

**What Every 4-H'er Should
Know...**

The 4-H Pledge

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.

The 4-H Club Motto:

To make the Best Better

The 4-H Club Colors:

Green & White

The 4-H Emblem

**The emblem is a four leaf
clover with the letter "H"
on each leaf.**

THE 4-H MISSION STATEMENT...

THE MISSION OF GEORGIA 4-H IS TO ASSIST YOUTH IN ACQUIRING
KNOWLEDGE, DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS, AND FORMING ATTITUDES
THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO BECOME

SELF-DIRECTING, PRODUCTIVE AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF
SOCIETY. THIS MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH "HANDS ON"
LEARNING

EXPERIENCES, FOCUSED ON

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AGRICULTURE
AWARENESS, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION SKILLS, FOODS AND
NUTRITION, HEALTH,

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND
CITIZENSHIP.

Georgia 4-H a Partner of Georgia Schools

Near the turn of the past century, Newton County Georgia
School Superintendent G. C. Adams was interested in mak-
ing learning useful and practical for his students. His ideas
became 4-H. From its inception, 4-H was founded on the
principle of taking research based information from the Land
Grant University and making the science and practices both
available and practical to students.

The process of teaching science by involving youth in
experiential education has not changed. In 1904, students
applied new techniques to increase their corn yield. In 2009
fifth grade 4-H students will participate in classes with an
Agri-Science Curriculum. These lessons will compliment and
enhance part of the Georgia Performance Standards criteria.
Mr. Adams probably did not have an acronym in 1904 but we
are confident his schools did have standards. Standards that
4-H enhanced.

4-H is led in every county by University of Georgia faculty
members. Locally, **4-H Agent Trudy Christopher and
Program Assistant Nancy Williams** design our yearly pro-
grams to compliment, enhance, and meet Georgia Perform-
ance Standards. While 4-H has many extracurricular pro-
grams, there is a significant amount of 4-H that is academic
and classroom in nature.

Visit the Georgia 4-H website to learn
more...<http://www.georgia4h.org/>



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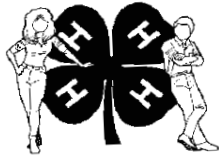
PROGRAM GUIDE

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What is 4-H?

4-H is an educational program focusing on leadership, citizenship, public speaking and life skills. We are the youth component of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. 4-H began as corn and tomato clubs, however 4-H has evolved to teach nutrition, financial management, recycling/pre-cycling, agriculture & environmental awareness. Along with the educational component of the meeting, included are real life scenarios to stimulate the students' thought process of "What would I do?" We try to encourage each student to incorporate the "seeds" of character in their daily lives...Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.



4-H and You!

Today your student attended their first 4-H Meeting at their school. Our staff goes to area schools (free) and presents an educational meeting to students and also shares upcoming events in which they can participate (some with minimal costs). This year the focus of our monthly meetings will be **"Agri-Science curriculum."**

4-H is open to all 5th –12th grade students. For students in schools we do not meet on a monthly basis, such as our Middle and High Schools and Homeschooled students, we offer an after-school program at our office. This is called County Council. It is an opportunity to get the educational program and learn more about the extracurricular activities offered by 4-H. (County Council will focus on Financial Management this year!)

Another extracurricular activity they might participate in is 4-H Project S.A.F.E. (Shooting, Awareness, Fun & Education). For more information call (770)479-0421 or uge1057@uga.edu

MEETING TOPICS:

This school year we will enhance students knowledge with an Agri-Science Curriculum. Each month we will explore a different topic and have a hands on activity that will supplement.

October: Discovering 4-H / Mean, Miserable, Menacing Microbes. We will introduce 4-H to students and get them excited about upcoming events in which they can participate, as well as an introduction to our curriculum with a focus on Germs! We will teach creatively how germs spread and encourage proper techniques used to avoid getting sick!

November: Inherited Traits. From this lesson we will discuss how plants transfer traits to their offspring. We will be busy bees as we artfully create flowers for our teacher!

December: Poison Pump! We will let the students play CSI agents as we use the scientific method to determine what caused the cholera epidemic in London in the mid 1800's.

January: Georgia Barrier Islands. The goal of this lesson is to examine the dynamics of the barrier islands and discuss the causes of erosion by looking at the current state of Jekyll Island.

February: Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle Promotion / The Rock Cycle: Students will be able to distinguish between different types of rocks by studying examples found throughout Georgia of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks.

March: Not all Soil is created Equal! Students will explore the uniqueness of Georgia's state Vegetable, the Vidalia Onion, and discover why soil in certain areas of the state allows for it's production.

© Throughout the school year we collect POP TABS from soft drink cans for the Ronald McDonald house as a Community Service Project. We will also announce a separate item each month in which they can bring in to participate in community service.

Summer activities: While students have time to relax during the summer, we do have opportunities in which they can participate with other 4-H friends: We usually have hands- on workshops (such as basket weaving or knitting), Summer camp for a week (at one of the 5 Georgia 4-H camps), and a reward trip(ex: Rome Braves game) for those students with excellent participation in community service.

Important 4-H Dates:

- September 3: Forestry Field Day Competition
- October 4–10: National 4-H Week
- November 7-8: Junior Leadership Conference (7th & 8th graders)
- November 10: Consumer Judging District Contest Cartersville (5th-12th graders)
- December: Cloverleaf District Project Achievement Sign-up /Call 770-479-0421
- February 12-13: Cloverleaf Project Achievement @ Rock Eagle (5th & 6th graders)
- March 1: Camp Rock Eagle Sign up!!! Call 770-479-0421 or mail form in!
- March 5-7: Jr / Sr Project Achievement @Rock Eagle (7th-12th graders)
- April 17: Annual Rabies Clinic
- April 13: Poultry Judging Contest– Dalton (5th-12th graders)
- May– Awards Reception -Date/Location- TBA
- June-July: Reward trip and day classes - Date/location-TBA

Brief details on these activities...

Cotton & Consumer Jamboree-students learn the importance of cotton as an agricultural commodity. They learn to make knowledgeable, rational decisions when purchasing goods and services. They learn to communicate reasons for choices made.

Forestry– students attend classes during July to learn to classify Georgia trees, insects, and diseases. They compete at a district competition in September.

Project Achievement- We love for our students to participate in this activity. It is an opportunity for Public Speaking. Participants present an educational talk on a subject of their choice. They also compile visual materials which are helpful in sharing their information in this competition.

Poultry Judging- This project is designed to help students develop observation, evaluation, comparison and decision making skills when looking at live birds, dressed birds, broken out eggs and shell quality eggs.

Rabies Clinic- Cherokee County 4-H's one day fundraiser. There are nine different stops at various Elementary schools where we hold a drive through clinic. Older 4-H'ers help facilitate this event, however we encourage all 4-H'ers to spread the news and bring their own cats and dogs in for annual shots.