



FOCUS ON 4-H



December 2009

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4-H DAY AT UGA BASKETBALL GAME

February 20, 2010

Get ready to see the 2010 4-H Day at UGA Basketball game as Georgia takes on Alabama! All 4-H'ers that are participating in the 4-H Project Achievement Presentation competitions at Rock Eagle will attend this game **FREE** (but you will need to bring money for a fast food dinner on the way home)! For all other 4-H'ers, the cost is \$20 which includes the cost of the ticket, lunch and transportation (you will also need to bring money for a fast food dinner on the way home).



If you are interested in attending the game, please call the 4-H office by **Friday, January 8, 2010**. We must have at least 13 people committed to attending the game before we can go on the trip. The phone number to the 4-H office is 770-358-5163.

4-H NEEDS YOUR HELP IN COLLECTING ITEMS FOR HYGIENE KITS



The Lamar County 4-H Club needs your help in collecting items to make **400** hygiene kits for needy families for the holidays. We are in need of the following regular sized hygiene items (not travel size): Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush and Soap. Item collection will take place until **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**.

If you would like to bring your donated items to the 4-H office, we are located near the Lamar County Health Department and the soccer field. Thanks!

4-H STATE HORSE SHOW INTENT FORMS

The intent to show forms for the 2010 State Horse Show will be available in the Lamar County 4-H office the week of January 18. If you are a registered 4-H'er living and/or attending school in Lamar County, you must submit intent to show forms to the Lamar County Extension office. If not, you must contact

the county extension office where you live and/or attend school for forms. Intent to show forms will be due to the Lamar County 4-H office by **Monday, February 22, 2010**.



ICE SKATING OUTING AT THE MACON CENTREPLEX !

4-H'ers, mark your calendars now! We are going to celebrate the beginning of winter break with ice skating at the Macon Centreplex on Sunday, December 20! The cost for this activity is \$10 which includes the rental of skates, transportation and dinner. Please register and pay for this activity by **Friday, December 11**. Spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss out on this great way to start your holiday season!



CAMP DATES

Cloverleaf Camp: July 5-9 at Rock Eagle for 5th and 6th graders.

Junior Camp: June 21-25 at Jekyll Island 4-H Center from for 7th and 8th graders.

Senior Camp: July 5-9 at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega.

PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP DATES

These are the portfolio dates! Please put them on your calendars. If you are new to putting a portfolio together or need some help, please attend these workshops!

The workshops will be held at the 4-H office on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, December 22 1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 5 1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Completed Portfolios are due on
Thursday, January 7, 2010
by 5:00 p.m.*



2009 Fall Forum
GEORGIA 4-H: DON'T STOP BELIEVING
December 12-13

Fall Forum is an annual conference that brings Senior 4-H'ers (9th – 12th graders) together from around the state for a weekend of friends and fun! The theme for Fall Forum this year is, "**GEORGIA 4-H: DON'T STOP BELIEVING**". The cost for the event is \$60 which includes food, lodging and transportation. Scholarships are available to 4-H'ers that are participating in the 4-H Project Achievement Presentation competition and 4-H'ers that make a presentation at Fall Forum.



Activities for the two-day event include: Rock Eagle Road Race (an additional cost), Exhibit Fair and workshops!

Contact the 4-H office today at 770-358-5163 for more information.

**SENIOR 4-H'ERS, HELP PLAN THE 2010
GEORGIA YOUTH SUMMIT**

Would you like to help plan one of the largest conferences for youth in the state of Georgia? Senior 4-H'ers in the 10th -12th grades can help plan the 2010 Georgia Youth Summit that will be held at Rock Eagle September 10-13. The Georgia Youth Summit is a statewide event designed to create an awareness of state/local issues, to enhance youth-adult partnerships on the local level, and to equip youth to become active locally in the betterment of their communities by identifying problems and developing solutions for issues related to economic development, education, health and safety. Information about the summit and applications can be found at the following website:



<http://www.georgiayouthsummit.org/>

Applications and the "**Planning Committee and Applicant Signature**" form are due on **January 15, 2010**. Please contact Ms. Jackson at the 4-H office if you have any questions.

**UGA YOUNG SCHOLARS INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM**

The University of Georgia Young Scholars Summer Internship Program targets talented high school students who show a high aptitude in math and science related subjects.

Selected summer interns work side-by-side with CAES researchers for six weeks, and are paid a salary for up to 40 hours of work per week. The students earn money, learn job responsibility and, most importantly, are introduced to the work of agricultural scientists. Information about this opportunity can be found at:



<http://www.caes.uga.edu/academic/internships/youngscholars/>

Act fast! Applications must be completed online by **Friday, January 29, 2010**.

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

The selection of Walter Harrison Scholarship recipients is based primarily on academic achievement and financial need. The scholarships, which are usually worth \$1,000, may be used for undergraduate studies at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in Georgia, including vo-tech schools to the individual selected to represent the cooperative. Please go to the Southern Rivers Energy website for more information:

<http://www.southernriversenergy.com/whscholar.aspx>

GEORGIA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Headed off to college after graduation? Have you considered the costs? With tuition, books, class supplies, room and board . . . it all adds up quickly. Georgia 4-H'ers are eligible for college scholarships to help with the expense of continuing education after high school.

To be considered for the Georgia 4-H Scholarships, please download the information and application located on the *Georgia 4-H Foundation* webpage at:



http://www.georgia4hfoundation.org/achievement_scholarships.htm

Bring the completed application and supporting materials to the Lamar County 4-H office by **Tuesday, February 23, 2010** for signatures and mailing.



APPLY FOR THE SOUTHERN RIVERS ENERGY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

Information and applications for the Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship can be found at:

<http://www.southernriversenergy.com/news/newsdetail.aspx?itemID=21>

Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2010.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

The Lamar County 4-H Club will travel to Macon to help serve dinner and distribute gift bags to over 800 families at the annual Community Christmas dinner sponsored by the Mentor's Project of Bibb County. We will leave from the 4-H office at 3:30 p.m. and return around 9:00 p.m. A meal will be provided.



CONTESTS

Here are a couple of contests that are coming up. Information about each essay is available at the Lamar County 4-H office. Please submit all essays to the Lamar County 4-H office by the deadline.

2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Deadline is January 20, 2010

The contest is open to students in the 5th grade. Please contact Ms. Jackson if you are interested in participating in this contest.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Deadline is February 1, 2010

The essay topic for 2010 is: *Is My Community Honey Bee-Friendly?* This topic could more easily be researched during the growing season, when hives are being worked, than later during the year. The essay needs to be between 750 and 1,000 words.

Georgia Farm Bureau

Deadline is February 22, 2010

The topic is *"How many Hats Does a Farmer Wear."* Open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Get
involved

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU ART CONTEST

Georgia Farm Bureau and SunTrust Bank have an opportunity for 9th -12th graders to use their artistic skills in their annual art contest. Drawings should be representative of modern agriculture found in your county **OR** Georgia's agriculture industry.

Check out the website for more information:

http://www.gfb.org/women/2010Art_Contest_Flyer.pdf



Happy Holidays