

A Summer Full of 4-H Activities

The Evans County 4-H program stayed busy this summer with a wide variety of activities for all 4-H'ers to take advantage of and enjoy while learning.



The summer of 2008 kicked off with a reward trip to Wild Adventures for all D.P.A. competitors on June 4, 2008. Sixty-two 4-H'ers and adults enjoyed a day of rides, attractions, shows, and splashing around in Splash Island Water Park. This free reward trip for the 4-H'ers was made possible thru a horse trail benefit ride fundraiser in March. In previous years, 4-H'ers had to pay the cost for the reward trip which is planned solely for those who put forth the time and effort to prepare for and compete in District Project Achievement competitions. Junior 4-H'ers attending were: **J.T. Edgar, Sara McCorkle, Kristin McNeely, and Harley Strickland.** Senior 4-H'ers were: **Josh Lewis, Hannah Lynch, Garret Jones, Sydney Strickland, Julie Thigpen, Megan Winters, Charity Greene, and Joshua Greene.**

Josh Lewis, Sydney Strickland and Kasie Jenkins spent a week of camp with the Cloverleaf 4-H'ers at Rock Eagle June 9-13 as Teen Leaders. They displayed good leadership skills during their assigned daily camp activities like canoeing, sailing, recreation and more; as well as, helping with and keeping the Evans County Cloverleaf 4-H'ers on task. These senior 4-H leaders helped make this week of camp fun and enjoyable for all!



Evans County Junior 4-H'ers, **Sara McCorkle and Kristin McNeely**, traveled to the Jekyll Island 4-H Center for a week of sun and fun at Junior Camp June 16-20, 2008. Their week was spent going on dolphin tours, a trip to Summer Waves, shopping and touring St. Simon's Island, touring Jekyll Island historic center, swimming at the beach, visiting the new turtle research center and so much more.



Senior 4-H'ers **Sydney Strickland, Charity Greene, Ann McCullough, Kyleigh Threatte, Joshua Greene, Megan Winters and Robert Stallings** attended Senior Camp at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, June 30-July 4, 2008. During the week they enjoyed a dolphin cruise, dinner cruise on the Savannah River, swimming at the beach, ghost tour in historical Savannah, and many other camp activities.

4-H Calendar of Events

September	November	Looking Ahead in 2009!
1 4-H Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday	3 Cotton Boll & Consumer Jamboree Judging Competition	<u>February 2009</u>
6 4-H Day @ UGA	8-9 Junior Conference Cruisin' in the Country	6-8 Jr./Sr. DPA
17 Cotton Boll Training begins	27-28 4-H Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	<u>March 2009</u>
20-22 Georgia Youth Summit	<u>December</u>	14-15 Evans County Rattlesnake Roundup
22 6:30 Archery Team Information Meeting	13-14 Fall Forum	21 Cloverleaf DPA
<u>October</u>	19 Junior & Senior Portfolios Due	<u>April</u>
11 Set up Fair Exhibits 9:00 am-1:30 pm	4-H Office will be closed for the Holidays—December 25-January 1	4-5 Junior Spring Conference
19 Take down Fair Exhibits 2-3:30 pm		25-26 Senior Spring Conference
27 Club Officer's Training		



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Upcoming Events

Evans County Archery Invitational Competition - 8/30/08

4-H Day @ UGA - 9/6/08

Sign-Up for Fairbooths Begins

Sign-Up for Cotton Boll Begins (grades 9-12)

Cotton Boll Team Workshops Begin - 9/17/08

Next Sr. Meeting - 9/15/08 (grades 8-12)

Youth Summit - 9/20-9/22 (grades 9-12)

New 4-H Senior Officers Participate in Leadership Training at GSU



On July 30th, Megan Winter, President, Josh Lewis, Vice-President and Board Members Garret Jones, Kyleigh Threatte, Joshua Greene and Charity Greene learned a lot about leadership, responsibility, team work, and positive attitudes during a leadership training course at GSU's Southern Adventures Center in Statesboro. Senior officers developed their strengths and acknowledged their weaknesses through the experience of a low ropes challenge course which challenged them to "think outside the box" with difficult problem solving team activities. Afterwards, they used their skills to discuss and plan new & upcoming 4-H events and activities in a much more relaxed atmosphere at Starbucks. Senior club officers will continue to take part in special leadership classes throughout the year to help enhance their leadership skills. We are so proud of the accomplishments that the Senior officers have made already this year, and we look forward to their active leadership during the 2008-2009 4-H year!

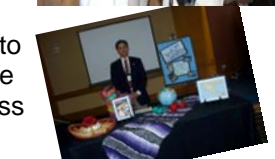


Nine Senior 4-H'ers Attend State Congress



Every year during the State 4-H Congress competition in Atlanta, top 4-H'ers from across the state come together to compete in one of forty-nine project areas, Leadership in Action competition or 4-H special events. State 4-H Congress is an honor and delegates can be proud to be part of an elite group of 4-H'ers. **Only fifteen percent of 4-H'ers that compete at the district level earn the opportunity to participate in this prestigious state event.** This year was no exception for Evans County 4-H'ers as nine Senior 4-H'ers **Joshua Greene, Kali Wasdin, Mark Lewis, Taylor Smith, Hannah Lynch, Julie Thigpen, Angel Hernandez, and Megan Winters** became part of this elite group and competed in this year's state competition at the Crown Plaza Ravinia hotel July 22-25, 2008.

On Tuesday afternoon, **Kali Wasdin**, was recognized during the Opening Assembly as a Georgia 4-H Scholarship Winner. Kali received the Hugh Moss Comer Scholarship sponsored by the Georgia 4-H Foundation. **Taylor Smith** competed and placed 1st in the Wildlife & Marine Sciences project area. Taylor's presentation, along with a portfolio earned him the status of top 4-H'er in the state in his respective project. Taylor was recognized at the annual State Congress Winner's Banquet, in which Governor Sonny Perdue was in attendance and issued a congratulatory speech. Taylor also received an invitation to join the Master 4-H Club and the opportunity to attend National 4-H Congress in the fall where he will meet other "Master 4-H'ers" from across the nation. Other activities enjoyed during the week were an evening at Six Flags, tours at various locations in Atlanta, a dance and being with other friends in 4-H.



Congratulations 4-H'ers!



4-H Benefit Bass Tournament

Evans County Senior 4-H officers are busy organizing a 4-H Benefit Bass Tournament on October 4, 2008 at the Evans County Recreation Department . The idea & plans for this event were suggested by 4-H Senior Vice-President, Josh Lewis.

Anyone ages 12 & up can enter the tournament by filling out an entry form & paying the \$15 fee.

4-H'ers will prepare & serve a fish fry dinner at 6:00 p.m. for participants & their family. All proceeds will go toward the Evans County 4-H Program.

Help from 4-H'ers and adult volunteers are needed with this event.

Call the office to sign up today for a fishing good time.



4-H DAY AT UGA

Join other 4-H'ers across Georgia as UGA vs. Central Michigan at the 34th annual 4-H Day at UGA football game, September 6, 2008.

Limited space available so sign up now and pay \$55 to reserve your ticket!

Cotton Boll Consumer Jamboree Returns to Evans County 4-H



Do you like to shop? Do you know how to make wise decisions when shopping for clothes, electronics, food, etc...or do you just buy based on "what is in"? An Evans County team of 9th - 12th grade students is currently being organized for the Cotton Boll and Consumer Jamboree judging competition. This is a contest designed to help youth develop good consumer decision-making skills when purchasing products. These skills will carry over into other projects and everyday life.

A team of 8 is needed to compete in the contest on November 3, 2008 in Statesboro. Training will begin September 17 and continue every Wednesday after school until the competition. Mrs. Susan Winters will be conducting the trainings. Call the 4-H office to sign up!



Remember, the team is limited to the first 8 to sign up!!

2008 Georgia Youth Summit

Charity Greene, Faith Mincey, Sydney Strickland, Shoheb Punjani, Kyleigh Threatte and Steven Smith will attend the Georgia Youth Summit on September 20-22, 2008. The goals of the summit are to create an awareness of state/local issues, enhance youth-adult partnerships on the local level, equip youth to become active locally in the betterment of their community in the areas of economic development, education, health and safety. The Summit is designed for county youth-adult teams to experience educational opportunities in a team approach. This team of young 4-H'ers will participate in issue based round table discussions with state leaders and create action plans for future community building. Volunteer leader, Mrs. Edie Smith, is providing the adult leadership for this event by facilitating meetings for the delegates, helping delegates complete assigned tasks and chaperoning them to the event.



Exhibits for the Kiwanis Ogeechee



It will soon be time for the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair in Statesboro, October 13-18 and Junior and Senior exhibits are needed to fill up the 28 spaces available. This is a great way to share your project areas for D.P.A. A mini-booth exhibit goes into the Sharing and Helping Experiences section of your portfolio. This section counts as 30% on the portfolio score for Seniors and 20% for Juniors. If you are interested in displaying an exhibit, please call the 4-H office to reserve a space. Be prepared to give the title of your exhibit, your grade, age and school name at the time of sign up to ensure exhibit will be properly registered

Exhibits will be set up on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is the ONLY DAY you will be allowed to set up your exhibit. Exhibits should be removed Sunday, October 19 from 2-3:30. It is 4-H'ers responsibility to set up and take down their mini-booth. Exhibits size is 30 inches wide, 28 inches deep and 28 inches high.



They will be judged on originality of idea, neatness, creativity in carrying idea, educational value and best floor display. Put your thinking caps on and come up with an original, exceptional, out of this world exhibit.

Senior Teen Leaders Needed for 2008 Officer Training

Teen Leaders are needed to help with games, refreshments & crowd control during Officer Training, October 27, from 3:30-5:00. Call the office and sign-up today to help!



Senior 4-H'ers Become Certified Teen Leaders

This summer, eight Senior 4-H'ers took an extra step toward leadership by attending a class to become 4-H Certified Teen Leaders. Sydney Strickland, Kacie Jenkins and Josh Lewis were certified in early June and served as teen leaders at Cloverleaf Camp.

Other seniors, Shoya Collins, August Blalock, Angel Hernandez, Julie Thigpen and Kyleigh Threatte became certified during a workshop held later in June. All the 4-H'ers learned how to become better leaders for other 4-H'ers.

Portfolio Building Opportunities

Do you need additional material for your portfolio? Then take advantage of this great community service opportunity:



Volunteers are needed to help with the Special Olympics to be held in Statesboro on October 4, 2008. Volunteers are also needed to help with a local Special Olympics event that will be held in Evans County sometime in the spring. For more information, contact: Katie Kennedy Brown 739-3544