

# JR/SR DPA 2012 PARTICIPATION CONTRACT

The Portfolio Year is January 2011-December 2011.

- I will keep my 2011 Portfolio Workbook up to date monthly.
- I will attend at least 1 Portfolio Workshop. (July 6<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>)
- I will choose my project area and have it approved no later than August 1, 2011.
- I will reserve **March 2-4, 2012** for JR/SR DPA Competition. (This is an all weekend event)
- I will keep up with my point sheet.
- I will attend no less than 3 meetings during 2011 calendar year. (Any Henry County 4-H Club)
- I will attend outside 4-H activities when possible.
- I will participate in Community Service Projects.
- Fundraisers are essential to the 4-H program.
- I will choose one of the following to help with the sale of Geraniums. (May 7<sup>th</sup> or May 21<sup>st</sup>)
- I will also support all smaller fundraisers.
- I will turn my portfolio rough draft in to the Extension Office by December 16, 2011.
  - This is only if you choose for us to review and help you make corrections.
- I will keep up with my points sheet and turn it in with my finalized portfolio by January 6, 2012
- I will turn in the finalized complete portfolio by January 6, 2012.

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(4-H'er signature)

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(Date)

**PARENTS: I have read the above and will encourage and help my child to fulfill these requirements.**

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(Parents Signature)

**\*\* Please read and initial back of contract.**

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97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough GA 30252**

## Georgia 4-H Code of Ethics

4-H portfolios are collections of materials assembled to demonstrate to others what a 4-H'er has done in a project area, leadership and citizenship. It is a COLLECTION, SELECTION, and REFLECTION of a 4-H'ers past year. Portfolios, while following a set of guidelines, tell the story of a 4-H'ers achievement and growth characterized by strong vision of content, skills and learning. In short, the portfolio shares the 4-H'ers progress and growth with the judges.

Honesty, fairness, consistency, and sportsmanship are learned, not inherited traits. The most important role a 4-H leader (paid or volunteer) can play in a 4-H member's development is acting as a role model by exhibiting these characteristics. We understand, as youth educators, the only way a 4-H'er truly learns and expands his or her horizon is by making his or her own decisions. "Decisions" include preparing his or her own portfolio, demonstration, or speech.

Doing the work for a 4-H member totally circumvents the learning progression which is inherent in the framework of our organization. In congruence with this philosophy, no substantially finished demonstration, including speech and posters or any other 4-H project will be provided to a 4-H'er to be presented as his or her own work in competition. If materials are shared with a 4-H'er, it is for reference and resource purposes only.

The process in 4-H work was created to challenge the young person's intellectual, creative, and emotional capacities. The Georgia 4-H Mission statement emphasizes that 4-H should encourage youth to become self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens. The role of the 4-H Leader is to support, lead, encourage, develop and teach young people.

Our role is not to do the work for the 4-H'er.

**Note that if you plan to run for an officer position or hold an officer position in any Henry County 4-H Club; competing at District Project Achievement is one of your officer requirements.**

Upon completion of Portfolio, the 4-H'er will be signed up to compete at JR/SR DPA, **March 2-4, 2012**. A point system is used to determine your cost for the competition. A nominal fee may be requested to help cover the cost for the weekend. Active 4-H'ers that uphold the contract will have no cost for the weekend.

  
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Laura Garrett (4-H Agent)

  
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Tracy Gauge (4-H Associate)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H'er Initials

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents Initials

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