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WELCOME

Welcome back to a new year of 4-H programs and activities. We hope you are excited about the new school year and are ready to participate in 4-H this year.

Parents who would like to help with 4-H activities **MUST** complete a Volunteer Leader Application and schedule an appointment with the 4-H staff in order to become a Screened Volunteer Leader or a Certified Overnight Chaperon. Applications are available on the 4-H website at coffee4h.org under the 4-H Forms link.

Where is the 4-H Office?

The 4-H office is located in the Coffee County Agricultural Center at 701 East Ward Street. Please use the main entrance at the front or back of the building unless you are coming to an activity in the conference room.

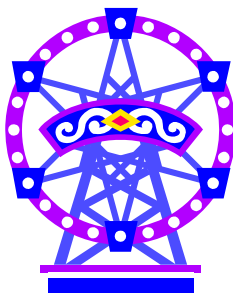


Agricultural Center on East Ward Street where you will find the local 4-H office.

GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR EVENTS

It's time for 4-H members to start thinking about the various contests and events they can participate in at the Georgia National Fair in Perry. The dates for the fair are October 6 - 16, but the entry deadline for these events is 4 PM on Thursday, September 1st.

Contests for 4-H members include: Mini-booth Exhibits, Inventions, Recycling, Decorated Agricultural Products Exhibit, Terrarium/Dish Garden Exhibit, Graphic Art Design, Family Scarecrow Building Contest, Cloverleaf Peanut Contest, Homemade Ice Cream Contest, Pizza Contest, 4-H Promotion Contest, Public Speaking Contest, Cotton Boll Speech Contest, and the Variety Show.



Persons interested in participating in any of these contests should come by the Coffee County 4-H office in the Agricultural Center to pick up an enrollment form and a copy of the rules for the event or events in which they wish to participate.

For more information on the Georgia National Fair, you may contact the fair at (800)987-3247, or (800) YUR-FAIR or visit their

web site at georgianationalfair.com or gnfa.com.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

Every 4-H member is encouraged to participate in Project Achievement this year. Every one of us needs to work on improving our speaking skills. Not only

'Project Achievement' is an excellent way for 4-H'ers to learn useful skills such as research, organization, visual creation, and public speaking.

do you learn speaking skills, you also improve your research and organization skills.

We will attend Cloverleaf Project Achievement in Blackshear, GA, on Saturday, November 12th. Project Achievement is a 4-H presentation competition where each participant prepares a speech and some posters or other visuals on a topic they choose. Speeches can be up to six minutes long and projects cover a wide variety of topics.

Now is the time to sign up for a project. Call or come by the 4-H office to sign up for a project.

You need to begin preparing your presentation NOW!

For more information, call 384-1402.

CLOVERLEAF 4-H DANCE

We have scheduled the first Cloverleaf 4-H Dance for **Thursday, September 15th, from 5 - 7 PM** at *The Fun Place*. Admission for the dance is \$5 plus you must have a 4-H wristband to be admitted. You must pay the admission fee at the skating rink door.

4-H wristbands cost twenty-five cents and are **only available from the 4-H office the day of the dance. You are only allowed to purchase one wristband for the dance** and you must get it from the 4-H office. The **wristband must be put on your arm at the time of purchase** and is not transferable to another person. Students who fail to follow the rules at the dance will not be allowed to purchase wristbands for future dances.

At the conclusion of the dance (7 PM), parents who don't want their child left unsupervised should pick them up at 7 PM. The Fun Place is only open for us that night, so everyone will need to be picked up by 7:30 PM.

Rules to follow include: Respect dance leaders, keep dancing clean and respectable, no running or playing around, and keep refreshments in lobby area and out of the dance area.

Bring money if you would like to purchase anything from the concession stand or play any games. You can only play the games in the skating rink during the dance time.

DANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents who would be willing to help with 4-H events must complete a volunteer leader application and agreement and turn them in at the 4-H office at least three weeks prior to the date of the event. The forms are available at <coffee4h.org> under the 4-H Forms or the Volunteer Leader section. Upon completion of your references, your application will be sent to UGA for a criminal background check. Upon completion of this, you will be cleared as a Screened Volunteer and can help with 4-H dances. Please contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

Dance Chaperons must be Screened Volunteer Leaders. Contact the 4-H office to find out how to become a Screened Volunteer.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Please contact Mr. Kevin at the 4-H office at 384-1402 if you are interested in showing animals in the county or state shows this year. Tagging dates will be set and all animals must be tagged on those dates. The tagging date for steers & heifers will be on August 16th from 4:30-6:30 PM and Hogs will be in mid to late November. The animals will be tagged at the Coffee High School Animal Science Building. Please make sure that you have your animals there so you can participate in the shows this year.



The **County Goat Show** will be held on **Saturday, September 17th**, starting at 10 AM, in the Coffee High School Ag. Arena. The Nicholls Founders Day Meat Goat Classic will be held in the Wiregrass Arena at the South Georgia Youth Park in Nicholls on Saturday, September 24th. Please come and support our youth involved in these events.

2011-2012 4-H POINT SYSTEM

Each year 4-H members are given the opportunity to earn a trip as a reward for being active in 4-H events. Each 4-H member who meets the requirements AND earns 300 points by the end of the school year will earn a trip to Summer Waves Water Park on Jekyll Island as a reward for their hard work. It is **your** responsibility to keep up with your points and turn them in to your Club Record Keeper.

The points are:

- 100 - Project Achievement
- 50 - Judging Event Contest
- 50 - Target Sports Match
- 50 - Livestock Show
- 25 - Adopt-A-Highway Workday
- 25 - Pet Therapy Visitation
- 20 - GA National Fair Contest
- 20 - Club Meeting Demonstration (Limit 2/year)
- 20 - Can Tabs (Pint or more once per school year)
- 20 - Essay/Art Contest Entry
- 10 - Completing 4-H Friends Manual (5th Graders)
- 5 - Donation to a Community Service Project
- 5 - 4-H Folder Brought to Club Meeting



You **MUST** sign in when you attend a 4-H activity such as Adopt-A-Highway or Pet Therapy. If you fail to sign in, we cannot give you your points for the activity. We will start taking points at your second 4-H club meeting.

4-H HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

All budding artists are encouraged to create a drawing for the Georgia 4-H Holiday Card Artwork Contest. Entries must be turned in to the Coffee County 4-H office by 5 PM on September 30th. The rules include: Drawing must be the student's original work and drawn on an 8.5 x 5.5 inch (or 5.5 x 8.5 inch) sheet of white, unlined paper; it must include 4-H in the theme and be a universal holiday theme; it must be colorful; and it must be accompanied by an official entry form available from the 4-H office. All 4-H members are eligible to participate. If you don't follow these rules, the drawing will be disqualified.

Please contact Mr. Kevin or Mrs. Liz at the 4-H office if you have any questions about this contest.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H members are encouraged to take part in community service projects. Here are some projects for you to consider.

Pet Therapy Visitation - Monday, September 19th, from 4 to 4:30 PM at Shady Acres Nursing Home. Pets must be current on vaccinations and must be friendly. Group photo at 4:30 PM. (25 points.)

Adopt-A-Highway - Thursday, September 29th, 4 to 5 PM, at the 4-H office. Screened Leaders are needed to help. (25 points)

Can Tabs - Pop tabs are collected off of aluminum cans to be recycled. The money Georgia 4-H raises from this project benefits the Ronald McDonald House program in Georgia. (20 points for donating a pint bag or more once per school year.)



Canned Food - Donate a can of food to help the local food bank in Coffee County. This will be an ongoing project for the whole school year. (5 points each month you make a donation, not per can.) The 5th grade club and the 6th grade club that donates the most cans this year will get a pizza party at the end of the school year.

Dollars for Scholars - Donate \$1 each month to help support Camp Scholarships. (5 points each month you donate \$1 or more.)

GEORGIA 4-H PHOTO CONTESTS

Each year, Georgia 4-H offers three contests for members who are interested in photography. Photos can be made with any type of camera that produces a negative or digital file. The images cannot be altered and must be submitted as they were taken. Entries for the photo contest are due in the State 4-H office by June 1. Please start taking pictures early so you will have some great photos to select from for your entries into these contests.

The three contests include Focus on Agriculture (photos related to agriculture or farming), Focus on 4-H (photos related to 4-H activities), and 4-H Photography Contest (photos of any subject matter).



Remember, the photos must be taken by the 4-H member who is submitting them. There are great opportunities to get photos year round in south Georgia, so take advantage of this opportunity and get some great photos to enter into this contest.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week will be observed October 2-8. Junior and Senior 4-H members will record Public Service Announcements that will be played on local radio stations, so listen throughout the week to see if you can hear them.

4-H Week is a time to promote 4-H to the public and make people more aware of the 4-H programs offered in Coffee County.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Find out what 4-H activities are coming up each week by listening to WULS 103.7 FM radio station each Tuesday morning. Mr. Kevin gives an update of the upcoming 4-H activities on the radio at approximately 6:15 AM. So listen to WULS to find out if there are any activities that you want to participate in.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Target Sports Team members must complete the Hunter Safety Course administered by the GA DNR. Web links to sign up and take the on-line course are posted on the 4-H website at <http://coffee4h.org> under the **Web Links** page. Call the 4-H office at 384-1402 if you have questions or need help.



4-H TARGET SPORTS SIGN UP

4-H tries to offer a wide range of target sports programs for 4-H members each year. Programs available include: Archery (Cloverleaf, Junior, & Senior), 22 Rifle (Senior), Air Rifle & Air Pistol (Junior & Senior), BB Rifle (Cloverleaf & Junior), and Shotgun (Junior & Senior). These programs are dependent on volunteers to organize and run them. If you know of an adult who would like to help with one of the programs, please have them contact the 4-H office at 384-1402. A **Certified Coaches Training** will be held at Rock Eagle on **October 21st-23rd** and we need to get them enrolled as soon as possible for the workshop.

Sign up for the Target Sports Programs will be held in early October and will end on **Friday, October 7th**. To sign up, you need to fill out an enrollment form (available at the 4-H office or on the 4-H web site) and turn it in at the 4-H office by the deadline. Our office hours are 8 AM to noon, and 1 PM to 5 PM.

4-H LISTSERVE UPDATE

The 4-H office is in the process of updating the 4-H listserve. If you would like to be added to it (or remain on it), you must contact Mrs. Lisa and asked to be put on it. The easiest way is to send her an email at <uge4069@uga.edu>. This list will be used to distribute information of upcoming 4-H events to interested persons. Please include your name and email address when you request to be added to the listserve.



4-H ON FACEBOOK

Coffee County 4-H has a group page on Facebook. You can be added to the group by becoming friends with Kevin Tatum or Elizabeth Peters on Facebook and asking to be added to the 4-H group.



4-H CLUB CALENDAR

August 2011

- 24-25 Hunter Safety Course, 5 PM-10PM, State Park*
- 26-27 Hunting, Fishing, & Outdoor Expo, Central Square*
- 26 Hunter Safety Course, 5 PM-7PM, Central Square*
- 27 Hunter Safety Course, 10AM-12PM, Central Square*
- 29 Volunteer Leader Applications Due for 4-H Dance
- 31 Mini-booth Exhibits Due for Georgia National Fair

September 2011

- 1 GA National Fair Entry Forms Due, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 2 Labor Day Holiday, CCA & Public School
- 5 Labor Day Holidays, No School, 4-H Office Closed
- 9 Certified Chaperon Training Registration Deadline
- 9-10 GSSA State BB Championship Match, Griffin
- 13 BB Team Sign Up Meeting, 6 PM, First Baptist Church
- 15 Cloverleaf 4-H Dance, 5 - 7 PM, The Fun Place
- 17 County Goat Show, 10 AM, CHS Ag. Shop
- 17 4-H Day at the UGA Football Game, Athens
- 19 Pet Therapy Visitation, 4 - 4:45 PM, Shady Acres
- 20 Home School 4-H Meeting, 3 PM, 4-H office
- 21 Record PSA's for National 4-H Week
- 23 Registration Deadline for Hunter Safety Course (9/30)
- 24 Nicholls Founders Day Goat Show, Youth Park
- 29 4-H Adopt-A-Highway Workday, 4-H office, 4 PM
- 30 Holiday Card Contest Entries Due, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 30 Hunter Safety Course, 7-9 PM, Gen. Coffee State Park*

October 2011

- 1 Kick-off to National 4-H Week (Jr/Sr 4-H'ers)
- 2-8 National 4-H Week/Georgia 4-H Week
- 4 4-H Day in Coffee County (more info to come)
- 6-9 State Market Lamb & Goat Shows, Perry
- 6-16 Georgia National Fair, Perry
- 7 Target Sports Sign Up Deadline, 5 PM, 4-H office
- 7 or 10 Trip to Georgia National Fair (Jr/Sr 4-H'ers)
- 11 Parent DPA Workshop, 6 PM, 4-H office
- 16 Clovers & Co. Show, Perry (Ga. National Fair)
- 18-20 Sunbelt Agriculture Expo, Moultrie
- 21 Cloverleaf 4-H Dance, 5 - 7 PM, The Fun Place
- 21-23 Target Sports Coaches Training, Rock Eagle
- 24 Registration Deadline for Hunter Safety Course (10/31)
- 25 Home School 4-H Meeting, 3 PM, 4-H office
- 27 Hometown Harvest Festival, Downtown Douglas
- 31 Hunter Safety Course, 7-9 PM, Gen. Coffee State Park*

* Pre-registration required one week prior to class

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER!

This newsletter is designed for Coffee County Cloverleaf 4-H members and their parents to inform them of upcoming events and information on 4-H and it's activities. It was created by Kevin Tatum, CEA, and edited by Lisa Craigue, CES, and Liz Batten, CEPA. Call (912) 384-1402 for more information or visit our website at <coffee4h.org>.