



FOCUS ON 4-H NEWSLETTER

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5TH GRADE CLUBS OF THE MONTH



announcements!

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Clubs of the Month. Ms. Beth Johnson's Class was the Club of the Month for September. Who will be the 4-H Banner Club for the month of October? Stay tuned and listen to the morning

JOIN THE GEN SCIENCE CLUB!

(for 5th grade 4-H officers)

Garden Earth Naturalist (GEN) Science Club takes place after-school and gives 4-H officers a chance to learn hands-on science and math while learning about the earth (Think how these additional learning opportunities may help on the CRCT!) The lessons taught at each meeting are a part of the Garden Earth Naturalist* curriculum. The lessons are correlated to Georgia Performance Standards in Life and Earth Science.

Garden Earth Naturalist Science Club is limited to 20 fifth grade officers. The club will meet monthly after-school from November-May from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after each meeting. An environmental service learning project will also be completed by the members! And parents, there is NO COST for the club!



Parents, if you would like for your 5th grade officer to participate, please call Ms. Jackson at the 4-H office by **Thursday, November 6 at 358-5163. Space is limited to 20 fifth grade officers so be among the first to call!**

"4-H NEED A COMPUTER" CONTEST

Do you need a computer? The 4-H Technology Team is sponsoring its annual, *4-H Need-A-Computer* contest. This contest is open to 4-H'ers in the 5th-12th grades. To enter the contest, 4-H'ers must: (1) complete an application; (2) write an essay telling the judges why they need a computer and how they will use it and (3) get someone (other than a relative) to write them a reference letter. *4-H Need-A-Computer* contest information can be found on the Lamar County 4-H webpage at:



www.ugaextension.com/lamar/4H/index.html

These three items must be submitted to the Lamar County 4-H office by **Wednesday, November 19. NO LATE MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**

FALL FORUM, DECEMBER 13-14

"Georgia 4-H: The Gift that Keeps on Giving", is the theme for this year's Fall Forum. Fall Forum is a statewide conference for 9th or 12th graders. Activities for the weekend include dances, a cyber café, a talent show, a 4K for 4-H Road Race, workshops, community service, time with friends and much, much more!



Early bird registration for the conference is \$65 if it is paid by **Tuesday, November 25**. After this date, registration will be \$70. Hurry in, space is limited to 14 Senior 4-H'ers! Forms for Fall Forum can be found on the Lamar County 4-H webpage for registration, workshops, the exhibit fair, talent show and road race at:

www.ugaextension.com/lamar/4H/index.html

2009 CAMPING DATES

4-H'ers, mark your calendars now! The 2009 dates for 4-H summer camp have been set and we know where we are going!

Cloverleaf Camp will be held at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island from June 22-26 for 5th and 6th graders.

Junior Camp will be held at Camp Fortson 4-H Center from June 8-12 for 7th and 8th graders.

Senior Camp will be held in the mountains at Wahsega 4-H Center June 29-July 3 for 9th – 12th graders.

Information about each camp will be available for registered 4-H'ers January 2009! Youth Development link to find the information.



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:



Main Project Helping & Sharing November 3 and 17

Community Service/Citizenship December 1

Teen Leadership/Extracurricular Activities December 15

January 9 Completed Portfolio Due by 5:00!

2009 CAMP COUSELOR APPLICATION FORMS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The camp counselor role is a very important role in the 4-H program and a prestigious one. If you are interested in serving as a camp counselor during the 2009 camping season, you must complete either **Form "A"** (for applicants who have not previously served as a counselor in the Georgia 4-H summer camping program) or **Form "B"** (for applicants who have previously served as a counselor). Applicants must also apply on UGA's Integrated Position, Applicant and Workforce System (iPAWS). The forms and access to iPAWS can be found at the site below:



<http://www.georgia4h.org/camp/2009%20form%20a.htm>

Please make sure that you apply through the iPAWS system and complete your counselor form and bring it by the Lamar County 4-H by **Tuesday, November 11** (regardless of what it says on the website!)



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

ATTEND NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE APPLICATIONS DUE, NOVEMBER 19

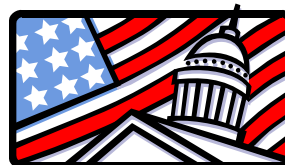
National 4-H Conference is a working conference where youth and adult delegates come together to make recommendations that will help to make 4-H Youth Development Programs better both nationally and in their communities.

The 2009 National 4-H Conference will be held March 28– April 2, 2009, at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. If you are a Senior 4-H member (9th-12th grader) who is currently enrolled in 4-H and will have not passed your 19th birthday on January 1, 2009, you are eligible to apply as a delegate to National 4-H Conference.

Interested applicants must complete an application and compose a two-page typed essay (12 pt. font, not to exceed two pages) entitled: "How has 4-H broadened your horizons on local or statewide issues?" Selected applicants will be interviewed at 4-H Fall Forum on Saturday, December 13, 2008. This is the only time when applicants can be interviewed.

If you are interested in attending as a delegate, you must complete an application and submit it to the Lamar County 4-H office by **Wednesday, November 19**. An application can be found on the Lamar County 4-H webpage at www.ugaextension.com/lamar/4H/index.html.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!



COMMUNITY SERVICE ALERT

Transportation provided to the activity. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the 4-H office.

Operation Christmas Child

When: Tuesday, November 25

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Atlanta, GA

Cost: \$5

- Pack gifts to be delivered to children living overseas
- You must be 13 to participate
- Space is limited to 13 4-H'ers
- Call the 4-H office and sign-up by Friday November 7.



Check out the website for more ways that you can join Lamar County 4-H in giving back to those in need! www.ugaextension.com/lamar/4H/index.html