



# FOCUS ON 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## JOIN THE LAMAR COUNTY 4-H CLUB!

Would you like to be a member of the Lamar County 4-H Club? Registration for the 2008-2009 4-H year has begun! Come by the Lamar County 4-H office and complete an enrollment card! If you were a Lamar County 4-H'er last year, you must re-enroll this year. Remember, only 4-H'ers that complete a 2008-2009 enrollment card can compete in fairs and judging teams, attend camp and participate on the shotgun team during the 2008-2009 school year so enroll today!



## ENTER THE VALLEY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Do you like to make crafts or bake? If so, you will want to enter the Valley Agricultural Fair for cash prizes! 4-H'ers in the 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades can enter the fair. There is a list of all the things you can enter into the fair along with an entry form that you will need to complete and turn into the 4-H office by 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, August 21**. All items for the fair **MUST** be brought to the 4-H office on **Monday, September 8 by 4:30 p.m.** Come by the 4-H office to get forms and information for the Georgia Valley Agricultural Fair today!



## 2009 CLOVERLEAF CAMP IS ON THE BEACH AT TYBEE ISLAND!!

Fifth and sixth grade 4-H'ers, mark your calendars because we are headed to 4-H camp at on Tybee Island at Burton 4-H Center, June 22-26, 2009! Further details about camp will be given to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders as soon as it becomes available!



## GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST



Although the temperature may not have us thinking about the winter holidays, it's time for the annual "**Georgia 4-H Foundation Holiday Card Contest**". The first place winner will receive \$50 and will have his/her artwork put on the cover of the 2008 Holiday Card!

## BUGGY DAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The 2008 Buggy Days Festival will be held September 20-21 in beautiful downtown Barnesville. The Lamar County 4-H Club needs 4-H'ers and adults to help us prepare for and work at its two booths during the festival. At one booth, we'll sell sno-cones and delicious fruit cups. The other booth will have those awesome smoothies that everyone is so used to tasting!

On Friday, September 19, adults are needed to help cut and bag fruit at the 4-H office between 9 a.m.-noon. Adults will also be needed on Friday evening to unload and set-up the 4-H booth.

Cloverleaf (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) 4-H'ers will be needed to help us sell the sno cones and fruit cups. Junior (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) 4-H'ers will be needed to work in the smoothie booth re-stocking supplies. Adults will be asked to man the front table, help make sno-cones and prepare the fruit cups. Everyone that works in the 4-H booths will be asked to work at least two hours. This is the 4-H club's major fundraiser and we need all the help we can get! Please call the 4-H office **today** at 358-5163 to sign-up and volunteer.

### Here are the rules:

1. All entries must be your original drawing on an 8.5" x 5.5" sheet of white, unlined paper.
2. All entries must be colorful so they can be reproduced on the holiday card if selected as the grad prize winner.
3. Your name, address, grade and county must appear on the back of the artwork.
4. Each design must be accompanied by an official entry form filled out by you. Ask Ms. Jackson for an entry form!
5. All 4-H members (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) are eligible to participate.
6. Entries must be received by **Wednesday, October 8**.
7. If any of the above rules are not followed, the entry will be automatically disqualified.

## ENTER THE GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

The Georgia National Fair has a number of cool contests that 4-H'ers in the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades can enter for cash prizes. There is a list of all the things that 4-H'ers can enter into the fair along with entry forms that you will need to complete and turn into the 4-H office. Entry forms for the "Georgia Living" contests are due to the 4-H office on



**Thursday, August 28.** Entry forms for the "Heritage Hall" 4-H contests are due to the 4-H office on **Monday, September 15.** Come by the 4-H office to get forms and information for the Georgia National Fair today!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

#### **4-H Peanutrition Contest** (for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)

(a no-bake, no-cook contest using peanut butter and/or peanuts)

**Monday, November 10**

Barnesville-Lamar County Public Library

5:45 p.m.



### "PROJECTS, PORTFOLIOS AND PIZZA" SEPTEMBER 6

"Projects, Portfolios and Pizza" is a workshop that will prepare Junior (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader) 4-H'ers to compete in the 3-Day Project Achievement Contest at Rock Eagle 4-H Center March 13-15, 2009. The workshop will take place on **Saturday, September 6** at The Barnesville-Lamar County Public Library From 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



If you have never attended the Project Achievement Contest as a Junior (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader) or Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader), then you will need to attend this workshop!

Call the 4-H office by Thursday, September 4 to reserve your place! We must have at least five 4-H'ers sign-up for us to have this workshop! The number to the 4-H office is 358-5163.

## LAMAR COUNTY MINIBOOTH CONTEST, SEPTEMBER 10



The Lamar County 4-H Club will hold a minibooth competition on Wednesday, September 10 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H office. A minibooth is an exhibit that resembles a small bulletin board on a specific topic. A minibooth also has certain height and width requirements. Four winning minibooths will be entered into the Georgia National Fair for state competition and cash prizes. First place is \$50! Come by the 4-H office to get forms and information on minibooths!

### PORTFOLIO WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

A number of portfolio workshops have been scheduled to assist 4-H'ers with beginning and completing a portfolio. All workshops will be held at the 4-H office from 3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Listed below are the sections of the portfolio that will be discussed and/or worked on at each workshop:

4-H Background (Juniors)	September 22
Cover Letter (Seniors)	
Main Project Work	October 6 and 20
Main Project Helping & Sharing	November 3 and 17
Community Service/Citizenship	December 1
Teen Leadership/Extracurricular Activities	December 15
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Completed Portfolio Due by 5:00!</b>

### STATE JUNIOR CONFERENCE November 8-9, 2008

If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, you'll want to attend Junior Conference! Junior Conference will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, **November 8-9, 2008.** The highlights for the weekend include a street dance, making friendship bracelets, a movie and exhibits. **Watch the newsletter in September and October for more details!**

### PUPPY NEEDS A HOME

Dogs are said to be man's best friend! Ms. Jackson has a puppy that is sure to be just that! The puppy is a mixed breed 6 month-old female that is as cute as a button. She has black and white fur. She is playful, energetic and loves to cuddle! She is in desperate need of home where she will be loved and where the family will take good care of her.

If you would like to see the puppy, please contact Ms. Jackson at the 4-H office at 770-358-5163.