



FOCUS ON 4-H NEWSLETTER

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National 4-H week will be observed **October 5-11**.

This year's theme, "Keeping it Green", shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related issues. The green theme also showcases 4-H pride. If you would like to be involved in the Lamar County 4-H program as a member or a volunteer, please call the 4-H office at 770-358-5163.

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

4-H Peanutrition Contest (for 5th-8th 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.



Contest information will be given out in all October 5th and 6th grade club meetings. Information can also be found on the Lamar County 4-H webpage. Click on the 4-H Youth Development link to find the information.

JOIN THE COTTON BOLL & CONSUMER JUDGING TEAM

We invite you to be part of our Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Team! Join the fun as we learn to be better shoppers, meet new friends and learn the importance of cotton in our clothing choices.



Team practices will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at the 4-H office on the following days: October 13, 20, 22, 28, 29 and November 3. This year, we will learn how to be better shoppers in selecting MP3 Players,

Lunchables, hoodies, and cell phone plans!

Lamar County 4-H'ers will test their knowledge on what they have learned in practices in a competition on Wednesday, November 5 in Perry, Georgia. Call the 4-H office by **Friday, October 10** if you would like to be part of the team. We must have at least four 4-H'ers in to make a team! 4-H'ers in the 5th-12th grades are eligible to be a part of the team.

Remember, to be eligible for Lamar County 4-H'er of the Year you **MUST** compete on at least one judging team!

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!



Contest entry forms and rules are available in the 4-H office and on the Lamar County 4-H webpage. Click on the 4-H Youth Development link to find the form. Entries must be received in the 4-H office by **Wednesday, October 8, 2008**.

STATE JUNIOR CONFERENCE
November 8-9, 2008

If you are a 7th or 8th grader, you'll want to attend Junior Conference! Junior Conference will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, November 8-9. The theme for this year's conference is "Go 4 the Green". The highlights for the weekend include a performance from Clovers & Co., dance, exhibit fair, classes, talent review and service learning projects, time with friends and much, much more!



All participants will be asked to make a poster or other exhibit about 4-H to put on display at Junior Conference.

Early bird registration for the conference is \$60 if it is paid by **Thursday, October 9**. After this date, registration will be \$65. Hurry in, space is limited to 14 Junior 4-H'ers! Registration forms are available in the 4-H office and on the Lamar County 4-H webpage. Click on the 4-H Youth Development link to find the form.

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 Work	October 6 and 20
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!



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

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!!!)

COMMUNITY SERVICE ALERT

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

Ocmulgee Alive! Rivers Alive Clean-Up

When: Saturday, October 11
 Time: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Where: Macon, GA
 Cost: \$3 (lunch provided)

- Pick up litter and debris
- You must be 7th grade and above to participate
- Space is limited to 13 4-H'ers
- Call the 4-H office and sign-up by Monday October 6.



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.



OCTOBER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

5TH GRADE CLUB MEETINGS

Mrs. Andrews' 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Monday, October 13
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Mrs. Andrews' Classroom

Ms. Johnson's 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Monday, October 20
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Ms. Johnson's Classroom

Mrs. Ralston's 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 22
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Mrs. Ralston's Classroom

Ms. Becker's 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Friday, October 24
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Ms. Becker's Classroom

Mrs. McLane's 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Monday, October 27
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Mrs. McLane's Classroom

Mrs. Adamson's 5th Grade Club Meeting

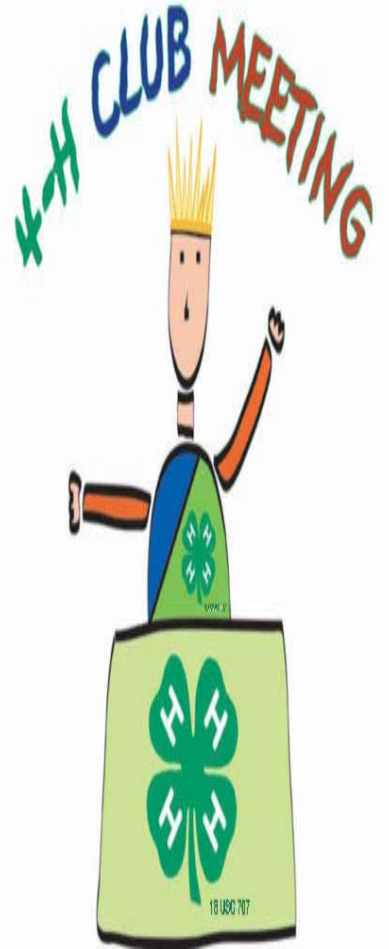
When: Tuesday, October 28
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Mrs. Adamson's Classroom

Ms. Christenson's 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 29
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Ms. Christenson's Classroom

Mrs. Speelman's 5th Grade Club Meeting

When: Thursday, October 30
Time: 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Where: Mrs. Speelman's Class



5TH GRADE OFFICER TRAINING MEETING

When: Thursday, October 30
Time: 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.
Where: Lamar County Elementary School Library

6TH GRADE CLUB MEETING

When: Monday, October 20
Time: 3:20 p.m.-4:20 p.m.
Where: Lamar County 4-H office

7TH & 8TH GRADE CLUB MEETING

When: Wednesday, October 22
Time: 3:20 p.m.-4:20 p.m.
Where: Lamar County 4-H office

SENIOR 4-H CLUB MEETING (9TH - 12TH GRADERS)

When: Monday, October 13
Time: 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.
Where: Lamar County 4-H office