

BLAST OFF!



THE 4-H PARENT BOOSTERS

Evans County 4-H program is growing. More and more children and youth are becoming interested in our 4-H youth program. Single parents have reduced resources and the only way to keep the child strong is to recruit and train volunteers like YOU!

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Adults (18 years of age and up) who want to see the 4-H in Evans County have the very best chance of learning the art of leadership skills.

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Boosters may help at 4-H events. They may assist in designing and executing projects and displays. They may help in the selection and training of youth leaders. They may help with projects to teach specific skills. Most of all, boosters provide encouragement to the 4-H and assistance to the 4-H staff. Boosters do not need to be experts!

THE 4-H PARENT BOOSTERS

Most 4-H assistance takes place during non-school hours. There are after-school programs like golf and chess, special projects, govt. workdays and community service activities. Nights, weekends and summers are filled with parties for local projects and festivals, club meetings (5th-12th grades), competitions, camp, retreats and more. You can work according to your schedule.

The Evans County 4-H Parent Boosters will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The group will not meet in the months of December 2011 or April 2012.

I have read my child's 4-H Newsletter:

(Parent/Guardian Signature)
Please cut out and bring to your next 4-H meeting



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4-H activities take place at school, in the 4-H office, all around the county and in the residence. You can get involved in 4-H all around the state!

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Sign up for a free 4-H Parent Booster training. Sign up for a free 4-H Parent Booster training. Sign up for a free 4-H Parent Booster training.

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12859 Evans County 4-H Office
1021 Daniel Street
Claxton, GA 30417

4-H is for all youth who like action, learning, and FUN!

My Next 4-H Meeting is:



The 4-H Times



EVANS COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM OCTOBER 2011

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Phone: 739-1292
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Join us on FACEBOOK

DISCOVER 4-H YOU

I Pledge...
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
and My Health to better living,
for my Club, My Community,
My Country and My World.

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

4-H Events



- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 8 4-H Fall Benefit Trail Ride
- 15 Set Up Fair Exhibits
- 23 Take Down Fair Exhibits
- 25 Cloverleaf Officer Training
- November
- 5-6 Junior Leadership Weekend
- 7 Senior/Junior 4-H Meeting 6:00
- 12 4-H Exhibits @ Chick'n Pick'n Festival
- December
- 2 Junior & Senior Portfolios DUE!
- 10-11 Fall Forum
- 19 Junior/Senior Portfolio Reward Trip
- The 4-H Office will be Closed for Holidays Dec. 26—Jan. 2

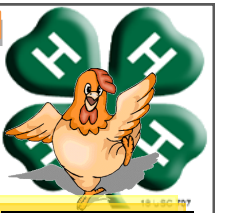
Display an Exhibit at the Chickin' Pickin' Festival

Saturday, November 12 @ the Evans County Wildlife Club

Create an exhibit on anything of your interest. Project information will need to be displayed on a tri-board along with a table display. Exhibits will be judged in 3 age categories, cloverleaf, junior and senior divisions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

4-H'ers will set up displays on Friday-November 11 between 5-6:30 p.m. in the banquet room and stay with their exhibit on Saturday from 1:30-4:00 to interact with citizens about their projects and involvement with 4-H.

Call 739-1292 to sign up for this fun & educational event!



Wanted! Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

4-H'ers from across Georgia pull their pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The money received from the sale of pop tabs goes toward purchasing bed linens, towels, and other items that families may need during a visit to the Ronald McDonald House when they have a sick child in the hospital.

During Junior Leadership Weekend in November, each county will bring their pop tab collection to Rock Eagle to make one large donation to this charity.

Talk with your family, friends and neighbors and have them save their pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, pet food cans, etc. This is an ongoing community service project for 5th-12th grade 4-H'ers throughout the year, so remember to **keep popping** to help families during their time of need.



5th-6th Grades Cloverleaf News

4-H Class Officer Training for 5th & 6th Grade

4-H officer training will be held for 5th & 6th grade 4-H Class Officers ONLY, Tuesday, October 25th, at the Claxton Elementary School from 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. 4-H Class Officers will be trained on their respective duties when presiding during monthly 4-H class meetings. Parent permission forms to attend will be given out to each elected class officer during their October 4-H meeting & must be returned to their 4-H teacher by stated deadline.

4-H Class Presentations

Each month 4-H'ers are asked to present 3 illustrated presentations during their 4-H class meeting. This can be a past or present school project, 4-H project, a hobby or something of interest. All presentations must include one or more visuals. Points are awarded monthly for 3 class presentations.

Illustrated Presentation Tips

1. Choose a topic that is interesting to you.
2. Keep it simple...3-5 minutes.
3. Research topic thoroughly to provide correct information.
4. Provide visual aids.
5. Have FUN!!

4-H Class of the Month Points

Each month you will be given the opportunity to earn 4-H Class of the Month points for your 4-H class. Below is a list of ways you can help earn points.

Desk cleared	10
Officers prepared	50
Flag pledges led by class member	10
Illustrated presentations (Only 3 per meeting)	100
Parents at meeting	100
Teachers or school staff at meeting	25
Member participate in county event	25
Attend CPA (in February)	50
Attend DPA (in March)	100
Class turns in Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House	100
4-H Newsletter signed by parent	50

Giving a 4-H presentation is a fun way to share your interest with your friends, enhance speaking skills and earn 4-H class points while doing it.

7th-12th Grades
Junior & Senior News

Junior/Senior Project Achievement Competition

Sign up TODAY for a REWARDING EXPERIENCE like never before! SE District Junior/Senior Project Achievement Competition.

FREE WEEKEND @ Rock Eagle 4-H Center

February 3rd - 5th, 2012

1st Step: Call 739-1292 to claim your project area before they are all gone!

2nd Step: Complete a Portfolio (see information below)

A complete list of all junior & senior project areas, project objectives and a portfolio fill in guide can be found on our website!



Experience a FREE weekend of fun, games and fellowship with friends all while competing for awards, enhancing your leadership skills, public speaking or performing arts skills, & build a lifetime of friendships & memories!

Project Areas are filled on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** basis! Don't delay, CALL TODAY!!

4-H Project Portfolios

Now is the time to begin working on Junior/Senior Portfolios for Project Achievement. A portfolio of all your 2011 accomplishments **MUST** be completed **before** attending Project Achievement. All portfolios are mailed & judged prior to the Project Achievement competition in February 2012 and will count as part of your overall score.

WARNING!
Early Deadline!

Portfolio Deadline for Junior & Seniors:

December 2nd

For more information, a fill in guide and a portfolio example go to our [website](http://www.ugaextension.com/evans). Call 739-1292 if you need assistance.

4-H LEADERSHIP

**Serve as a Teen Leader for
Cloverleaf Officer Training**

7th-12th grade

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Tuesday, October 25th at the Claxton Elementary School from **4:00 -5:30 p.m.** Lead younger 4-H'ers in team building activities, camp songs & more.

MUST Call 739-1292 to sign up!

(Mandatory for all Senior Class Officers & Certified Teen Leaders to attend.)



Portfolio Reward Trip

All 7th - 12th grade 4-H'ers who turn in a completed portfolio **BEFORE** the deadline of **December 2nd**, will be eligible for a **At this time Destination Unknown-Portfolio Reward Trip on December 19th!**



**Raise Money to for YOUR Account to Attend
Summer Camp or District/State Events**

Need money to attend district and state events or camp? 4-H'ers can **OPEN YOUR OWN 4-H ACCOUNT** by participating in this awesome fundraising event! **7th through 12grade** 4-H'ers have the opportunity to raise their own money to attend 4-H camp, district or state events by selling tickets for a chance to win **1 of 4** items below:

1. An Ashlee Thinbody electric guitar with dual humbucking pickups. A Chris Mitchell Guitars brand, retailed at \$200.
2. 2 1/2 hours tree trimming service donated by Sands Contracting and Construction in Claxton, owner/operator Chad Sands. Retailed at \$200.
3. \$100 Wal-Mart gift card donated by Performance Refrigeration.
4. 26" x 32" Custom Framed Print (idyllic scene of a white clapboard home on a peaceful lake with sailboats) donated by Geri Wasdin at Farmer Framers.

All monies raised per child will be placed into individual accounts at the 4-H office to be used for that child to attend 4-H camp, district or state events of their choice.

Tickets will be available at the 4-H office during the Junior/Senior meeting on Monday, October 3rd. That night, the parent and child must sign out each book of tickets and return together with the ticket stubs and money to deposit and sign into the 4-H'ers account.

Deadline to turn in tickets will be November 1st. Drawing will take place on November 7th during the Junior/Senior 4-H meeting.

All eligible 4-H'ers are encouraged to take advantages of this awesome fundraising opportunity organized by the Evans County 4-H Volunteer Leadership System, Geri Wasdin, Melissa Sands, Jhonda Sparks and Lynn Lewis. A special thank you goes out to these members and all donors of this fundraiser.

For dates & details on upcoming events & activities, view the Evans County 4-H Calendar on the Evans County 4-H website:

www.ugaextension.com/evans



National 4-H Week

Celebration of Youth

Benefit Celebration

4-H Fall Trail Ride



National 4-H Week celebration campaign will kick off during the week of **October 2nd - 8th.**

A benefit Fall Trail Ride with horses & UTV's, will be held on **October 8 at Blalock Farms**. Bring the family to ride and help raise money to defray the cost of 4-H'ers attending 4-H summer camp during this benefit celebration of youth! Visit our website for information or stop by our office for a flyer.

Join the Revolution of Responsibility during National 4-H Week from October 2-8!

This campaign tells the 4-H story in far more compelling terms than ever before. It showcases the stories of real 4-H'ers making a real impact in their communities, and gives a voice to the uncommon dedication and barrier-breaking commitment of the young people who are 4-H. That's the kind of revolution the world needs now.

It's a great time to let others know about 4-H in your community! Show your teachers, adult volunteer leaders, local supporters and 4-H staff how much you appreciate their support! Visit the Evans County 4-H or National 4-H websites for ideas and information.

How can you Join the Revolution of Responsibility?

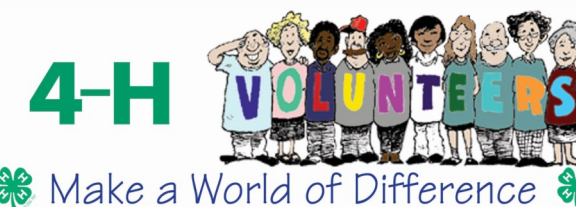
Visit www.4-h.org/about/revolution today and get started!

Tracking Phantom with Dakota...



It's amazing how well Phantom has adjusted to his/her disability. As many of you may know, Phantom only has one eye and that is how Phantom was named after the Broadway production, "Phantom of the Opera". Phantom doesn't let his/her disability hold him/her back and has been all over the lower part of the Atlantic Ocean since our last tracking update. After a quick visit with Mickey Mouse around mid August Phantom swam around the coast of Florida for a few days and headed straight up the Georgia coast. On September 3, Phantom was just off of Jekyll Island, Georgia. He/she may have even swam by the Georgia Sea Turtle Center to visit some friends and the wonderful staff that saved his/her life. By September 5, Phantom was around Tybee Island, Georgia. It's amazing how fast a sea turtle can swim. According to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, a sea turtle can swim approximately 6 mph! On September 7, Phantom had made it to South Carolina just off the coast near Charleston and from there he/she swam to Myrtle Beach and may have visited Ripley's Believe it or Not Aquarium. Who knows there may be some relatives there! Phantom made it as far north as North Carolina near Oak Island on September 14, and then headed back South. As of September 26, Phantom was near Charleston, South Carolina. He/she may decide to take a couple of days and visit the historical waterfront park.

Well until next month we will see where our adventures with Phantom lead us.... Have a great time tracking Phantom!



4-H Parent Clover College a Huge Success

The 4-H Parent Clover College was a great success. This informational session by parents for parents and students of all ages was planned, organized and hosted by the members of the **Evans County 4-H Volunteer Leadership System**, Geri Wasdin, Melissa Sands, Jhonda Sparks and Lynn Lewis. Parents and students learned more about 4-H with a guided tour to different stations set up by current 4-H'ers displaying fair exhibits, Project Achievement presentations and portfolios. They also were given the opportunity to view a 4-H slide show and to learn 4-H dances. Special thanks goes to **Geri Wasdin, Melissa Sands, Jhonda Sparks, Lynn Lewis, Denise Lynch** adult volunteers for their help and support. Also, thank you to 4-H'ers **Rachel Wasdin, Landon Walker, Katie Walker, Leah Sands, Morgan Sands, Dakota Sparks, Josh Lewis, Carrigan Flotlin, Morgan Pippin, Sara McCorkle, J.T. Edgar, Malik Freeman and Julie Thigpen** for giving their time and showing great leadership during this event.

