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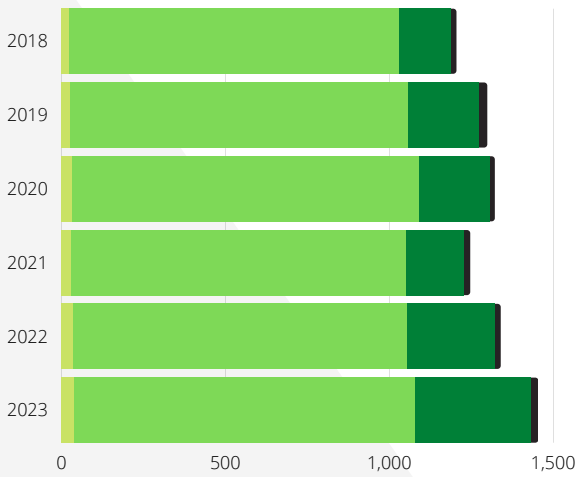
WALKER COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL REPORT

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4-H Enrollment by Grade

- Light Green is Cloverbud (1-3)
- Medium Green is Cloverleaf (4-6)
- Dark Green is Junior (7-8)
- Black is Senior (9-12)

4-H Staff meet 57 club meetings monthly around the county both in-school and community settings.

1st-12th grade 4-H'ers meet at Cloverbud and Community 4-H Club meetings focusing on community service and science and are open to all youth in public/private schools & homeschools.

In-school **4th grade** 4-H'ers took part in a six month 4-H program focusing on Language Arts and Civic Education.

This year, **5th grade** students at all local elementary schools were served with a six month 4-H program focusing on Language Arts and Science.

In-school **6th grade** 4-H'ers participated in monthly educational meetings centered on Wildlife Habitats and Language Arts.

In-school **7th grade** 4-H'ers participated in monthly educational lessons on Financial Literacy topics. While in-school **8th grade** 4-H'ers focused on Life Skills.



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.

CLUB ENROLLMENT

1,426



4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT



Cloverleaf (4th-6th grades)

722 students presented a demonstration of their choice in county-based competition, 115 of those participated were invited to the district competition, Cloverleaf District Project Achievement, of which 68 competed in-person with 78% placing in the top 3.

- 31 first place (district)
- 15 second place (district)
- 7 third place (district)

Junior (7th-8th grades)

8 students submitted written portfolios (resume-like) of work and skills learned during 2022. Portfolios counted for half of their total score in the contest. Those were able to present 10 minute speech demonstrations to judges at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in March at Junior District Project Achievement.

- 6 placed first (district)
- 2 placed second (district)



80%

of all 4-H members presenting on district level placed in top 3



2022-2023 Walker County 4-H DawgBytes VEX IQ Challenge Robotics Team (12954H) qualified & attended the **World Championship** in Dallas, Texas and **CREATE US Open** in Iowa! Team includes **6** members from 4 local schools with 3 volunteer coaches. They won 2 regional Design Awards and the State Innovate Award.



48 students participated in local, district and state livestock events including chicken, heifer, steer, goat, doe and hog showing competitions.

3 students excelled in 4-H/FFA livestock record book competitions with one placing 1st and another placing 3rd in the state.

11 competed in the Watermelon Growing Contest and **11** in the Pumpkin Growing Contest.



19 competed on the Project SAFE BB Gun Rifle Shooting Team, **9** in the Project SAFE .22 Rifle Shooting Team and **4** in the Project SAFE Precision Air Rifle Team.



COMPETITION TEAMS



CAMPS & CONFERENCES

Learning responsibility in a safe environment is a staple of 4-H activities.

49 Walker County 4th-6th graders were able to attend the Rock Eagle 4-H Camp

88 students participated in 4-H summer programs including Outdoor Games, Arts & Crafts, Camp Sneak Peek and Field Trips.

7 middle school 4-H'ers attended the Georgia 4-H State Junior Conference at Rock Eagle learning about wildlife and environment related careers.



2X

4-H'ers are two times more likely to participate in STEM activities and make healthy choices



Youth learn to be well-informed and engaged citizens through hands-on, learning experiences in 4-H.

Grant Matteson, LMS 8th grader, served on the 2022-23 Northwest District 4-H Junior Board of Directors.

5 students completed training to become Georgia 4-H Certified Teen Leaders.

2 students represented Walker County 4-H at the Farm Bureau Legislative Dinner and spoke with legislators on what 4-H is and how 4-H has benefited their lives.

Gregory Hobbs received the Northwest District 4-H Outstanding Outreach Effort Award for his work with Rossville Reads and Agriculture Sign Language exhibitions to promotion communication & literacy.

Grant Matteson received honorable mention for the Northwest District 4-H Outstanding Community Service Award leading a tea party at JSF/SafeHaven.

Walker County 4-H is served by **19** adult Georgia 4-H Certified Volunteer Leaders.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

4-H Service for Seniors project yielded 459 cards for nursing home and assisted residents in Walker County. LaFayette Women's Club also helped with this service.

Two 4-H members served at the community **Kindness Festival** at Saddle Ridge handing out goodies to attendees.

4-H collaborated with Rossville Reads to help serve during the summer, provide evaluation data, provided gift basket prizes to those that participated in the surveys, and shared online books with the Great 4-H Book Share found on YouTube.

Walker County 4-H members spent time crafting gnomes with seniors at the **LaFayette Senior Center**. As well as presented speeches on decorating cookies and British tea while hosting a tea party for residents of the Jimmy Simpson Foundation.



4X

4-H'ers are four times more likely to give back to their communities

WALKER COUNTY 4-H

In 1914, the Smith Lever Act established the Cooperative Extension Service under the state's land grant universities. This service extends researched-based information from the university to the citizens of the county. County Extension Agents are faculty members of the university. Staff members are usually funded cooperatively through a variety local and state entities.

Although we offer a multitude of local, state and national 4-H opportunities, the funding for Walker County 4-H programming comes from some state, county, school board, and grants but mostly funding from the campaign of United Way for Walker, Catoosa, and Dade Counties.

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



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