

Junior/Senior Project Achievement

Portfolios Due: December 17th

March 4, 2011 – it seems like such a long time from now. There's plenty of time to work on a project and get it ready for District Project Achievement but not nearly as much time for the portfolio. Remember the portfolio? It's your ticket to Project Achievement at Rock Eagle in March. The due date for portfolios is

December 17th. So let's get busy on that portfolio.

Here are a few simple steps:

1. Refer to last month's newsletter or to the ACC 4-H website for information on how to prepare your portfolio.
2. Select your project area from the category list. You do not need to know the exact subject for your March presentation but you must decide in which project area you wish to compete.
3. Assemble some notes for your activities from the past year. Organize your activities by the portfolio headings: main project work, main project sharing and helping, leadership, citizenship, other 4-H activities, and all other activities. Don't forget things – brainstorm with someone about your activities and events for the year. Use your calendar or agenda book to remind yourself of the things in which you participated. Refer to handouts or contact the 4-H office if you need the headings explained to you again.
4. Type your information using the described format. Try to be as descriptive of your activities as you can be. Remember the person reading and scoring your portfolio does not know you and will never see you. Use your words to make a picture of you and your activities for this judge.
5. The text of your portfolio must be contained on two type written pages, remember no clip art or pictures on the text pages. If your text is more than two pages, adjust font size and/or margins and spacing to make it fit in the required area or edit the information that you have included. Print in black ink.
6. Supporting materials – get out and take get some photos made of you doing the things that you have listed in your portfolio. Juniors need one picture page and Seniors need two.
7. **You missed the scheduled date for the portfolio workshop** but don't give up. If you want to go to Project Achievement and need some help with this, call the 4-H office and arrange a time to meet with someone who will help you.
8. Email a rough draft to the 4-H office for comments or suggestions.
9. **Don't miss the submission deadline of Friday, December 17th.**

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

We are delighted that we have the rare opportunity to attend Cloverleaf Camp next summer at Burton 4-H Center located on Tybee Island. 4-H Summer Camp is a week-long resident camp filled with educational and recreational activities. Athens-Clarke County Cloverleafs will be attending Camp the week of **June 6 – 10, 2011**. The final cost of Camp has not been determined due to the added cost of transportation for this distance. At this time we are estimating that the cost of camp will be **\$330** for the week. The cost of camp covers all fees and materials including transportation to and from camp, lodging, meals, dolphin cruise, program supplies, etc. For your convenience we have established an installment payment plan. An initial deposit of **\$85** will be due with your application on the camp sign up date, **February 17, 2011**. The remainder will be divided between 3 payments, due in March, April, and May.

Further information including the exact cost of camp and time for camp sign up will be provided along with the camp application form at the February 4-H club meeting or may be obtained at the 4-H office after **February 1, 2011**.

As a reward for participation, students who compete in the District Project Achievement competition at Rock Eagle on February 12, 2011 may register early for Camp February 15th and 16th.

Cloverleaf County Project Achievement

County Project Achievement is a fun opportunity for **5th & 6th grade 4-H'ers** to share and compete with one another by choosing a project and presenting a demonstration with visuals. This event will take place on **Saturday, January 22nd at Clarke Middle School from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm**. Any 5th or 6th grade 4-H'er who wishes to compete in this activity will need to sign up with their teacher. With 60 different projects from which to choose, there is something for everyone! More detailed information will be presented to you during your November/December Club Meetings. As a bonus, winners from the CPA competition in January will earn the opportunity to travel to Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia to compete at Cloverleaf District Project Achievement on **February 12**.



The 4-H Messenger



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

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November/December 2010

Pumpkin Carving

On Saturday, September 23rd, several Athens-Clarke County 4-H'ers participated in Pumpkin Carving. Assisted by Senior 4-H members, Cloverleaf 4-H'ers used their imaginations and carved up their pumpkins to take home and display.



The 4-H'ers also took home their pumpkin seeds to toast up as a yummy fall treat. The insides of the pumpkins were saved to help feed a local worm composting bin.



Nothing went to waste in this fun, fall 4-H activity!

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Athens-Clarke County 4-H'ers Win in Wildlife Judging

Athens-Clarke County Junior and Senior Wildlife Judging Teams attended the state competition at Rock Eagle on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

Team members studied various game and non-game species of animals including several mammals, birds and fish. By

learning about the wildlife management practices and their effect on habitat, students gain an appreciation for this valuable natural resource and are challenged to help preserve it. The Senior 4-H team placed second at the competition with Andy Kim being recognized for high score in one component of the competition and placing 4th overall in the contest. Congratulations to team members Andy Kim, Caitlin Clark, Darian Harris, Chris Silcox and Hunter Jordan, not pictured.



Georgia 4-H Junior Conference and Pop Tabs



During the weekend of November 6-7, seven Athens-Clarke County 4-H'ers traveled to the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia to participate in the annual Georgia 4-H Junior Conference. This year's theme was Wild About 4-H and over 500 4-H'ers from across the state attended. In addition to meeting new friends and catching up with old friends, 4-H'ers participated in leadership skill building workshops and activities as well as watching Clover's and Company perform.

Also at Junior Conference, counties turn in the pop tabs that they have been collecting for the past year. In total, 17,170 pounds of pop tabs were collected this year which helped to raise \$10,443.93 for the Ronald McDonalds Houses. Athens-Clarke County contributed 218 pounds this year.

Middle School Club of the Month

1. St. Joseph's 6th 2290 points
2. Hilsman 7th 1235
3. Coile 6th 1050
4. Hilsman 6th 735
5. St. Joseph's 7th & 8th 710
6. Coile 7th 670
7. BHL 8th 660
8. Hilsman 8th 655
9. Clarke Middle 6th 650
10. BHL 7th 630



Congratulations to the Top 10 for the month of October. 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!

Needle Craft Community Service Project

Students have been learning needle craft skills including crochet at Wednesday afternoon workshops at the 4-H office. The 4-H'er pictured to the right is working on granny squares which will be connected and made into a "care shawl". The purpose of this project is to make items which will be given to family members when they travel to Dover Air Force Base to welcome home their fallen soldier. This community service activity is one way to give back to those who have given so much and to express gratitude for their soldier's sacrifice. To learn more about this project email mfelton@uga.edu.



Ringing the Bell



Continuing a long standing holiday tradition, Athens-Clarke County middle and high school students will be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army's annual holiday kettle drive on Tuesday, December 21st at the front entrance to the Georgia Square Mall. Students are encouraged to devote 30 minutes to this valuable holiday community service activity. All money collected by the Salvation Army kettle drive remains in the community to assist families in need. Sign up for this activity in your club meeting or by emailing Ms. Conway at ebarber@uga.edu.

Check the following schedule for your school's time slot:
 Clarke Middle School 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Burney Harris Lyons Middle School 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Hillsman Middle School 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
 St. Joseph's Catholic School 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 Coile Middle School 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Upcoming Events & Due Dates

Senior Fall Forum..... December 11-12
Jr/Sr Portfolios Due..... December 17
Cloverleaf CPA..... January 22
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
Cloverleaf Camp..... June 6 - 10
Junior Camp @ Fortson July 4 - 8
Junior Marine Resource Camp.... July 4 - 8
Senior Camp July 4 - 8

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.

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.



Senior Feature

The latest Master 4-H'er for Athens-Clarke County 4-H is Andy Kim. As a Senior 4-H'er, when one wins at project achievement or a special event at the state level one will earn master status. This is the highest honor available to 4-H'ers in Georgia 4-H. Andy, a 12th grade student at Cedar Shoals High School, mastered in the Performing Arts Instrumental category and will be attending National 4-H Congress November 26-30. Andy's combined portfolio and performance score at District Project Achievement in March earned a trip to State Congress in July where he won in his category and was selected to perform at the Georgia Power Celebration breakfast.

Andy has been an active 4-H'er throughout his 8 year 4-H career. He has participated in numerous events including wildlife, forestry, consumer and poultry judging teams, served as an officer, and assisted with community service projects. Andy's interests are not confined to 4-H as he is also involved in numerous civic and school related activities and organizations. He is a member of quite a few school organizations including: Interact, Beta, Spanish Honor Society, Mock Trial team, CSHS tennis team, Academic Bowl as well as serving on the Student Government Association. Andy also participates in Athens Youth Symphony, Boy Scouts, serves on the steering committee of Youth Partners for a Prosperous Athens, and assists with after school tutoring.

At the 2010 4-H awards program Andy received the Marilyn Poole Leadership award. He was the first recipient of the award given by Mrs. Poole who served for many years as the Clarke County 4-H agent and recently retired as the Northeast District 4-H Program Development Coordinator. This award recognizes students for outstanding achievement in 4-H, school, and community activities.



Athens-Clarke County 4-H Competes at Consumer Judging Event



The district Consumer Judging/Cotton Boll Jamboree was held in Gainesville on November 4th. Junior and Senior teams from Athens-Clarke County competed with teams from 18 counties in the competition. They learned wise buying choices for Gift Cards, Umbrellas, Athletic Shoes and Cereal. The Junior team was Shaqueria Arnold, Kala Horvat, and Mackenzie Wurst; and the Senior Team was Asha Mathis & Chris Silcox.

Leaders in the Community Project

The Leadership in Action program is designed to recognize the work of Junior and Senior 4-H'ers as leaders in their communities. 4-H'ers will identify an issue or need in the community or an issue related to agriculture or the environment. Once this issue or need has been selected, the 4-H'er will determine ways to make a difference and then enact his/her plan. The process focuses on leadership engagement by the 4-H'er.

4-H'ers complete Part I of the application for recognition certificates and Part II of the application for state recognition and competition. Competition is optional. 4-H'ers who meet requirements will receive recognition.

The deadline to submit an application is before April 2, 2011. For assistance with this project, please contact the 4-H office or email Ms. Conway or Ms. Felton.

Dean's Award

The Dean's Award competition is a way to encourage participation and achievement by 4-H youth in areas fundamental to the mission of 4-H, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Any active Senior 4-H member is eligible to compete in one of the 5 areas; Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Citizenship, Communications and the Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Leadership.

Once an area of work has been selected, the 4-H'er must carry out project work related to that area and then submit a cumulative (entire 4-H career) portfolio. The next step is an interview session with experts, scientists, and educators during State 4-H Council.

If Dean's Award is something that you would like to consider participating in, please contact the 4-H office or email Ms. Conway or Ms. Felton.