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Welcome Back: It's been an incredible summer for the 4-H program! We had 4-H'ers attending three different camps this year, Junior Camp at Fortson 4-H Center with Long County camping 2nd highest in the State; Senior Camp at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega, GA; and last but

not least, Cloverleaf Camp at Wahsega 4-H Center also. We enjoyed many fun and exciting activities, like trips to Summer Waves, art classes where 4-H'ers learned how to work with ceramics, and painted wonderful pictures, made bird feeders, and painted a mural on the back of the 4-H office. 4-H'ers also had the opportunity to visit The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, where they learned historical facts on the American stories of courage, character and patriotism displayed by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present. If you missed out, the fun continues with other activities for the new school year. Classroom 4-H meetings will be held once a month for 4-H'ers in 5th - 8th grade, and once a

month at 4-H office for 9th-12th graders. You will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events, both in school and out. So mark your calendars to get involved, win awards, travel, meet new friends and have lots of fun.

Awards Banquet: We wrapped up the 2008-2009 4-H year with our annual awards banquet, which was held August 20th in the Long County School lunchroom. We honored our 4-H'ers for their hard work, dedication, involvement and accomplishments for the year. 4-H'ers were not the only ones to be recognized. We have several great volunteers that without them, several of our activities would not happen, and let's not forget our Schools, Board of Education, County Commissioners and Financial Supporters of the Long County 4-H Program.



Congratulations to Austin Overbey!!!!

4-H Update: Austin won a sweepstakes place at Senior Project Achievement last February in the "Safety" project area. As a winner, Austin was given the opportunity to compete at the State level. He represented Long County, in Atlanta, at State Congress in July. We are proud to announce he came home with 3rd place in the State. Austin's commitment to the Long County 4-H program shows in all that he does, and we are very proud of him. Way to go Austin!! On top of this, Austin spent the summer at Wahsega 4-H center as a first year counselor, and what a summer it was! Austin is already looking forward to next years camping season and hopes that he may encourage other 4-H'ers to work hard, stay involved in 4-H and be the next Long County 4-H'er to achieve this, as Austin is the first from Long County to do it.

Project Achievement Club Meeting:

Jr. & Sr. (7th-12th grade) 4-H'ers interested, or planning to participate in the District Project Achievement Competition in January 2010 at Rock Eagle need to come to the 4-H office and

get organized with a 4-H project. Jr. & Sr. Project Achievement is a two part competition which include portfolios and demonstrations. Both must be done in order to compete and go on this weekend event. Workshops & project events began September 3rd and will continue on Thursday's unless told otherwise. 4-H'ers if you are unable to attend, please call or come by the office to let Ms. Lisa know so other arrangements can be made to work with you on your project.

Cloverleaf Project Achievement Workshops:

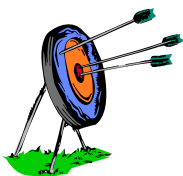
5th and 6th grade 4-H'ers that are interested in learning more about how they can participate in County Project Achievement & District Project Achievement are encouraged to attend the first workshop which will be held Tuesday, Sept 22nd at the 4-H office after school. Parents can pick you up between 4:45 & 5:00 p.m. at the office. If you live within walking distance, please bring a note stating that you may walk home. During the workshop you will be able to choose your presentation topic, and get help from junior and senior 4-H'ers with researching, and preparing projects. District competition will be in Pierce County on November 21st.

4-H Portfolio Retreat: September 19th-20th

4-H'ers Got Talent! This is a great opportunity to get your portfolio started. You will come home with a nearly completed portfolio and great ideas for activities to complete over the next few months to ensure your District Project Achievement Portfolio shows your talent and will beat the challengers!

So if you are in the 7th through 12th grade and think you have what it takes, sign up immediately. The retreat will be held on Jekyll Island at the Oceanside Inn.

Archery Sign Up: September 24th, at 6:30 pm, there will be a meeting at the 4-H office for 4 H'ers & parents that are interested in learning more about the 4-H Archery Team. At this meeting we will go over the archery program, parental permission, safety, and agenda for practices. Archery is available to all 4-H'ers from 5th-12th grades, girls & boys. 4-H'ers do not have to own a bow to get started.



Wildlife Festival: October 10th, come join the fun, enjoy good food and entertainment. Festival Features: Salute to the Troops, Catfish Rodeo, and Turkey Shoot, Arts & Crafts, Door Prizes and Games & Rides and much more. Long County 4-H will be participating by having "Take your shot at the target" this will be using a bow & arrows, selling Quick & Easy cookbooks, and Country Meats Smoked Snacks. If you would like to volunteer to work at our booths please let Ms. Lisa know or call the 4-H office at 545-9549.

Pull for the Ronald McDonald

House: Here's how easy it is to make a difference in the lives of the families who turn to the Ronald McDonald Houses in their time of medical crisis. Just pop off those tabs from your soda cans, vegetable and soup cans, pet food cans, special diet food, etc. Save them in any container, zip lock bags or box and bring them to school or drop them off at the 4-H office. Each year there is a competition in Georgia to see which County can collect the most pop-tabs. Last year, 4-H'ers in Long County collected 84 lbs of tabs that benefited the Macon Ronald McDonald House, but a total of 14,576 lbs were collected that once turned in, amounted to \$5146.40. The tabs will be turned in during Jr. Conference (7th & 8th graders) at Rock Eagle in November, so let's get busy and collect as many tabs as we can. It has not been announced which house will receive tabs this year.

More Jr. Conference information will be out soon

2010 Camp Announcement: Cloverleaf Camp, 5th-6th graders. June 7th-11th at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, Junior Camp, 7th-8th graders, June 14th-18th at Jekyll Island 4-H Center, and Senior Camp, 9th-12th graders, Camp Wahsega July 5th-July 9th. Parents put these date on your calendar now. We will be offering an early bird registration within the next few months.

Upcoming Events

Archery Practices, Wildlife Festival, 4-H Food Drive, Jaycee Fair in Jesup, Rivers Alive Clean up, and Statewide Junior Conference: "4-H'ers Got Talent" Nov. 7th & 8th at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, and Senior Fall Forum.

