

### **FEBRUARY DATES**

February 5
Poultry Judging Practice

February 6 Wildlife Judging Practice

> February 9 Craft Club Mtg

February 12 Poultry Judging Practice

February 13 Wildlife Judging Practice

February 14 4-H Day @ the Capitol February 17 Cloverleaf DPA

February 19 Poultry Judging

February 20 Wildlife Judging Practice

> February 20-24 GJNLS

February 22 Hippology Practice February 23-25
Equestrian Drill Team Competition

February 25 Jr/Sr DPA Showcase

February 26 Poultry Judging Practice

February 27 Wildlife Judging Practice

> February 29 Hippology Practice





To visit the 4-H web page!

# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Jr/Sr DPA (	Rock Eagle): 3/1-3/3
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Poultry Judging	Wildlife Judging	Hull Club Mtgs	Hippology Practice	Colbert Club Mtgs	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Comer Club Mtgs Poultry Judging	Wildlife Judging	Colt Academy Club Mtgs	Hippology Practice		State Livestock Judging Contest
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	MCMS Club Mtg Poultry Judging	Wildlife Judging		MCHS Club Mtg Hippology Practice		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Poultry Judging	Wildlife Judging		Hippology Practice		
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

April 6-7 Senior Conference

April 18
Area Poultry Judging Contest

April 19-24 4-H National Conference

April 19-21 SEMDTA Mounted Drill Competition

April 20-21 Junior Rally April 20 State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest

> April 27 State Wildlife Judging Contest

May 14 4-H Reward Trip

June 3-7 Junior Camp

June 4-8 State 4-H Horse Show

June 10-14 Senior EXTREME Camp

June 17-21 Wilderness Challenge Camp

> June 21-23 State 4-H Council

> > July 1-5 Senior Camp

July 8-12 Cloverleaf Camp

July 15-19 National Resources Exploration Camp

> July 23-26 State 4-H Congress





# 4-H Connections

**Madison County** 

## February 2024

# **Sign up NOW for Summer Camp!**



Register for Summer Camps NOW! Spaces are limited so go ahead and sign up with our office to reserve your spot. Our soft deadline to register is February 15th.

Cost for each camp is **\$415**. We have some scholarship/fundraising opportunities available; please let us know if you're interested. Cloverleaf Campers will pay **\$440** if they choose not to fundraise or don't meet minimum fundraising requirements.

#### **CAMPERS GRADES 4-6**

**Cloverleaf Camp** will take place at the great Atlantic Ocean Jekyll Island 4-H Center, July 8 – 12<sup>th</sup> for students that have

#### **CAMPERS GRADES 6-8**

completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Wilderness Challenge Camp** at Wahsega 4-H Center, June 17-21, for students who have completed the sixth, seventh or eighth grades (Wilderness Challenge campers must be 12 years old by Thursday, June 20, to go white water rafting at Wilderness Challenge Camp.)

#### **CAMPERS GRADES 7-8**

**Junior Camp** for students who have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Burton Tybee 4-H Center on June 3 -7.

#### **CAMPERS GRADES 9-12**

High school students (grades 9-12) may attend **Senior Camp** at Wahsega 4-H Center, July 1-5; and, **Senior EXTREME Camp**, a more primitive camping experience at Fitch Pioneer Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, also choosing one of two weeks, June 10-14. High school students may also apply to attend **National Resources Exploration Camp**, a collaborative effort between Georgia 4-H and the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at UGA. This camp will be held July 15-19, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, with trips to the UGA campus in Athens.

Contact us if you have any questions!



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# Cloverleaf Corner

Clover Points—All 5th graders...All points are due Wednesday, May 1, 2024. All drop offs for points need to be at the 4-H office or in the 4-H box at the front of your school.

- Earn 5 points when you turn in your 4-H Friends book completed!
- Earn 1 point each time you wear a 4-H shirt (or any shirt that is at least 50% GREEN) or UGA shirt to club meetings. Show your SPIRIT!!
- Earn 2 points when you turn in the signed slip from your newsletter!

Everyone who signed their 4-H Information Form through school has already been awarded 2 Clover Points for signing up for our e-mail list. If you haven't signed up or aren't sure if you have, please contact the 4-H Office (uge1191@uga.edu) and let Carrie know to add your child to the list. Please provide an adult's email address.

**Cloverleaf District Project Achievement**—Saturday, February 17, 2024. Read more about 4-H Project Achievement further along in the newsletter!

# Junior Power

#### Junior Rally—April 20-21

This weekend event is for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and includes ropes course obstacles, talent show, dancing, campfire, workshops and education sessions, along with opportunities for community service. Registration and \$85 fee are due by noon on April 9, 2024. Please note that registration after April 9th will incur a \$5 late fee and any drops after this day will incur a \$30 cancellation fee.

MCMS March Club Mtg
Monday, March 18th



### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HIPPOLOGY**—*Thursdays*...Our Hippology Team begins weekly meetings on February 22nd. They meet from 3:30pm-5:30pm and meeting will end on April 18th, prior to the April 20th State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest.

**POULTRY JUDGING**—As a member of the Poultry Judging Team, 4-H'ers will learn about the standards used in poultry and egg production and apply those standards in a realistic decision-making situation. 4-H'ers will learn how to judge live hens; grade exterior, interior, and broken out eggs; grade ready-to-cook poultry; and identify poultry parts. Our practices will begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 and continue until the April contest.

WILDLIFE JUDGING—The Wildlife Judging Team covers material found within 4-H Natural Resources project area, Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP), and students will have the opportunity to explore with some parts of the activities conducted outdoors. The practices will start February 6th (3:30-5:00pm) and continue through the April 27th contest.

February 2024	<b>Return</b> this signed portion of the Clover Connection verifying that you and your parents read the newsletter to receive points.						
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# **Senior Excitement**

#### Senior Conference—April 6-7

This weekend event is for **9th-12th graders** and includes a semi-formal dance along with an after-dance party with mechanical bull, games, pizza, and MORE! A share fair with college recruiters and a chance for you to highlight your great work is just a couple of other opportunities. **Registration and \$80** fee are due by noon on **March 26, 2024**. Please note that registration after March 26th will incur a \$5 late fee and any drops after this day will incur a \$30 cancellation fee.

MCHS March Club Mtg
Thursday, March 21st



## Junior & Senior 4-H'ers...

**4-H Day at the Capitol...** February 14th...is held annually to allow Georgia 4-H'ers to visit the capitol building, schedule visits with their legislators, and if the General Assembly is in session serve as House and Senate pages, see top 4-H'ers honored on the floor of the House and Senate, and hear our State 4-H President deliver an address to the state legislature. Senior 4-H'ers can sign up with our office and any Junior 4-H'er interested can reach out to us and have their name added to a waitlist. Sign up by February 1st.



Cloverleaf District Project Achievement—Our Cloverleaf DPA will be held Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Rock Eagle. Those registered should have received an appointed time to meet with us. If you haven't, please reach out and schedule one.

Junior / Senior DPA Portfolio and Presentations...We have sixteen (16) 4-H'ers scheduled to compete at District Project Achievement. District Project Achievement will be take place March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Junior / Senior Showcase (Dress Rehearsal) has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Board of Education PLC 2. You need to provide your own transportation to this event. Parents and Volunteers are encouraged to attend the Junior / Senior Showcase.



### WHAT IS PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT?

Project Achievement helps develop skills for a lifetime. You choose a project area that interests you. Once you do that, you research your topic, write, and present a presentation. The process develops leadership, creativity, public speaking, record keeping, and other skills.





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