



Thumbs up to Senior 4-H Class Officer, Josh Lewis who taught a successful 4-H Young Buck Training Camp class! Students attending were: Dakota Sparks, Dalton Sparks, Carrigan Flotlin, Ashton Cowart, Darcie Bailey, Wyatt Sapp, English Sapp, Taylor Schmidt, Landon Walker, Austin Powell, Katie Walker, Joseph Ashford, Dwayne Friend, Brandon Prosser, and Evan Saylor.

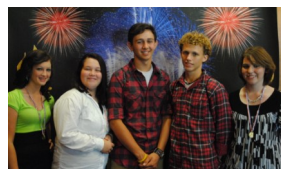
**4-H Pledge**

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.

**Evans County 4-H'ers attend 2010 Georgia Youth Summit**

By: Morgan Pippin, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Evans County 4-H Member

Marianne Williamson, an author and international lecturer on spiritual, personal and political issues once said: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." She goes on to say that "as we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."



September 11-13, 2010 five high-school 4-H members and our adult volunteer leader traveled to the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA for the 2010 Georgia Youth Summit to discover that we are indeed powerful beyond measure. That one voice speaks great volumes and that with a little hope, backed with a little effort; we can help make Evans County an even more amazing place to live, work, go to school and raise a family. J.T. Edgar, Dakota Sparks, Morgan Pippin, Sara McCorkle, and Carrigan Flotlin, along with our volunteer leader, Crystal McCorkle, came together to compose a project that would help resolve an issue in our community. This issue, we decided, was the need to improve the cosmetic appeal of our county. After attending lectures by experts in the areas of Grant Writing, Economic Development, Education, Safety and Health, Youth-Adult Partnerships and other seminars, we developed a well-organized plan. The team created ideas for five main programs which include 4-H on the 4-Lane, Adopt-a-Yard, Your Monthly Dose of Green, Yard of the Month, and Get Your Green On. 4-H on the 4-Lane is an idea that would allow 4-H members to help with beautification efforts in our downtown area during the current on-going highway expansion project. Adopt-a-Yard is an idea where the community would donate money/services to provide yard cleaning services for senior citizens' yards, as 13% of our citizens are 65 and older. Your Monthly Dose of Green is a program that would provide a meeting each month to educate both youth and adults on the importance of recycling and keeping our community beautiful. Yard of the Month is exactly as the title implies. Each month citizens would submit photos of their yards for a chance of winning a gift certificate from a local business. Finally, there is Get Your Green On. This is a long-term plan to enhance recycling efforts in our community. Our team worked hard throughout the weekend and prepared a skit for competition in the Economic Development Division. We performed a skit about our project ideas for the audience and judges. The Evans County team was deemed the top "Gold Medal County" in Georgia for our project ideas in the Economic Development Category during this event.

Claxton is known world-wide for some of our local businesses and events. We want people to feel welcome in our popular town. That was the goal of our team of talented youth. With the help and support of our fellow citizens, we hope to realize our greatest fear, that we are "powerful beyond measure". Together, we can make our community shine brighter than ever before.



Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers for displaying great exhibits at the Evans County Chick'n Pick'n Festival; Haley Bowen, Shoya Collins, Miranda Deloach, Todd Edgar, Malik Freeman, Chayla Jackson, Ciana Lands, Josh Lewis, Matthew McGlashan, Sarah Morgan, Leah Sands, Morgan Sands, and Dalton Sparks.

Thanks to Shelby Amerson, Alexis Bacon, Darcie Bailey, Laura Bland, Haley Bowen, Jena Brown, Chelsie Holland, Chayla Jackson, Kandanasia McNeal, Sarah Morgan, Jacob Myers, Leah Sands, Morgan Sands, English Sapp, Wyatt Sapp, Dalton Sparks, Cornelius Taylor, Julie Thigpen, Kyle Vliet, and Rachel Willis for helping with the 4-H youth activities at the Chick'n Pick'n Festival.



My Next 4-H Meeting is: \_\_\_\_\_



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

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Please cut out and bring to your next 4-H meeting



**The 4-H Times**



EVANS COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM

OCTOBER 2010

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**Coming Up.....**

**October 4**  
 'I AM GEORGIA 4-H'  
 campaign kick off

**October 15**  
 a-MAZE-ing Cloverleaf  
 4-H Fall Fun Night

**October 16**  
 Set up Fair Exhibits

**October 24**  
 Take down Fair Exhibits

**October 21**  
 Teen Leader Officer  
 Training Committee Meeting

**October 26**  
 5th-6th Grade Officer  
 Training

**November 3**  
 4-H Recyclorama

**November 6th - 7th**  
 2010 Junior  
 Leadership  
 Weekend @ Rock  
 Eagle!  
 7th & 8th grade only!

**4-H Recyclorama Coming November 3rd!**



Start saving newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, & plastic products for the Evans County **4-H Recyclorama** on **November 3rd from 3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the recycling center in Claxton behind McDonalds.



**Prizes awarded for 75 pounds or more and points added to your 4-H class for 5-8 grade! Prizes will also be awarded to the top 3 students with the most recyclable products!**

Talk with your family, friends and neighbors to help collect recyclable products and support this 4-H recycling awareness event!

**Good community service material for junior and senior portfolios!**

**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 26th**, at the Claxton Elementary School from 3:30 p.m.—5:00 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.**

**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 earn points.

Desk Cleared	10
Officers Prepared	50
Flag Pledges led by class member	10
Thought for the Day by class member	10
Illustrated Presentations	100
(Only 3 per meeting)	
Parents at meeting	100
Teachers or school staff at meeting	25
Member participates in county event	25
Attend CPA	50
Attend DPA	100
Bring in Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald	100

*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.*

**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 4th - 6th, 2011

**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 can be found on our website!

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

**4-H Project Portfolios**

Junior/Senior 4-H'ers (7th - 12th grade students)



Now is the time to begin working on Junior/Senior Portfolios for Project Achievement. A portfolio of all your 2010 accomplishments **MUST** be completed **before** attending Project Achievement. All portfolios are mailed & judged prior to the Project Achievement competition in February 2011 and will count as part of your overall score.

**Portfolio Deadline for Junior & Seniors: December 17th**

For more information, a fill in guide and a portfolio example go to our website. Call 739-1292 if you need assistance or for more information.

**2010 Evans County Farm City Week Essay Contest (7th graders only)**

**Topic: Agriculture Counts: The Importance of Agriculture in Georgia to Me, My Community, My State, My country and the World"**

Did you ever think about how agriculture impacts you every day? Agriculture is a vital, thriving industry that is intertwined with everything we do. The agriculture industry plays a critical role in our state and country's economic health as well as the economic health of every country in the world. Research the value of agriculture in your community, Georgia and the world. And think about how agriculture touches you throughout the day.

It is preferable that the essay be typed; however, an essay that is neatly handwritten in ink will be accepted. Typed essays should meet the following criteria: double spaced, minimum 12 point font (Arial or Times New Roman preferred), 1-inch margins, and a maximum length of 2 pages. Handwritten essays should be in ink on lined notebook paper with a maximum length of 3 pages. **The deadline to turn in Essays to the Evans County 4-H Office is Monday, November 8th.** Open to all 7th grade students.

**Parent's Corner**

**What is the mission of Georgia 4-H?**

The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished through "hands on" learning experiences, focused on agriculture and environmental issues, agriculture awareness, leadership, communication skills, foods and nutrition, health, energy, conservation, and citizenship.

Exploring and discovering, encouraging and challenging, that's what Georgia 4-H is all about.



**Mystery Reward Trip**

All 7th - 12th grade 4-H'ers who turn in a completed portfolio **BEFORE** the deadline of **December 17th**, will be eligible for a **Destination Unknown-Portfolio Reward Trip on December 20th!**

**Leadership Opportunities**

**Serve on the Teen Leader Committee for Cloverleaf Officer Training**

7th-12th grade

Tuesday, October 26th at the Claxton Elementary School from 3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

A **mandatory** planning meeting for the Officer Training Committee will be held on **Tuesday, October 21st from 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

Plan, organize & lead younger 4-H'ers in team building activities, camp songs & more. Call 739-1292 to sign up **today!**

**4-H Recyclorama**

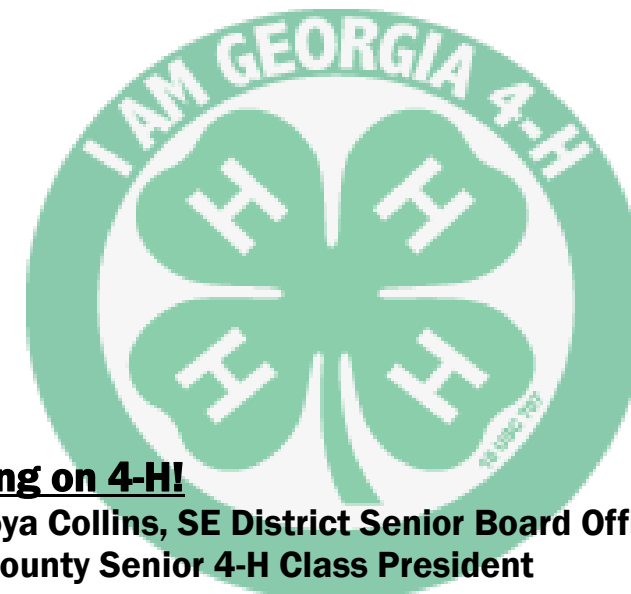


**Teen Leaders are needed to help with the 4-H Recyclorama on November 3 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please call 739-1292 to sign up!**

**Encourage your child to participate in monthly 4-H school club meetings & other 4-H activities and you'll experience positive life long memories with your child.**



**"Take the Lead"** Call 739-1292 and ask for Stephanie Myers, Evans County 4-H Agent to learn more to learn how you can become a 4-H volunteer!



**Focusing on 4-H!**

**By: Shoya Collins, SE District Senior Board Officer, Evans County Senior 4-H Class President**

In the past 7 years I have met a countless number of people; countless numbers of people whose lives have been changed by 4-H. I have heard countless numbers of stories of what 4-H has done for people! It's a fact that 4-H is an amazing, life changing program! It touches and changes everyone in the program. However, there is only one me. No other story like mine, because there is no other person out there like me! This is how 4-H changed my life.

I'm a dramatic individual, who is usually loud, outspoken and always with something to say! However, I was not always like this. Believe it or not, I was a quiet individual who usually sat on the sideline! 4-H has changed this. I could sit here and tell you all the stories of how when I went to DPA for the first time I thought that everyone placed. How I lost my fake ponytail at the beach when a wave came by and knocked it out of my head. How when I made the 2006-2007 junior board, I ran into the stage rather than jumping onto it. I have made a countless number of memories in the past 7 years. But that is only a part of it. 4-H has taught me so many lessons. One of the greatest things I've learned is it's the little things that matter. I remember being on junior board. All the things I learned at Georgia Officer Training. All the wonderful experiences. How to put up and work with people you didn't kick it that well with. I remember that Friday, when we put on the skit. Our theme was 4-H is Horrifically Awesome. The adrenaline rush I felt that night was like none other. People from all over the district looked up to me! I was a leader. It wasn't essentially about me it was about the opportunity I was given - the opportunity to be a voice to be heard and to make the best better; not just say it, but put it into action. In the past 7 years, I have been to places I have never been before and had the chance to do things I have never done before! Like ride a train, or go to six flags, go zip lining, rock-wall climbing, white water rafting and experience the world. I got to do things I thought only happened on TV. I got to meet new people many of who I am still essentially close to.

Not too long ago, I was watching TV one day and seeing people hurting, whether it was the crisis in Haiti, or the oil spill, or nature in general! Our planet is suffering and you can only take so much. At one time, I used to believe that all I could do is watch and pray. Watch and pray! What could I do? I was only one person! That's where 4-H came into play. I realized that I could make a difference. I realized that I was looked up to as a leader and that when I talked, people listened. It was never, in a way, about me. 4-H has done so much for me in the past 7 years and now it's my turn to give back! I have learned that anything is possible! You can take a stand and you can make a difference! With friends that I have made in 4-H, anything is possible. I've learned to be the bigger person! I've learned to believe in myself. Winning is good and all, but the lessons learned are in the battles that were lost. I didn't always place in Project Achievement, but I learned it wasn't about winning, it was about doing what I love, and being able to share my gifts with others. And just because I didn't win in one way I have won in so many different other ways. I count my blessings, I live for today and dream for tomorrows. I'm never too old to sing the burrito song, or the frog song (camp songs)! I may be small, but I'm going to do big things and make a difference. I'm going to make the best better everywhere I go. And no matter where I go, I won't forget how I got there! 4-H gives us the opportunity to give back, to do anything and be anything! So how has 4-H changed my life? I can't put into words what 4-H has done for me. I can't express what the program means to me. There is so much that I still want to do, that I still need to do. The people you find in 4-H aren't like any others. These people are your fans, are your friends, are your family, your role models, your mentors! If it wasn't for 4-H I wouldn't be the person I am today! Which is a pretty awesome person if you ask me! 4-H is still changing my life! I am more that just me, I am Georgia 4-H!