



FOCUS ON 4-H



November 2009

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NEED-A-COMPUTER CONTEST

Deadline: November 24, 2009

Again this year, the Georgia 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team is sponsoring the "Need-A-Computer" contest to benefit 4-H'ers across our state. The team is refurbishing computers that will be available to 4-H'ers on a need basis. Most computers will be a Pentium III, 850 mHz, with a minimum of 256 megs of memory and 20 gigs of hard drive. Machines also include a monitor, keyboard, and mouse. The machines are internet ready, and this year due to our participation in the State Farm Youth Advisory Team Grant, all machines will have modems! All computers are desktop computers.



To enter the contest a 4-H'er must:

- ❁ be a registered 4-H'er in the 5th – 12th grades;
- ❁ complete the Need-A-Computer application;
- ❁ complete the 4-H Activities form;
- ❁ **write an essay stating their need for a computer. The essay should be no more than one page in length;**
- ❁ also have a reference form completed by a minister, teacher, school counselor. The reference form CANNOT be completed by a relative.

Priority will be given to those 4-H'ers without a computer at home.

Please contact Ms. Jackson at 770-358-5163 if you would like to an application for the contest. Contest material is due to the 4-H office by **Tuesday, November 24.**

WHO WANTS TO GO TO CAMP?!

4-H'ers, mark your calendars now! The 2010 dates for 4-H summer camp have been set and we know where we are going!

Cloverleaf Camp will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center from July 5 -9 for 5th and 6th graders.

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

Senior Camp will be held at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega July 5-9 for 9th – 12th graders.

Information about each camp will be available in January 2010!



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. We will collect these items in November during our 5th grade in-school club meetings and at our after school club meetings for our 6th-



12th graders. Item collection will take place until **Wednesday, December 9.**

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 DAY AT UGA BASKETBALL GAME GEORGIA VS ALABAMA 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.



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!



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!

Registration is now in progress and early bird registration will end on **Monday, November 30.** Come by the 4-H office and sign-up today! Contact the 4-H office today at 770-358-5163 for more information.

PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP DATES

These are the portfolio dates! Please put them on your calendars so that you can attend a workshop so that you can get started or complete your portfolio for the 4-H Project Achievement Presentation competition! 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, November 24	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8	3:30 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.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The Lamar County 4-H Club will travel to Suwannee, GA to help with Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas is a project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.



If you are a 4-H'er and you are at least **13 years old**, we need your help! We need you to pack boxes of gifts to be delivered to children living overseas. **THERE WILL BE LOTS OF STANDING INVOLVED FOR LONG**

PERIODS! There is only space for thirteen 4-H'ers! Call the 4-H office before **Wednesday, November 18** to sign-up! On the 25th, we will meet at the 4-H office at 10 a.m. and return to the 4-H office at approximately 10 p.m. Meals and snacks will be provided.

HOSEA FEED THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Lamar County 4-H Club will travel to Atlanta to help with the **HOSEA FEED THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS** after Thanksgiving event. We will assist in the administrative office or warehouse which generally includes sorting canned goods and clothing. If you are at least a 13 year old 4-H'er, we need your help! Call the 4-H office before **Wednesday, November 18** to sign-up! We will need at least 5 individuals to sign-up before we can go. We will meet at the 4-H office at 11:30 a.m. We will return to the 4-H office at approximately 7:30 p.m. Snacks and dinner will be provided.

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. The primary mission of the Mentor's Project of Bibb County is to help disadvantaged students be a success and reach their potential. Each year however, they sponsor a community feeding. If you are at least a high school 4-H'er, we need your help! Call the 4-H office by **Wednesday, November 18 to sign-up!** 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.

Garden Club of Georgia

Deadline is November 20, 2009

This contest is open to high school students attending 9th through 12th grades. The theme for 2009-2010 is "*Respect the World Around Us.*" In your essay please emphasize the need be a custodian of our natural resources.

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. There are prizes of \$250 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd place.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mrs. Adamson's 5th Grade Club
Monday, November 9

Mrs. Larabee's 5th Grade Club
Tuesday, November 10

Mrs. Andrews' 5th Grade Club
Wednesday, November 11

Mrs. McLane's 5th Grade Club
Friday, November 13

Ms. Johnson 5th Grade Club
Monday, November 16

6th and 7th Grade Club Meeting
Monday, November 16
Water Ambassadors
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Senior 4-H'ers (9th – 12th graders)
Monday, November 16
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ralston's 5th Grade Club
Tuesday, November 17

Mrs. James' 5th Grade Club
Wednesday, November 18

Eight Grade Club Meeting
Thursday, November 18
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.