

**Don't Delay, Start Your Project Today!**

It's that time again. Portfolios have been submitted and it is time to begin working on those Project Achievement demonstrations. The earlier that you begin working on your project the better it will be.

Here are some pointers to help you begin:

1. Research your topic and narrow down what you want to talk about during your speech. Brainstorm ideas and write down the information that you have learned. Take these ideas and form an outline to base your speech on.
2. Write your speech. Compile the information that you have researched into a speech that is the appropriate length for your age group. Remember the three main parts of a speech: the introduction, the body and the conclusion. A catchy introduction will help to attract your audience and a good conclusion will help to tie your speech together.



- a. For **Juniors**: Demonstrations should be between 7 and 10 minutes
- b. For **Seniors**: Demonstrations should be between 10 and 12 minutes
- c. If you are in one of the special categories there may be a different time guidelines that you should be aware of before competition.

3. Make your posters. Use the key points from your speech to make a series of posters to help you during your demonstration. Make sure to use only key words so that your posters won't be too crowded. Also, use a font style, size, and color that can be seen easily on your posters.

4. **Practice, Practice, Practice.** After you have completed your speech and posters be sure to practice in front of an audience so that you will be prepared on demonstration day. Make sure to make eye contact with your audience while you are practicing so that you will do it at competition.

5. When you have practiced at home bring your project to the 4-H office so that you can present it to a 4-H leader. **All projects must be heard by a 4-H leader before going to district competition in March. You MUST sign up for a time during our scheduled practices. Here is a list of the available times:**



- a. Monday – February 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm
  - b. Monday – Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 5:30 pm
  - c. Monday – Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 5:30 pm
6. If you have any questions or are stuck don't hesitate to contact the 4-H office for help. The earlier that you contact us, the better we will be able to assist you with your demonstration.

**Congratulations to Our CPA Participants!**

On January 22, 2011, 5th and 6th grade 4-H'ers from many different schools competed at CPA. Listed below are our 6th grade participants who have the opportunity to travel to Rock Eagle on February 12th to compete at DPA.

- Janie Williams - St. Joseph's; Bicycle
- Ryland Kennedy - St. Joseph's; Entomology
- Julie Alpaugh - CMS; Food for Health & Sport
- Sean Van Meter - St. Joseph's; Geology
- Luis Imery - St. Joseph's; History
- Elizabeth Jurado - St. Joseph's; History
- Julia Lopez - St. Joseph's; International
- Hunter Jordan - St. Joseph's; Outdoor Recreation
- Keegan Caudill - BHL; Performing Arts - Instrumental
- Davis Meyer - St. Joseph's; Target Sports

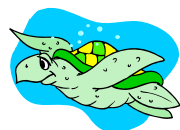
*Cloverleaf Summer 4-H Camp ~ Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island June 6 - 10, 2011*

Spend the week of June 6-10 at the beach with Athens-Clarke County 4-H! Cloverleaf Camp this year will be at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island. Tybee Island is located on the coast near historic Savannah, Ga. Your week of camp will be an awesome experience, packed full of things that you can't do every day or even on a normal family vacation trip to the beach. You'll get to experience the salt water marsh, learn about the animals that live along the coast, go on a boat ride to watch dolphins, fun recreation activities with your friends as well as daily trips to the beach.

The cost of camp will cover all fees and materials including transportation, lodging, meals, program supplies, and the dolphin cruise. The cost for camp this year is **\$330**. An initial deposit of \$85 must be submitted with the camp application and the balance will be divided between 3 payments, due in March, April, and May.

The date and time for camp sign up is **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30 PM**. As a reward for participation, students who compete in the District Project Achievement competition at Rock Eagle on February 12, 2011 may register for camp on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Camp applications will be handed out at your February club meeting and also available on our web site on Feb. 1, 2011. If you have questions regarding camp or signing up, you may call the 4-H office at 706-613-3640.



# The 4-H Messenger



Providing Athens-Clarke County Juniors & Seniors with the Latest News!

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**Senior 4-H's Attend Fall Forum**

On December 11 and 12th, 8 4-H'ers from Athens-Clarke County traveled to Rock Eagle in Eatonton, Georgia to attend Fall Forum. This event allows senior 4-H'ers from all over the state to come together and learn about leadership and citizenship, and to become more involved in 4-H. This year's theme was "The Best Stuff on Earth Just Got Better."



Attending were Hillary Austin, Ke'Marcis Howard, Jamia Johnson, Hendley Landers, Asha Mathis, Jacson Moody, Jasmine Moody, and Hannah Sanders.



During the 2010 Athens-Clarke County Parade of Lights, the ACC 4-H Club won "Best Use of Lights" award and \$200. This money will be used to help reduce the cost of some 4-H activities for the 4-H'ers.

Keeping this year's parade theme of "A Timeless Tradition," this year's float was decorated with a log cabin made completely out of recycled cardboard tubing, traditional winter holiday décor and many, many lights!



**Senior 4-H'ers Prepare Cookie Tins**

During the December Senior 4-H club meeting, cookie tins were prepared to hand out to different departments within the county to express Athens-Clarke County 4-H's gratitude for yearly support.

4-H'ers brought homemade baked goods and together they divided the goodies into holiday decorated tins. The tins were then delivered by 4-H staff later on in the week. Athens-Clarke County 4-H thanks all the seniors for their help with the cookie tins!



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**Ring the Bell**

On December 20th, 2010, Athens-Clarke County middle and high school 4-H'ers participating in the community service project of "Ring the Bell."



Students from Clarke Middle, BHL, Hillsman, Coile Middle, and St. Joseph's participated from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Georgia Square Mall. We estimate that ACC 4-H helped to collect over \$200 during the annual Salvation Army kettle drive this season. Thank you to everyone who participated. This was an excellent service project to participate in as well as to mark down for portfolio material.



## Middle School Club of the Month

1. St. Joseph's 6th 1600 points
2. Hilsman 7th 1190
3. Hilsman 6th 1180
4. St. Joseph's 7th & 8th 1120
5. Clarke Middle 6th 650
6. BHL 7th 640
7. Clarke Middle 8th 610
8. BHL 6th 590
9. Coile 8th 530
10. Clarke Middle 7th 490



Congratulations to the Top 10 for the months of November/December. Remember the ways to earn points? If not check last month's newsletter and your club could win the end of the year local reward trip!

## Agriculture Day Contest - Local

In celebration of agriculture month, 4-H will have an essay contest for Cloverleaf and Junior 4-H'ers. The theme for this year's essay contest is "Georgia Agriculture: Every Day in Every Way". To enter this contest write an essay following the following guidelines and submit at your February 4-H meeting.

- Cloverleaf 4-H'ers (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades) must prepare an essay of 100-250 words on the theme.
- Junior 4-H'ers (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) must prepare an essay of 250-500 words on the theme.
- Essays should be typed or neatly hand written.
- Name, age, grade, and school of writer must be attached to the essay.
- Contest entries should be submitted at the February 4-H meeting at your school or can be mailed to the 4-H office at 2152 W. Broad St, Athens, GA 30606.
- Entries will not be returned

## Two Junior Camping Opportunities

### Junior Camp at Fortson

During the week of July 4 - 8, 2011, seventh and eighth graders have the chance to attend camp at Camp Fortson in Hampton, Georgia. Campers can expect to experience dances, White Water, Atlanta Motor Speedway, a day at Stone Mountain, a catered meal from The Varsity, and a T-Shirt!

### Junior Marine Resource Camp

Also during the week of July 4 - 8, 2011 seventh and eighth graders can attend Marine Resource Camp at Jekyll Island 4-H Center. Spend a week learning all about the barrier islands of Georgia. Trek across Cumberland Island, trawl the seas on a real shrimp boat, hunt for shark's teeth, splash at SummerWaves, go crabbing, try kayaking & bicycling and enjoy island living with the Jekyll 4-H crew.

Cost for each of these camps is \$330 with a \$100 deposit due when you sign up for camp starting on February 14 at the 4-H office. There is also a transportation fee for both camps that will be determined at a later date.

## 4-H Calendar

### Upcoming Events & Due Dates

**Poultry Judging Practices begin in February.**  
**Cloverleaf DPA ..... February 12**  
**Junior Camps Sign-Up..... February 14**  
**Senior Camp Sign-Up.....February 14**  
**Cloverleaf Camp Sign-Up.....February 17**  
**Jr/Sr DPA ..... March 4-6**  
**(Don't forget to sign up for Jr/Sr DPA practice!)**  
**Cloverleaf Camp..... June 6 -10**  
**Junior Camp @ Fortson ..... July 4 - 8**  
**Junior Marine Resource Camp.... July 4 - 8**  
**Senior Camp ..... July 4 - 8**

### Senior Camp at Rock Eagle



Senior Camp will take place during the week of July 4 - 8, 2011 at Rock Eagle in Eatonton, Georgia. Campers will enjoy a trip to Athens to the University of Georgia and on-campus activities, a skating and bowling outing, and social activities at Rock Eagle.

Cost for Senior Camp is \$285 with \$100 due at sign up starting on February 14 at the 4-H office. There will be an additional transportation fee that is to be determined at a later date.

### NATIONAL Ag Day Contest

The Agriculture Council of America calls on 9th-12th grade students to submit an original, 450 word essay OR a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer." and the deadline is February 4, 2011.

The theme presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay and/or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today's growers are providing a safe, stable food supply and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

The written essay winner receives a \$1,000 prize and a round-trip ticket to Washington D.C. for recognition during the Celebration of Ag dinner held March 15th. The video essay winner wins a \$1,000 prize, and the winning video will play during the Celebration of Ag dinner.

For more information including entry application and rules, please visit the website:

<http://www.agday.org/media/pr4.php>



## Senior Feature

"I bleed green!" That's what Asha Mathis, a junior at Cedar Shoals High School, will tell you about her 4-H experiences. Asha is currently serving as the vice president for ACC Senior 4-H and is one of the more active members, participating in both team and individual competitive events.

She has competed each year in project achievement in a variety of subjects including dance. This year her project is Human Development and for her presentation she will draw strongly on her experiences both in and out of 4-H as she talks about child development and education. Asha loves working with younger students. She has served as a 4-H teen leader for Cloverleaf project achievement and Cloverleaf camp for several years and works as an assistant at Fowler Drive Elementary as part of her student apprentice program at CSHS. She also works during summer vacation at Lay Park with summer day camp activities.

Asha holds a statewide position of 4-H ambassador in Operation Military Kids and Global Awareness. Recently she coordinated several projects locally for these assignments. For one project she and students at Fowler Drive assembled "Hero Packs" which are distributed to the dependent children of deployed soldiers. She also coordinated a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross and gave a presentation about the importance of blood donation at statewide Fall Forum.

Additionally Asha has competed with the consumer judging and challenge bowl teams, was selected to attend Citizenship Washington Focus, was a finalist for National Conference, and has received numerous awards including the ACC Honor Society Platinum award. Keep up the wonderful work Asha!

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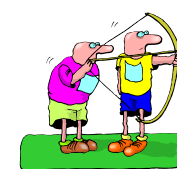


### Coins for Clover Challenge

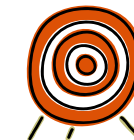
Burton 4-H Center has been the home for Clover the sea turtle since August 13, 2008. Clover was a straggler – a hatchling who didn't make it out of the nest and to the ocean with her siblings. The staff at Burton received the tiny turtle on this day and has cared for her for over 2 years. Weighing only a few grams at birth, Clover now weighs over 13 pounds and measures 37.5 centimeters.

Clover is doing well and growing steadily and is scheduled to be released in August 2011. To learn more about sea turtles, Clover's team of handlers are trying to raise money to have her fitted with a transmitter when she is released. Athens-Clarke County 4-H will be having events throughout the spring which will raise money to help with the cost of the transmitter. **What can your club do to benefit Clover the Sea Turtle?** For more information you may contact Ms. Felton in our office at [mfelton@uga.edu](mailto:mfelton@uga.edu) or you visit the Burton 4-H web site at [www.burton4h.org](http://www.burton4h.org)

### Athens-Clarke County 4-H Archery Team Meeting



Are you interested in learning about archery and participating in Project SAFE competitions? Athens-Clarke County 4-H is planning to form an archery team. Learn about archery and shooting safety with our certified archery coach. Unlike most 4-H events, there will be costs associated with participation in this activity as participants will be expected to provide their own equipment (bows, arrows and safety equipment). There will be an organizational meeting for interested students and their parents on **Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H office**. If you are interested in joining the archery team you and a parent/guardian must attend this meeting to learn about the requirements, costs, meet the coach and help make plans.



### Georgia 4-H Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Headed off to College after Graduation? Have you considered the costs? With tuition, books, class supplies, room and board . . . it all adds up quickly. Georgia 4-H'ers who are graduating are eligible for college scholarships to help with the expense of continuing education after high school.

To be considered for the 2011 Georgia 4-H Scholarships, completed (including all requested information and required signatures) applications must be received on or before March 1, 2011.

For more detailed information please visit the Scholarship website at: <http://www.georgia4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm>

Also, if you have any questions regarding these scholarships, please contact Ms. Conway or Ms. Felton.