



FOCUS ON 4-H



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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.

FIFTH GRADE 4-H'ERS COMPETE

Congratulations to the Lamar County Elementary School students that participated at the 2009 Project Achievement Presentation contest at Rock Eagle in December:

Mrs. James' Class
Zay Johnson, 2nd Place
Rabbit Project

Savannah Reed, 2nd Place
Dog Care and Training Project

Mrs. Larrabee' Class
Brannon Waller, 7th Place
General Recreation Project

Mrs. McLane's Class
Malik Banks 4th Place
Bicycle Project

Justin Garrison 1st Place
Plants, Soils and Fertilizers Project

Alyssa Shiver 3rd Place
Cat Care Project



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 for 7th and 8th graders.

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

2010 4-H POULTRY JUDGING WORKSHOPS

If you are you looking to be part of an exciting 4-H activity, attend our 2010 Poultry Judging workshops! At the workshops, you will learn how to judge and handle live chickens and grade eggs (like the one's you see in the grocery store)! You will also compete in a contest at the University of Georgia! The contest will be held on Monday, April 12. **THIS IS THE DAY BEFORE THE CRCT!** Call the 4-H office by **Wednesday, February 24, 2010**, if you would like to be a part of the team. We can have up to **6** elementary and middle school students and **6** high school students participate. Make sure that your parents know that the contest date is the day before the CRCT **BEFORE** you sign up! **Our first official meeting will be on March 1:**



Elementary and Middle School Students: 3:00 – 4:00
High School Students: 4:15– 5:00

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.**



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/academics/internships/youngscholars/>

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

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**.

DISTRICT BOARD, ANYONE?

If you are participating in Junior~Senior DPA this year, why not consider running for an officer position on the 2010-2011 Northwest Junior or Senior District Board? This will be an incredible opportunity for you to represent your county and district at district and state 4-H functions. You will learn leadership skills, make new friends and travel.



4-H'ers interested in running for office should complete a nomination packet. The packet includes general information, applicant information, expectations and a signature page. The

packet of information can be found on the Lamar County 4-H webpage. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jackson at 770-358-5163.



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**SENIOR CONFERENCE
APRIL 2-3, 2010**

A trip to UGA for G-Day to cheer on the Dawgs starting with a pep rally and tour of campus, dancing, the Amazing Race, flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, spending time with friends and meeting new ones, and much, much more!

The cost for the event is \$48 (if you register and pay before March 15). The cost will be \$63 (if you register and pay after March 15). The cost includes: includes 1 night's lodging, meals Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch, activities, insurance, G-Day with t-shirt, and a lot of fun!



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

JUNIOR AND SENIOR 4-H'ERS!

Help prepare the gardens behind the Lamar County Elementary School for planting on Thursday, January 28, 2010. We need some hard workers to help with this project! Come to the 4-H Office at 3:15 p.m. You will spend an hour helping to get the raised beds ready for planting! Your parents can pick you up at the 4-H office at 4:30 p.m.



CONTESTS

Information about each essay is available at the Lamar County 4-H office.

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.

Ag Day 2010 Essay Contest

Deadline is February 12, 2010

This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing." The national winner will receive \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. For complete contest details rules and entry form visit:

<http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay/>

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.

LIVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!

Activity for the Month



- Where:** Magnolia Lanes, Griffin, Georgia
- When:** Friday, January 29, 2010!
- For:** Junior and Senior 4-H'ers.
- Cost:** Only \$10 bucks and that includes game fees, shoe rental, pizza and drinks!
- Time:** 9:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
- Details:** Must have at least six 4-H'ers to participate!
- Sign-Up:** by January 27, 2010

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

8th Grade Club Meeting
Thursday, January 14
4-H Office
3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Senior 4-H Club Meeting
Thursday, January 14
4-H Office
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

6th – 7th Grade Club Meeting
Wednesday, January 20
4-H Office
3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.