

5th Annual Clover 5K

On your mark, get ready, get set, GOOOO! Athens-Clarke County 4-H will host the Fifth Annual 4-H Clover 5k on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at Sandy Creek Park with the race starting at 3:00 pm. Plaques will be awarded for first, second, and third place finishers in each age division. Racers who pre-register for the race will receive a race t-shirt. Proceeds from the race will be used to fund future 4-H activities throughout the year.

The Clover 5K Race was established by the graduating class of 2007 as a way to provide funding for and to reduce the cost of 4-H activities. The students realized a need in the program and through series of meetings and discussions they arrived upon the idea of a 5K race. Members of the Class of 2007 were very active 4-H'ers participating in state and national events and wished to leave a legacy to the program and have challenged subsequent classes to create their own legacies.

For more information on how to sign up for the race, check out our website:

www.ugaextension.com/Clarke/4H



Holiday Card Contest

Design a holiday card for this state-wide 4-H contest! One design will be selected to use for the card which the Georgia 4-H Foundation will send to sponsors and donors. To enter your own card, just follow these simple IMPORTANT rules:

1. Make your drawing on **white, unlined paper**.
2. The size of the paper must be 8.5 inches by 5.5 inches. This is one half of regular computer printer paper.
3. Put your **NAME, ADDRESS, GRADE, and SCHOOL** on the back of the card.
4. Use a universal December holiday theme rather than depicting one specific holiday.
5. Submit your card to the 4-H office by **October 11th** to be eligible for this contest.



Here are a few helpful hints to make your holiday card:

Make your card design attractive and very colorful!

Include the 4-H emblem, the four leaf clover!

Be CREATIVE!



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Coins for Clover

Clover is a loggerhead sea turtle that was raised from a hatchling at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island. She has grown from a few ounces to over 25 pounds. Athens-Clarke County 4-H'ers participated in the "Coins for Clover" campaign to purchase a transmitter to be attached to her shell before she was released on August 4, 2011. By fitting her with a transmitter more can be learned about the life and travels of sea turtles which can help to protect this endangered species.

Photo above: Clover, with her transmitter on release day, heading out to sea!

5th Grade Officer Training.....	Sept. 27
5K Road Race (at Sandy Creek Park).....	Oct. 9
Radon Poster due (at 4-H office).....	Oct 11
Camp counselor (12th grade only) applications due.	Oct 28th
Wildlife Judging.....	Nov 5
(practices begin <u>Thursday, Sept 29</u> after school@ 4-H office)	
Junior Conference.....	Nov 5-6
Consumer Judging.....	Nov 15
(practices begin <u>Tuesday, Oct 4</u> after school @ 4-H office)	
Fall Forum	Dec 10-11
Portfolio due date.....	Dec 16
Cloverleaf CPA.....	Jan 21
Cloverleaf DPA.....	Feb 18
Junior/Senior DPA.....	March 9-11



← Forestry team visiting Thompson Mill Forest.

Summer Stuff



↑ Clarke County Senior 4-H'ers participated in the annual meeting of Georgia 4-H by attending State Council at Rock Eagle in June.



↑ Participants at Cloverleaf Summer Camp visited historic Fort Pulaski during the week.



→ Participants at Junior Marine Resource Camp at Jekyll Island 4-H Center.



↑ High school 4-H'ers attending senior camp at Rock Eagle visited UGA. Campers pose for photos outside the Ramsey Center

Wildlife Judging



Wildlife Judging is an opportunity for students to gain an appreciation for wildlife as well as be challenged to preserve this valuable natural resource. Also, students will learn about wildlife habitat and how to manage it, learn about wildlife management practices and their effect on habitat for various species, to interpret wildlife habitat from aerial photographs, and communicate reasons from observations.

Workshops to prepare for this competition will be held after school every Thursday afternoon beginning on September 29 from 4:00 to 5:30. The competition is Saturday, November 5th at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Consumer Judging

Do you love to shop? Do you want to know all the secrets to buying the best stuff? Then, 4-H Consumer Judging is the activity for you!

In this competitive event, students learn to compare the quality and price of given items to make a wise consumer choice. The product categories for competition this year are: pizza, backpacks, cotton pants, and mutual funds.



Practicing for the Consumer Judging Team will begin on October 4th. Students practice every Tuesday from 4:15 until 5:30 at the 4-H office. The district competition will take place on November 15th in Gainesville, GA.

Radon Poster Contest

The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can kill. The Surgeon General lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

The Goal: Raise Awareness

This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

Eligibility Requirements

Students ages 9-14 are eligible.

The Prize: Awards and Recognition

National winners will receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1000 for first place, \$600 for second place, and \$400 for third. There will be county and state prizes awarded as well. *Students who submit viable contest entries will be invited to the state award ceremony in Lawrenceville, Ga.*

Deadline for Submission

Posters must be submitted to the Athens-Clarke Co. 4-H office by **October 11, 2011** to be considered for awards.

Poster Topics

Choose one of the following 5 topics to address in your poster:

1. What is Radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

Artwork Requirements

Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White paper.
- No student names on the front.
- Include a title on the front.
- Topic and title must be on the artwork.
- Create the poster with crayon, markers, paint, collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, and trademarked or brand names cannot be used
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.

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 **Wednesday, October 19 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.

