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What is 4-H?

4-H is an educational program focusing on leadership, citizenship, public speaking and life skills. 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. In Georgia, Extension faculty based on the campus of UGA and in most Georgia counties work directly with adult and teen volunteer leaders to implement the 4-H program at the local level.

As part of a community service project, the following article is being submitted on behalf of Jenny Kiewat, a Junior 4-H'er in Cherokee County:

“It’s not all about pigs anymore!”

“Did you grow up with 4-H only being about farm animals? That was then, but now it has many different activities that you can do, you can enter into the consumer judging team and learn how to be a responsible and well-informed shopper, or do you like the great outdoors? Well, then the forestry judging team is definitely something for you! And for all of you computer fanatics out there: we have a statewide tech team where you learn about all the latest software and technology.

Ready, aim, bull’s-eye! If you are into BB gun and precision air rifle shooting, then why not train with Georgia’s state 4-H BB team champions, right here in lovely Cherokee county? We also offer a variety of summer camps for kids from 5th through 12th grade, and many extra curricular activities. In my experience as a 4-H'er, I have found new life skills such as improved public speaking skills and learning how to shop smarter by participating in many consumer-judging contests. But the most fun is to help with the many community projects, like collecting pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald house, baking cookies for the fire fighters or organizing a Christmas in July for the senior citizens. Every spring we help the community to get discounted rabies shots for their pets. Rain or shine we are out to help our volunteer veterinarians with the task of making the county a safer place.

We need you! We want to give your kids the opportunity to shine like stars and become the leaders of the future!! So take a minute and sign your kids up for the free 4-H program. Maybe you even have time to help organize a club or be a speaker at our meetings? So go with the 4-H motto and try to make the best better in our community, our country and our world!!!”

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