



Gwinnett 4-H Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle School 4-H Council August 10
Rhodes Jordan Prk Community Center
Second Thursday of most months
First Thursday Sept., Dec., and May
6:30pm-8:00pm
Meeting dates:

September 7	October 12	November 9
December 7	January 11	February 8
March 14	April 11	May 2

You must complete these Enrollment Forms to participate:

[New Member Enrollment](#)

[Returning Member Enrollment](#)

Information office 678.377.4010

Poultry Judging

Practice Tues., March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 9
Competition Thursday April 18 Oglethorpe County Jr level 5th-8th full

Wildlife Judging Jr level 5th-8th full

Teen Leader Training April 3 page 5

Junior Rally April 20-21

Rewards Trip 5th and 8th May 11th-12th, 2024 Toccoa GA at the Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center
Middle School 4-H members notified of completion or final steps needed to go in late February.

Look for Camp and Summer Program Registration to come out soon.

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Congratulations Cloverleaf DPA Participants



Camps for Middle School 4-H'ers

We have the dates. 6th Grade and up needs to be camp ready to apply so please be sure to do at least the minimum to be camp ready; attend 4 council meetings, or earn 4 activity points, or compete on one Judging Team, or compete at Project Achievement. You have options to achieve the camp ready status but they pass by as we move through the calendar year. **Requirements for grades 7 and 8 to attend camp includes the DPA competition. Both Wilderness Challenge Camp and Jr Camp at Burton are full.**

Rock Eagle Camp for 4th-6th Graders has a much larger capacity and fill cycle. The first week in April is when the state registration opens for Rock Eagle.

Rock Eagle for grades 4th-6th June 17-21, 2024 6th Graders are Blue Strings with advanced bonus programs. 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA
\$450.00 includes transportation

Gwinnett Forestry Judging Team June Training grades

4th-11th Mon, June 3—Thurs, June 6, 8:00 am-4:30 pm \$45.00 Includes, weather permitting, daily Gwinnett County Leisure Pool play time.

More Gwinnett 4-H Summer Adventures Look for Summer Adventure Camp Sign up to reopen with 4-H Summer Day programs starting later in March

JOIN 4-H Today!

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The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished, through "hands on" learning experiences, focused on agricultural and environmental issues, agriculture awareness, leadership, communication skills, foods and nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship.

Exploring and discovering, encouraging and challenging, that's what Georgia 4-H is all about. As a program of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension System, 4-H is part of the nationwide Extension network.

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

4-H activities and programs are designed with kids in mind. It's a place for young people to interact with sharing adults. 4-H is made up of large groups of enthusiastic and motivated kids, in an environment which builds pleasant memories. It is an assembly of teenagers extending peer support rather than peer pressure in a forum to experience hands-on learning to produce a well-rounded person.

4-H'ers have the opportunity to learn by doing various 4-H projects. Each 4-H'er is encouraged to choose a project in the area of sports and recreation, sciences, human development, performing arts, public speaking, nutrition and health or leadership. 4-H'ers practice what they have learned through various activities such as: local, district, state and national project achievement competitions, judging team events, leadership development programs, community service activities and special interest clubs.

Outstanding members can receive recognition, awards and college assistance scholarships. With a goal of providing boys and girls opportunities for achievement and community involvement, 4-H is one of the most personally rewarding experiences a young person can have.



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Spring 4-H Judging Teams Poultry and Wildlife

Poultry and Wildlife Judging Teams 5th-8th grade

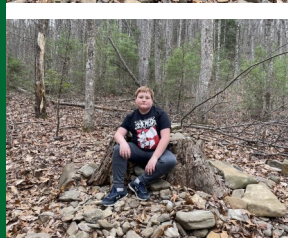
Participant Level full. [Poultry Judging](#) click link for more information and pictures. We study eggs, meat and all things chicken. We are learning how to spot the best egg laying hens in a group or class of four and how to give reasons.

If you missed this years sign-up we do this annually so catch it next year.

Check out our Manual <https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/poultry-judging-manual> more information Barbara.larson@gwinnettcountry.com

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Hike Bear Hair Gap Loop Trail in Vogel State Park Feb 16th



What are 4-H Clubs?

4-H clubs are available at the community, project, or special interest group level. Community 4-H clubs have a planned program that runs throughout the year and focuses on a variety of self-chosen learning experiences and activities. Examples include photography, robotics, gardening, animal science, ecology, textiles, and cooking. 4-H community clubs typically meet in the evenings or on the weekend. Each county offers a variety of programs. Project 4-H clubs also provide planned programs that run throughout the year and focus on one project area. Project 4-H clubs typically meet in the evenings or on the weekend. 4-H special interest groups are short-term, focus on a specific learning experience and are not limited to members of 4-H clubs

**Bring It In - Service Options
Aluminum Pop Tabs**

Last chance for this year to save aluminum pop tabs. We turn in the pop tabs annually in November at the Junior Conference. The large number of tabs that Georgia 4-H collects will make an impressive contribution to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Each Gwinnett 4-H participant in the 6th-12th grades will be credited \$.10 per ounce, which is awarded in voucher form applicable toward future 4-H events and activity fees in May of 2023.

Old Eye Glasses

4-H'ers are collecting used eye glasses that will be donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse for the Blind. Please bring your donations to the next Council meeting.



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<https://secure.georgia4h.org/documents/MedicalForm.pdf>

**Water Treatment Plant Tour
February 15**



Congratulations Jr and Sr DPA Participants



Middle School Rewards Trip Participants...

Five 6th graders completed the requirements with the Feb 10th DPA, three 7th and 8th graders complete their requirements with the March 8-10 Jr/ Sr DPA and nine more 6th-8th are working on their plan to be on board. \$25.00 Deposits due Friday May 10th 2024 at the latest. If you missed this years rewards trip plan for next year. Completing the requirements for our annual rewards trip is a great way to get a well rounded year of activities to fill the one year resume we call a portfolio



Come share a craft activity or hobby or tradition you enjoy. Leadership, creativity and sharing. This is fun and chaotic. Please let Ms Barb know what you plan to have, and items you will be using. This is a fun event, It counts as an activity point if you are leading and sharing something. Please join us.

You can be part of our Activity Fair.

Regular location: Rhodes Jordan Community Center
100 East Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, GA 30046
at our April 11th 2024, Middle School Council Meeting

Traditionally April has been the council with the highest attendance...as members scramble to finish camp prerequisites. (6:00pm earliest set-up time.) Event 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Choose to share something...a hobby, craft, food your family loves, culture, heritage, sports, history, or a collection.

Include something your audience will do, make, taste or complete while you informally talk with them, sharing information at your table.

Plan for 40 people to visit your table, as the parents and family members are welcome to join us at this council meeting. You will have time to visit some of the other tables, even if you are working a table.

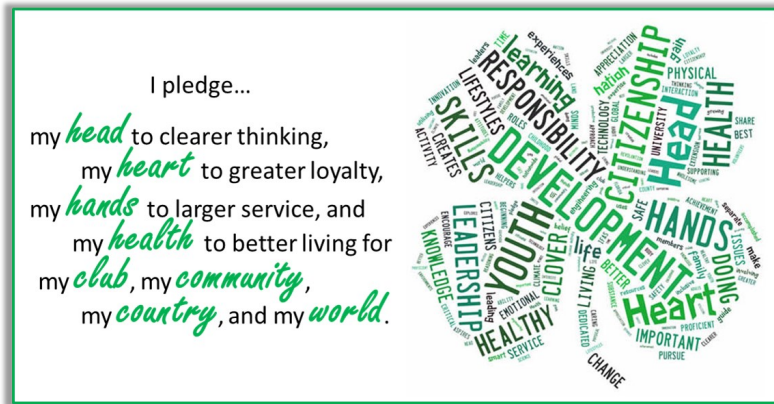
Running a station or table, activity counts as an activity point. This is great leadership.

Please let me know what you will be doing.

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Same restrictions as DPA: no weapons, no live animals, all foods need complete ingredient list, avoid any peanut or peanut products.





Spring Break Teen Leader Training

When: Wednesday April 3, 2024; 8am– 5pm

Drop off 750 S. Perry Street, Suite 400 Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Traveling to: Cobb County Extension office:

678 South Cobb Drive, Suite 200 Marietta, GA 30060-3105

Cost: \$20.00

Transportation, Lunch and Nametag included

RSVP: To reserve your spot, please send in the bottom of this form along with payment to Gwinnett County Extension/4-H at 750 S. Perry St, Suite 400, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

Payments must be received by March 31,2024

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Total Amount paid: \$ _____

_____ I will be attending _____