

Extracurricular 4-H Activities

There are many activities throughout the year for your 4-H'ers. More information will be available about these in your child's monthly 4-H newsletter.

You can also find information at www.georgia4h.org.

These include, but are not limited to:

- 4-H Summer Camp
- 4-H Fun Days
- Project Achievement
- Judging Teams
- Community Service Activities
- 4-H Reward Trip
- 4-H Livestock Show Team
- And much, much, more!!!



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Hart County 4-H

Parent Guide

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service,
And my **HEALTH** to better living,
For my club, my community, my country and my world.



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Dear Parents,

The University of Georgia Extension and Hart County 4-H are proud to be a part of your child's 4th, 5th and 6th grade education. Working with the Hart County Board of Education, we provide programs that compliment school curriculum and follow the Georgia Performance Standards.

Since the 4-H Program in Georgia follows school curriculum, each student will automatically be a member of 4-H while he or she is in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Our club meetings are structured so that we go over our 4-H news, a few students will present their 4-H Project Fair projects to practice their public speaking skills, and we present a lesson on a topic within their science standards for their grade level. Newsletters will be sent home after each 4-H meeting. You can also keep up with us through our Facebook & Instagram pages and our website.

As a parent of a 4th, 5th or 6th grader, the University of Georgia Extension and Hart County 4-H staff would like to introduce to you all that 4-H has to offer. 4-H is the world's largest youth organization and involves youth in the 4th-12th grades. 4-H is a community of young people across America and beyond who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Hart County 4-H is excited to offer some great opportunities to your child this coming year and beyond!

Sincerely,

Brandi Shiflet

Brandi Shiflet, Hart County Extension Coordinator



Welcome to 4-H

Great things are in store for your child this year as they experience all that 4-H has to offer! 4-H has been around for almost 120 years, and though agriculture is an important part of our roots, we offer so much more today: from leadership and public speaking development to health and nutrition to science and technology . . . 4-H has something for everyone!

What is 4-H?

4-H is the world's largest youth organization consisting of youth grades 4th-12th. It teaches service, leadership, citizenship, as well as providing students with hands-on educational experiences inside and outside the classroom. Students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade are known as Cloverleaf 4-H'ers; seventh and eighth graders meet after school and are called Junior 4-H'ers; 9th-12th graders also meet after school and are called Senior 4-H'ers.



It is FREE to Join

The Hart County Extension Office and 4-H is your connection to the University of Georgia. There is no fee to join and there are no uniforms. 4-H provides all materials for in-school meetings. Extracurricular 4-H activities (such as our 4-H Fun Days, 4-H Reward Trip, and 4-H Camp), and special interest clubs (such as livestock and judging teams) may have fees to cover training, travel, and expenses.

Leadership & Citizenship

This year, your fourth, fifth or sixth grader will learn the value of hard work and service to others by collecting points for various activities. If your child earns 250 points by the end of April, they are invited to take part in our annual 4-H Reward Trip. Your child also has the opportunity to grow their leadership skills through participating in various 4-H activities and workshops. As they get older and more involved, a variety of leadership roles will be available to them.

Club Meetings

Hart County 4-H programs use the Georgia Performance Standards when planning programs for the classroom. Going back a hundred years, 4-H believes in its slogan, "Learn by Doing". Many lessons will have hands-on components to have the child engaged in their learning.

Community and School service projects are conducted each month expanding the mind of each student into new areas at home, school, the community, and world! Each month, your child will be given a newsletter and other handouts to let you know about upcoming 4-H events! Please encourage your child to participate!

We offer meetings for Homeschool children in grades 4-12. Contact us for more information.

Educational Competitions

There are several extra-curricular educational activities your child can participate in during the year. Be on the lookout for information about Project Fair, Project Achievement (a speaking contest on a self-selected topic), Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging, Poultry Judging, Forestry Judging, Livestock Show Team, Animal Science Club, as well as a photo contest, poster contests and much more!

