

**4-H Camp Adventures**  
**By: Coron Powell, Evans County Junior 4-H'er**

This summer, I had an amazing experience. I attended 4-H Marine Biology Camp on Jekyll Island, Georgia. Not only did I make several new friends, I also learned a lot about the sea. My favorite part was making new friends. When you go to camp, you get a chance to meet a lot of different people, with different interests, from a lot of different places. While attending camp, I got the opportunity to take part in many things that I never did before. We went shrimping, fishing, crabbing (my friend Kassy and I caught the first crab). But, unfortunately, I caught the smallest fish. Let's face it, I'm not a good fisher, but it was still fun. We also played games had recreation time and who can forget.....the dance! Almost every day we had a dance.

Summer camp was an awesome experience. I had a great time and I encourage other kids to go and have as much fun as I did. I'm already looking forward to returning next summer.

**Local Junior 4-H'ers Attend Summer Camp at Fortson**  
**By: Allison Womack, Evans County 4-H Senior Officer**



During the week of June 13-17, Evans County junior 4-H'ers had the opportunity to attend 4-H Camp at the Fortson 4-H Center in Hampton, GA. I had the privilege to be one of the ten 4-H'ers that went. Other Evans County 4-H'ers attending junior camp included Chase Anderson, Darcie Bailey, Collin Edgar, Malik Freeman, Sam Hobbs, Zharia Jones, Branden Lewis, Andrew Rogers and Dalton Sparks. It was an action packed week filled with messy games, a dance every night, educational and health classes, pool time, and much more!

Monday afternoon we arrived at Fortson and we were treated to a catered meal provided by the Varsity restaurant. Tuesday brought us our first day of classes. The classes were made up of a herpetology class, a "Health Rocks" class where we learned how to live a healthy life and even a class about making sushi! On Wednesday, we enjoyed being treated to Six Flags' White Water waterpark near Atlanta, and that evening we went to Stone Mountain to watch the laser show and ride the cable cars up the mountain. Thursday's classes were great; we climbed a rock wall and even rode on a zip line! Later in the afternoon, we headed to the Atlanta Motor Speedway which is a few miles down from Camp Fortson. Competitors from the ages of nine to ninety-two raced against each other; what an adventurous day it was! We didn't want the week to end, but sadly on Friday, we said goodbye to our new friends and camp counselors and headed back home.

As you can see, Georgia 4-H is not just about livestock judging, showing hogs, or competing just at district project achievement competitions. It is much more than that! So many young individuals think 4-H is "uncool" or "boring." Youth from ages nine to nineteen can attend fun and educational camps, statewide conferences and many more events all while having the time of their lives! 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. We are the leaders of tomorrow. Georgia 4-H makes improving communication skills, overcoming fears, gaining friendships that will last a lifetime, and becoming a leader possible. That is why the Georgia 4-H motto is "To make the best better."

Join 4-H as a member or a volunteer leader by contacting our local County Extension Office at 739-1292, or visit our website: [www.ugaextension.com/evans](http://www.ugaextension.com/evans). One of our knowledgeable and friendly staff members will help you pursue involvement in your county and gain access to the world of opportunities in 4-H. Select from more than 50 project areas, participate in any of hundreds of events, apply for scholarships, and travel around the world. Your county extension 4-H office is the door of opportunity for you.

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

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

**Never Too Old for Camp**  
**By: Morgan Anne Pippin, Evans County 4-H Senior Officer**

4-H provides children a place to grow, to learn, to share, and to enjoy life. It gives kids an opportunity to show their true potential, while living responsible youthful lives. One of the outstanding events in Georgia 4-H is Senior Camp. This year it was held at Rock Eagle, and eight of our very own county 4-H'ers attended. On the early morning of July 4th, Cecile Duncan, Carrigan Flotlin, Ciana Lands, Sara McCorkle, Morgan Pippin, and Dakota Sparks traveled to Rock Eagle to begin an exciting week of camp. Campers signed up for tours, classes, and color crews! Monday night, campers were treated to a water night after competing in the color crew competitions. Tuesday, campers were joined by senior officers starting their camp experience after finishing Georgia Officer Training (G.O.T). Two of our very own, J.T. Edgar and Josh Lewis, were among those district officers. Josh said, "Even though I was caught up with G.O.T the first two days, I met new friends and participated in some pretty spectacular activities." Wednesday, campers went on their first off campus trip to Athens for a tour of the UGA campus. Later that night, the campers got the opportunity to participate in a talent show consisting of everything from various singers to talented dancers. The show not only allowed the 4-H'ers to show their unique talents, but also allowed them to display fellowship and support of each other! Campers agreed that Thursday was one of the best days of the week by far. The campers were taken off campus for roller-skating, bowling and to the movies for a relaxing day of play. While some enjoyed games and movies, some campers enjoyed an exhilarating high ropes course at Georgia College and State University. Campers climbed rock walls, participated in challenging ropes courses, and worked together on partner climbs. They even got to fly down a zip line. When the campers returned from a day full of fun, they all assembled to visit with a very important person involved in Georgia 4-H - Dr. Bo Ryles. Dr. Bo Ryles, retired Georgia 4-H state leader and current 4-H volunteer, sat down at the old piano and began to play. 4-H'ers began to gather and join in as he sang and shared the piano. Guitar players and trumpet players joined in and it became a truly amazing experience. It was so wonderful to see all of these people that had become friends during the week, singing and dancing with each other. Campers came together in such a great way; it will surely be a moment that will not soon be forgotten. Dr. Bo Ryles also provided an inspirational speech for all in attendance. With only a rock as a prop and thirty minutes to kill, he proved once again just how much he means to every 4-H'er in Georgia! "I'm not big in 4-H, 4-H is big in me" said Dr. Bo. And as he reminded them that the week was coming to a close, campers reminisced about this special week of camp. Seth Holloway said, "The great combination of awesome people, fun activities, and the summer sun was nothing short of spectacular. In short, 4-H camp was by far the best part of my summer." While campers were treated every night with recreation; such as the famous dances, amazing swimming, rock band, and board games, Thursday night seemed all about preserving memories. For my Elizabeth Peters, it was sure to be a special memory, "This was first year at Rock Eagle for 4-H camp... and all I can say is wow." Ben Powell also reminisced on the week, saying, "When I heard that Georgia 4-H was holding Senior camp at Rock Eagle, I had my doubts, but by day two, I was thinking otherwise. Senior Camp was probably my favorite camp experience over-all." 2011 Senior Camp showed everyone just how sensational 4-H and its 4-H'ers are! You are never too old to enjoy camp, and even as you grow older, the memories of senior camp stay with you forever.



**My Next 4-H Meeting is:**

Visit the Evans 4-H Website! [www.ugaextension.com/evans](http://www.ugaextension.com/evans) Stay Up-To-Date with 4-H on FACEBOOK!

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EVANS COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2011

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The Evans County 4-H Youth Program is looking for 30 students in grades 5-12 to display educational mini exhibits at the Statesboro Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair, October 17th-22nd.

**FIRST COME! FIRST SERVE!**  
**Parents MUST Call 739-1292 to sign their child up!**

Exhibitors choose your own exhibit topic. Prize money, ribbons & certificates awarded in 3 age categories: **5-6 grade, 7-8 grade & 9-12 grade.**

**Set up displays:** Saturday, October 15th, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.  
**Take down displays:** Sunday, October 23th, 2:00p.m.-3:30p.m.

See fair exhibit flyer (handed out during 4-H class meeting) or visit our website address above for more information.



**Southeast District to Hold Recruitment Event 2011 for UGA**

The Southeast District will hold a recruitment event on September 22 at the Vidalia Onion and Vegetable Research Center in Lyons for parents and students in 9th-12th grade or college transfer students interested in attending the *University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences*.

This event will begin with a dinner at 5:00 followed by college information sessions for the two groups. Interested students and parents are invited to attend this **FREE** event. Transportation is own your own. Call the 4-H Office for further details.



**4-H Parent Clover College**



**Monday, September 19**  
**5:30-6:30**  
**@ the Evans County 4-H Office**

**What is 4-H? How will my child benefit from this program? How can my child become involved? How can I get involved with my child?** Discover these answers and more at the 4-H Parent Clover College-an informational session by parents for parents and students of all ages! Hosted by the Evans County 4-H Volunteer Leadership System. Visit the Evans County website and view the calendar more information.

**Celebrate National 4-H Week**

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 wanting to attend 4-H summer camp during this benefit celebration of youth! Visit our website for information or stop by our office for a flyer. (For junior & senior 4-H portfolios, visit the Evans County 4-H website for more National 4-H Week celebration ideas & have FUN)



**4-H Events**

September	November
19 Parent Information Session	5-6 Junior Leadership Weekend
October	December
2-8 National 4-H Week	2 Junior & Senior Portfolios DUE!
8 4-H Fall Benefit Trail Ride	10-11 Fall Forum
15 Set Up Fair Exhibits	19 Junior/Senior Portfolio Reward Trip
23 Take Down Fair Exhibits	26-January 2 4-H Office Closed for Holidays!
25 Cloverleaf Officer Training	

## Cloverleaf News...

5th-6th Grades

### Leadership Opportunities



4-H WANTS YOU

#### Be a Leader of Your 4-H Class Campaign for 4-H Class Officer!

Step up and lead your 4-H class this year by being elected for one of five officer positions-**President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter or Parliamentarian!** Elections will take place during October 4-H meetings. Begin your campaign today! Get creative! Make a campaign poster or write a very brief speech on why **YOU** are the best person for the job!

All elected 4-H class officers will be invited to attend **4-H Officer Training**. This training will be held after school for **5th & 6th grade 4-H Class Officers ONLY, Tuesday, October 25th, at the Claxton Elementary School from 4:00-5:30 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.

### Help Your 4-H Class win Class of the Month and Year!!

#### 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

### Learn by Doing

#### 4-H Class Presentations

Each month 4-H'ers are asked to present 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!!

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

### Go NUTS with the 4-H Peanutrition Contest

5th and 6th grade 4-H'ers can enter the Peanutrition Contest and be 1 of 5 winners. T-shirts will be awarded to **1** overall winner and winners in the **4** categories of **Most Nutritious, Most Unusual, Most Ingredients, and Messiest.**

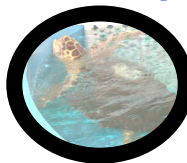
Read contest rules and complete contest entry form given to you in your 4-H class meeting. Completed entries are due at your next 4-H class meeting in October.

**Get creative and HAVE FUN!!**



### General Interest

#### Tracking Phantom with Dakota...



**Phantom** is a sub-adult loggerhead sea turtle and has been very active since being released on June 18, 2011 on Jekyll Island, Georgia. Many of us were introduced to Phantom on our visit to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. It was

amazing what beautiful creatures sea turtles are and especially what the GSTC staff and volunteers do to save the life of a sea turtle!

Well, as for tracking Phantom we all know that is going to be a trip around the Atlantic Ocean! Phantom began the trip on Jekyll Island and traveled to Tybee Island, Georgia on June 30, 2011. From there Phantom traveled and swam around the coast of Georgia until late July when Phantom decided to move even further south. On August 13, 2011 Phantom was around Port Saint Lucie, Florida and then on August 15, 2011 Phantom traveled back up towards Orlando, Florida. Maybe Phantom wanted to visit Disney World! Well, until next month when we see where Phantom leads us.

## Junior & Senior News....

7th-12th Grades

### 4-H State/District Events

#### Junior/Senior Project Achievement



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 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**. Call 739-1292 if you need assistance.

### Leadership Opportunities



**2011 Junior Leadership Weekend**  
**7th & 8th grade only!**

**When:** November 5th - 6th  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Deadline to register:** October 3rd

The cost for this event will be reduced by funds made available through the 4-H benefit trail ride. Details will be available as we receive them.

#### Serve as a Teen Leader Cloverleaf Officer Training

7th-12th grade



**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!**

### Community Service

#### 4-H Benefit Fall Trail Ride

Junior & Senior 4-H'ers are needed to assist with the 4-H Benefit Fall Trail Ride, Saturday, October 8 from 9:30-2:00.

4-H'ers will be responsible for serving lunch to the riders, decorating and assisting with a live cake auction. So, grab your boots & hat & come out for a 'giddy up' good time! **All proceeds will go toward defraying the cost of 4-H'ers wanting to attend 4-H summer camp.**



### Citizenship



#### Community Service Award for Graduating Seniors

The Bellville Lions Club is sponsoring a Community Service Award for a graduating senior from CHS, PCA, or the Evans County Home School Association who actively participates in Evans County 4-H. **Members of the Bellville Lions Club** will discuss the qualifications, guidelines, and monetary award. Lions Club International is the worlds largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Bellville Lions Club visit our website at [www.bellvillegalions.org](http://www.bellvillegalions.org)

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