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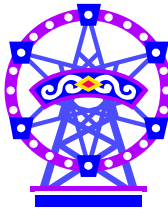
GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR EVENTS

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: Inventions, Recycling, Decorated Agricultural Products Exhibit, Terrarium/Dish Garden Exhibit, Family Scarecrow Building Contest, Cloverleaf Peanut Contest, Homemade Ice Cream Contest, Pizza 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.



4-H HOLIDAY CARD ARTWORK CONTEST

Entries Due

September 30th by 5 PM

Drawing must be the student's original work.
Must be drawn on 8.5 x 5.5 inch sheet of white, unlined paper.
Must include 4-H in the theme and be a universal holiday theme.
It must be colorful.

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*. Certified Teen Leaders and Volunteer Leaders are needed to chaperon the first dance. Please arrive by 4:30 PM so we can open the dance doors at 5 PM. We need you to stay until 7:30 PM to help get kids loaded in cars safely.

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 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 ani-

mals 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)
- 10 - Completing 4-H Friends Manual (5th Graders)
- 10 - Essay/Art Contest Entry
- 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.

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 on-going 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.

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 upon 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.

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 LISTSERVE UPDATE

The 4-H office is in the process of updating the 4-H listserv. 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.



4-H ON FACEBOOK

Coffee County 4-H has a group page on Facebook. You can be added as a friend by contacting Kevin Tatum or Elizabeth Peters on Facebook.



4-H CLUB CALENDAR

August 2011

- 16 County Steer Tagging Day, CHS, 4:30-6:30 PM
- 19 SCBC Blood Mobile, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 4-H office
- 22 Senior 4-H Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 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*

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
- 12 Senior 4-H Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 13 BB Team Sign Up Meeting, 6 PM, First Baptist
- 15 Cloverleaf 4-H Dance, 5 - 7 PM, The Fun Place

* - Pre-registration required one week prior to class!

This newsletter is designed for Coffee County Senior 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 Liz Batten, 4-H CEPA, and edited by Lisa Craigie, CES. Call or visit our website for more information.