

## **2011 Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat**

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The 2011 Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat was held July 10- 14 in Asheboro, North Carolina. Over 130 individuals from five Southeastern States attended the retreat including 22 Georgia dairy youth and chaperones. The retreat held several youth workshops including: calf care, fun with dairy foods, artificial insemination, dairy judging, farm safety, and equipment safety.

There were several dairy farm visits and each had unique features which included: Buttke Dairy Enterprises (1500 cow dairy with a double 24 parallel parlor and direct load milk), Bowman Dairy and Homeland Creamery (200 cow dairy with bedded pack housing and milk processing facility to produce milk, butter, ice cream, cream and eggnog), Gerringer Dairy and Calico Farmstead Cheese (produces 12 different types of smooth cheese at their on-farm processing facility), Maple View Farm and Maple View Milk (process their own milk in glass bottles and sells ice cream in two of their own retail stores and over 50 other retail stores), and Coltrane Dairy (500 registered Holstein cow dairy with an intense embryo transfer program and new calf rearing facility). The dairy youth got to have fun and make new friends at the Asheboro Zoo and Wet and Wild Waterpark along with their learning opportunities.

Georgia attendees were: Morgan County- Katelin Benkoski, Victoria Cagle, Macie Sorrells, Bobby Smith (Morgan County Extension Agent), and Claire Woodard; Burke County- Meridith Franks; Greene County- Cody Duvall; Jasper County- Lucy Ray (Jasper County Extension Agent); Lee County- Austin Byrd, Bailey Erickson, Denton Erickson, Lane Erickson, Olivia Erickson, and Kole Keene; White County- Brooke Helton, Katie Scroggs, and Pam Scroggs (Chaperone); along with Baylee Brock, Autumn Lankford, Gavin Hucks, Chelsea Pulifer, and Dr. Warren Gilson (UGA Extension Dairy Specialist). The Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation, Inc. assisted in transportation funding for Georgia dairy youth.

