



The 4-H Messenger

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4-H Holiday Card Contest

Athens-Clarke County 4-H held its annual Holiday Card design contest. This year the judges were very impressed with all the entries and had a tough time choosing only one winner. Therefore, the contest has a tie between two ACC 4-H'ers! Thank you to all the students who submitted a design for the contest. These two winners received a \$50 Visa Gift Card.



Avery Lewis: 5th Grade
Timothy Road Elementary School



Lucy Hicks: 5th Grade
St. Joseph's Elementary School



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Junior/Senior Project Achievement

7th & 8th Grades

Portfolios Due: Friday, January 15

Project Achievement at Rock Eagle: June 11-13

Do you want to spend the weekend at Rock Eagle? Do you want to have a chance to re-connect with your friends from across the district and the opportunity to make tons of new friends? **Participating in Project Achievement will earn an all-expense paid weekend at Rock Eagle for 7th through 12th grade students if approved with COVID safety requirements.**

Project Achievement is one of the most note-worthy 4-H competitions in the Georgia 4-H program. This event allows 4-H'ers to develop both oral and written communication skills, while giving them the opportunity to investigate or research a topic of their interest. Project Achievement for Junior 4-H'ers is a two part process involving the preparation of a 4-H Portfolio and a demonstration (6-10 minutes for 7th & 8th Grade) in one of the many project areas offered through Georgia 4-H. The 4-H portfolio is a written record of their involvement in their selected project area and other activities. By preparing a portfolio, young people learn the skills needed to complete resumes, college applications and scholarship applications.

So what is a portfolio and how do I get started?

A portfolio is similar to a resume. It is a documentation of your work and activities from the past calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2020. Learning and leadership activities that you have done in your project area, 4-H experiences, community service, and leadership should be included in your portfolio. The portfolio is your ticket for the weekend at Rock Eagle and must be completed and submitted by January 15 so the time to start working on it is NOW!



For detailed instructions select the project achievement tab at:

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

It also has project listings, portfolio tips and guidelines, and an outline

E-mail Ms. Conway at ebarber@uga.edu for an appointment for help in preparing your portfolio.

Ms. Conway can meet with you by Zoom if you return Virtual Permission Forms located here:

https://secure.georgia4h.org/documents/4_H_Electronic_Consent_Minor.pdf

<https://secure.georgia4h.org/documents/4-HParticipationAgreementWaiverFormMediaReleaseOnline.pdf>

Now is the time to begin working on your portfolio. The 4-H staff is available to guide you through the portfolio process but we can't help you if you don't communicate with us. We would prefer for you to make an appointment and meet by Zoom but we can also work with you via email.

After the portfolio is done, then what?

When the portfolio is completed you should turn your attention to your speech. The 4-H staff is also available to assist you with your presentation but you can't wait for the last minute. It is scheduled to be at Rock Eagle on June 11-13 at this time. The State 4-H Office will let us know around April 1 if any Virtual Option is needed.

County Project Achievement (CPA)

6th Grade

County Competition is Virtual this year: Video Links due February 19

District Competition at Jackson County: March 20

County Project Achievement is a fun opportunity for 5th & 6th grade 4-H'ers to share and compete with one another by choosing a project and presenting a demonstration with visuals. Due to safety restrictions, the County level competition will not be held in person this year. However, students can still compete by sending video of them presenting their demonstration. Any 5th or 6th grade 4-H'er who wishes to compete in this activity will need to send a link to their video to Ms. Conway by February 19 at ebarber@uga.edu.

Winners from the county competition in February will earn the opportunity to compete at Cloverleaf District Project Achievement in Jackson County on March 20 if approved. The project list and detailed information about Project Achievement is available on our web site.

Select the Project Achievement tab at:

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

4-H'ers will need to have someone record their CPA demonstration this year, upload video to YouTube and send link to ebarber@uga.edu by February 19.

Please contact Ms. Conway if you need any help preparing your speech or have questions about sending the video link.



Zoom Into Science

<https://georgia4h.org/zoom-into-science>

“Zoom into Science” sessions feature a variety of interesting topics from a wide array of guest speakers. These online, 1-hour zoom sessions allow participants to learn more from experts in their field as well as hearing about a variety of science-related careers.

We have created a Zoom into Science webpage (<https://georgia4h.org/zoom-into-science/>) where we will be posting information about upcoming sessions as well as the recordings of previous sessions.

Upcoming Sessions:

	
	
	<p>All about Reptiles & Amphibians! Virtually meet Clemson University professor Dr. Kyle Barrett and learn all about reptile and amphibian diversity within the Southeastern part of the United States! Register at: tinyurl.com/scizoomreptamphib Questions: Kasey Bozeman, Extension 4-H Specialist, kaseyb@uga.edu <small>The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Institution.</small></p>

Zoom into Science: All about Reptiles & Amphibians: December 17 at 4:00pm

Join Clemson University professor, Dr. Kyle Barrett, and learn all about reptile and amphibian diversity within the Southeastern part of the United States.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/scizoomreptamphib>