply design and submit a poster that will help raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas and the importance of testing your home. First take a few minutes to learn a little about radon and the hazards associated with it. Then follow these simple rules:

- ◆ Submit your poster at **your October 4-H meeting** or to the 4-H office by October 31
- ◆ Use only white paper, size 8.5 by 11 inches
- ◆ Artwork must be original—crayon, markers, paints, colored pencils are all acceptable
- ◆ Do not use symbols or characters associated with products, organizations, or businesses.
- ◆ Poster must have a title on the front.
- ◆ Student's name **must not** be on the front of the poster
- ◆ Poster must be about one of the following themes: 1. What is radon?; 2. Where does radon come from?; 3. How does radon get into our homes?; 4. Radon can cause lung cancer; and 5. Test your home for radon.



You can find information and learn about radon from the following web sites:

www.epa.gov/radon or ***www.UGAradon.org***

Annual 4-H Holiday Card Contest

Design a holiday card for our 4-H holiday card contest. The winning design will be featured on our Athens-Clarke County 4-H card. This card will be sent to the mayor, commissioners, the school board and other supporters of 4-H. To enter your own card, just follow these simple IMPORTANT rules:

1. Make your drawing on **white, unlined paper**.
2. The size of the paper must be 8.5 inches by 5.5 inches. This is one half of regular computer printer paper.
3. Put your **NAME, ADDRESS, GRADE, and SCHOOL** on the back of the card.
4. Use a universal December holiday theme rather than depicting one specific holiday and don't forget to include the 4-H symbol.
5. **Submit your card at your October 4-H meeting.**

Here are a few helpful hints to make your holiday card:

Make your card design attractive and very colorful!

Include the 4-H emblem, the four leaf clover!

Be CREATIVE!



4-H Summer Camps



Start Planning Now for 2020 !

Plans are already underway for 2020 4-H summer camp! Sixth grade students will camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center June 22-26. Seventh and eighth grade students will have two camping opportunities from which to choose. Junior Camp at Fortson 4-H center will be held the week of 8-12. Wilderness Challenge Camp at the Wahsega 4-H center will be July 6-10. Mark your calendars and begin making your plans now! Summer will be here sooner than you imagine. Applications will be available in January.



Important upcoming dates

Junior Conference <i>at Rock Eagle</i>	November 16-17
DPA portfolios due <i>at the 4-H office</i>	December 20
Cloverleaf CPA (6th grade) <i>at Clarke Middle School</i>	February 8
Jr/Sr DPA (7th-12th grade) <i>at Rock Eagle</i>	March 6-8
Cloverleaf DPA (6th grade) <i>at Jackson County</i>	March 21

Consumer Judging

Consumer Judging is an after school activity to prepare for the district competition held in Watkinsville. In consumer judging students will read a scenario which



will give details that a person needs when shopping for a particular product. Students will then compare four products in the category and evaluate how each satisfies the stated requirements. The categories for this year's competition are: breakfast cereals, jeans, tents, and event venue rentals. Also included in the competition students will present a 30 second speech/advertisement for cotton.

There will be six workshops to prepare for the competition. Workshops will be held at the 4-H office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4pm to 5:30 pm in October. Workshops dates are as follows:



- Thursday, October 3
- Tuesday, October 8
- Thursday, October 10

(please note no practices the week of Oct 14-18)

- Tuesday, October 22
- Thursday, October 24
- Tuesday, October 29

The competition will be held at the Oconee County Civic Center in Watkinsville on Wednesday, October 30th. For more information you may contact Ms. Conway at 706-613-3640 or by email: ebarber@uga.edu



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