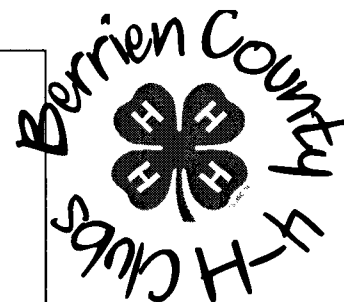


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“Don't think you can make up for it by working twice as hard tomorrow. If you have it within your power to work twice as hard, why aren't you doing it now?”

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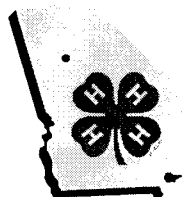
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COTTON BOLL CONSUMER JUDGING-UPDATE

Berrien County's Consumer Judging team did a great job at our district contest held in Perry, Georgia on November 5th. The team studied and practiced scenarios dealing with 4 consumer products (protein bars, sleeping bags, pajama pants, and student credit cards), gave a 30 second commercial about cotton with a poster, and gave oral reasons for one of the classes. The team consisted of 6th -8th grade 4-H members; Rachel Mathis, Taylor Rinberger, Reed Sutton, Mitchell Williams, Phillip Harris, Sierra Johnson, Levi Brock, and Ben Brock. Several of our team members finished in the top 20 competitors. Our showing was great and we look forward to fielding an even tougher team next year. Our Senior Team consisting of John Tyler Exum, Skyler Behrens, Allyson Smith, and Hannah Brock placed 1st and will compete at the state contest during Fall Forum. Allyson was the high overall individual and had the high speech score. Much practice is ahead if we want to compete in Denver, Co in 2011.



GEORGIA 4-H'S JUNIOR CONFERENCE UPDATE



Junior Conference was once again a great event for Junior 4-H'ers. Junior Conference is the only opportunity where Junior 4-H'ers come together from across the state at one event. 4-H'ers danced, took part in educational classes, learned about the portfolio process, heard speakers, and much more. One activity that was really enjoyable for our Junior boys was creating Hero packs. These Hero packs are distributed to deployed military families' children to ease that transition dealing with living without a parent while they are enlisted. Junior 4-H'ers that participated were Timothy Hand, Bryce Danforth, Mitchell Williams, Reed Sutton, Sierra Johnson, and Phillip Harris. Senior 4-H'ers taught classes during the weekend. They included Katonia Williams, Allyson Smith, and Nidhi Dave.

WHAT TIME IS IT? PORTFOLIO TIME!!!!

Portfolios are due earlier this year than ever before, due to Southwest District's District Project Achievement date of February 5-7, 2010. 7th-12th graders portfolios need to be completed with picture pages, etc, and in our office no later than December 21, 2009. Also, if you haven't been as active as you would have liked, you have only 1 1/2 months to gain much needed credit. Portfolios must be meet county expectations before being sent on to be judged. Remember, you can't just go to DPA in February. You have to submit a portfolio beforehand. Good luck and let us know how we can help—and not last minute either for Ms Brenda and Mr. Patrick's sake.

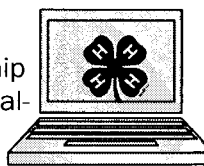
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PORTFOLIOS IN PROGRESS



NEED-A-COMPUTER PROJECT

Do YOU need a computer? The Georgia 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team is giving away GREAT computers just in time for Christmas! To qualify, you must be a Cloverleaf, Junior, or Senior 4-H'er. You must fill out an application, write an essay, get a character reference and submit them to the County Extension Office by November 23rd.



Interested? Need more information? Contact the 4-H office at (229)686-5431. Last year 2 Berrien County 4-H'ers received computers. The computers have benefited all of their family providing education and entertainment. If you need a computer, this Christmas could be a special one for you!

Visit the Georgia 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team at:

<http://www.georgia4h.org/public/edops/techtteam/Need-A-Computer/default.htm>

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT/NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Toy Collection: Please donate new toys to the 4-H program. These toys will be distributed to local residents in need through local agencies. Remember that all toys must be new and unwrapped. Also please don't donate toys from fast food restaurants-the ones you get in happy meals. These toys should be toys you would have liked as a child or your younger brothers and sisters may would like. Toy deadline is December 14th. Toys can be dropped off at the 4-H office or with your 4-H club teacher's classroom if they give you permission.

"Remember it is not really about the portfolio credit but the affect Berrien County 4-H can have in our community if we all pitch in a little. We all can make a difference, even 5th graders. Let's set the example for even adults to follow this holiday season. Maybe our efforts will spill over for the entire year. We look forward to seeing an abundance of toys this year."

Ms .Brenda and Mr. Patrick



SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED....

Once again there will be two opportunities to camp this summer for Junior (7th & 8th grade) 4-H members. Each year youth have the opportunity to camp at Junior Camp. This year Junior Camp will take place on Jekyll Island 4-H Center during the week of June 28-July 2, 2010. Camping at Jekyll Island opens your eyes to the beauty of Georgia's Golden Isles. Beach excursion, bike riding, touch tanks, sea turtle center, and dolphin cruise are just a few of the past activities that have entertained our campers. Cost generally runs between \$240-\$250.

The second opportunity comes to our Junior 4-H'ers in the form of Wilderness Challenge Camp. Wilderness Challenge Camp takes place at Wahsega 4-H Center during the week of July 11-15, 2010. The 4-H members that have attended in the past have had a great time and look forward to attending again. Caving, Rock Climbing, White water rafting, fly fishing, etc, have been mainstays to this camp. Obviously classes change each year, but many will remain the same. This camp typically has a tuition of \$300.

Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle will be held June 14-18, 2009 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Cloverleaf Camp is designed for 5th-6th graders and gives the overall camp experience. Rock Eagle is located outside of Eatonton, Georgia. This camp generally costs \$270.

"Goals achieved with little effort are seldom worthwhile or lasting."

Mark these Dates

**Tye Mobley
Speech Contest
November 17, 2009**

**Need A Computer
Deadline: November 23rd**

**4-H Toys for Tots
Deadline: December 14th**

**Jr. Portfolios Due
December 21, 2009**

**Jr/Sr District Project
Achievement
February 5-7, 2010**



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