



Fayette County Cloverleaf 4-H In Action

HAPPY NEW YEAR - JANUARY 2011

Fayette County

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ORGANIZATION



It's almost time! Many of you have heard about and have been waiting for camp sign-up. It is just around the corner.

Camp flyers will be handed out in February. The flyer will have information concerning the costs, activities, registration information, and other information that you and your parents will need to know about camp. Additional information can also be found on our website at:

www.ugaextension.com/fayette/4h/Summer4HPrograms.html

Mark your calendars:

Camp sign-up will be Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 9:00 to 10:30.

We encourage you to mark this date and plan on coming early. Camp will usually fill up during this time and we don't want you to miss the opportunity to attend!

Rock Eagle Camp will be June 13-17. We will leave Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Mark your calendars and look for applications and more information in February. You will not want to miss all the fun and excitement from the 2010 4-H Camp at Rock Eagle!



The new year is a time for new beginnings for most and a great time to start planning for your future.

We encourage you to think about and make goals. Goals can be short-term (a year or less), medium-term (up to three years) and long-term (over three years). By creating goals and working to fulfill them, you will be fulfilling the 4-H motto - "To Make the Best Better".

When setting up your goals, make sure that you create small and obtainable steps. For instance if you want to increase your study habits, then you will need to make a realistic judgment on how much more time you can devote to studying. It would be unrealistic to make a goal to study three hours a day when you only study thirty minutes a day now.

Happy Goal setting!

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT WORKSHOPS



We will be working with the students wanting to participate in District Project Achievement. Please call the 4-H office at 770-305-5412 and schedule a time to come in and work on your presentation.

You will need to have your project

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Remember to return this portion of your newsletter to earn your 4-H bonus points!

4-H'ers Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

School: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Corner

Parents, as we start the new year, I encourage you to get involved in your child's activities by becoming a volunteer. There are many areas where you can get involved and one of them is 4-H!

We also encourage you to start thinking about summer activities with your children. The Fayette County 4-H Youth Camp is one of our summer programs that your child would enjoy. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn, meet new people, and have fun in a safe environment.

Why has camping been such an effective teaching method? Learning is concentrated into one brief action-packed period. All elements of the camper's existence are coordinated to encourage personal development. That is the goal of the 4-H camp.

Camp is a great equalizer. At camp, it makes little difference if the camper came from a wealthy or supportive family. All campers take part on an equal basis. Youth from difficult home situations may, for the first time, be exposed to a wholesome, supportive living situation. Over-dependent youth are encouraged by the camping situation to assume more personal independence and responsibilities. Over-demanding youth are influenced by the group living situation to learn to cooperate and share.

The objectives of the 4-H Camping program include:

- To develop self-esteem,
- To develop responsibility for their own decisions and actions away from home and parents,
- To meet and learn to get along with other young people with different backgrounds,
- To live with significant positive role models,
- To develop skills or hobbies for wise use of leisure time that can best be learned at camp,
- To develop leadership skills and explore group action,
- To develop a better understanding and appreciation of nature and the outdoors, and
- To develop personally by establishing standards and values that they believe in enough to live by.

Rock Eagle 4-H Camp is a wonderful setting to learn about nature, do a craft, boat, swim in a pool, and hike. Campers will enjoy dining and singing together, games, the warmth of a campfire, and the traditional pageant; all in a fun and caring environment.

Dates and more information are available on the front of the newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office. More information will also be available on our website very soon.

We are also in need of adult volunteers to attend camp. If you are interested, please let us know.



So many things happen during the day that we often forget to say thanks to the people that really help make our programs exist and that give direction to the future of our youth. We would like to say THANKS to all the parents, teachers, and administrators that help shape the lives of our future leaders.

Genetics



Inherited Traits

This month's 4-H program focuses on inherited traits.

Students will get to have a "hands-on" approach to learning about genetics, how traits are passed from parent to offspring, and how those inherited traits affect the new offspring.

They will learn about dominant and recessive traits and how they play a part in the development of offspring. Then they will have the unique ability to create their own "masterpiece" organism by utilizing instruction and ideas shared through the 4-H program.

Good luck scientists!

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Find all these words to help your class earn extra points.



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