



# OCONEE 4-H FOCUS



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## Welcome to Oconee County 4-H!

Visit the Oconee 4-H website:

[www.oconee4h.org](http://www.oconee4h.org)



My next meeting is: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5th Grade Skate Night



Get a great jump into 4-H by joining us at Skate Inn on Tuesday, October 4 at 295 Commerce Blvd., Bogart, from 6:00-8:00. Admission is \$5.00 for an exclusive Oconee 4-H night at Skate Inn.

### Officer's Training

All newly elected 5th grade club officers are invited to attend Officer's Training. The instruction will be held on Thursday, September 22 from 3:45 to 5:00 at Oconee County Elementary School. Senior 4-H members will instruct all new officers on their 4-H duties for the whole year. Transportation will be provided from schools if necessary.



### Transportation

Transportation can be requested for 4-H after school activities. A parent's note must be given to your school **each time** you go to the 4-H office. Please be sure to follow the directions for your school:



- CFES: Ride shuttle bus
- HSES: 4-H van will pick up at car riders
- MBES: 4-H van will pick up at car riders
- RBES: 4-H van will pick up at car riders
- OCES: Ride shuttle bus
- MBMS: 4-H van will pick up at car riders— dismiss with first load, get 4-H van at the front of the line
- OCMS: 4-H van will pick up at car riders
- NOHS & OCHS: Call the 4-H office

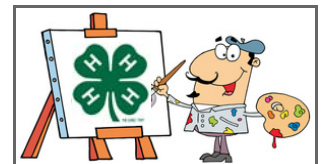
### Cooking with Care

Come to learn the basics of safe food preparation & new recipes while preparing a meal for a local family. 5th graders can attend on September 29 from 3:30-5:00 at the 4-H Office. Open to the first 25 who sign up. To sign up call the 4-H Office at 706/769-3946 starting on September 26.



### 5th Grade Art Contest

Get creative and color or paint a 4-H themed picture to celebrate National 4-H Week. Sheets are available at the 4-H office or at [www.oconee4h.org](http://www.oconee4h.org). Return to your school at your October club meeting or the 4-H office by October 7. There are four great designs to choose from or create your own.



To make the best better!



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### Road Clean-Up

Join in and help keep Oconee County clean and beautiful! The first two road clean-ups are scheduled for September 27 and October 10. We will start at the 4-H office at 3:30, pick up our adopted portion of Barnett Shoals Road and return to the 4-H office by 5:00.



### 6th Grade District Project Achievement

District Project Achievement for 6th graders will be held on Saturday, November 19 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Now is the time to get your project together and meet all of your friends at Rock Eagle. Sign up at your club meeting or call the 4-H office.



### Consumer Judging

Consumer Judging Team Members learn to be smart consumers by making wise decisions. Practices for Consumer Judging will begin on Monday, October 17th. Following practices will be October 19, 24 and 26 and November 2, 7, 9 and 14, with the area contest on November 15. All practices meet at the 4-H Office at 3:30 and end by 5:00.



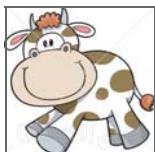
### Junior County Project Achievement

All 7th and 8th grade 4-H'ers are invited to participate in County Project Achievement on October 13 at 11:00 at Oconee County Middle School. This is the first step to get ready for a weekend of fun at Rock Eagle in March!



### DISCOVER DAIRY

Find out what goes on at a dairy farm and learn about the delicious products. The Dairy club will meet on September 15, 23 and October 6 at the 4-H office from 3:30-5:00.



### Middle School Bash!

On October 3 all Middle School 4-H'ers are invited to the 4-H office for a Fall Bash to celebrate National 4-H Week! Senior 4-H'ers will be hosting middle school students for games and snacks. The fun will be happening from 3:30-5:30 .



### Middle School Art Club

NEW! If you love being creative and learning new skills, this club is for you! We will meet on 6 different dates from 3:45-5:00 at the 4-H office. Space is limited to 12 members and you must sign up at the 4-H office in advance. \$20 fee will cover supplies for the 6 meetings. Club dates are September 21st and 28th, October 5th, November 21st and 30th and December 14th.



### Magnolia Friends

6th through 12th grade 4-H'ers are invited to join us at Magnolia Estates to participate in activities with the residents of Magnolia Estates.



We will meet at Magnolia Estates on Virgil Langford Road from 4:00-5:00 on September 26 and October 27. Parents will pick students up at Magnolia Estates at 5:00.



### 2012 Important Dates

- Cloverleaf District Project Achievement: February 11

- Jr/Sr District Project Achievement: March 9-11
- Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle: June 11-15
- Junior Camp at Burton: TBA
- Wilderness Camp at Wahsega: July 9-13
- Senior Camp at Rock Eagle: July 2-6

I have read my child's 4-H Focus Newsletter:

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Cut out and return to your teacher to be eligible for a drawing for a prize.

## Livestock Show and Special Contests

Come out and support fellow 4-H members as they show their livestock on September 24 at Heritage Park. This year you can take part, too. Show off your baking skills in the baking contest. Prizes will be awarded for Breads, Cakes, Cookies and Pies. Also new this year is a horticulture show. Entry



forms can be found on [www.oconee4h.org](http://www.oconee4h.org).  
Deadline to sign up is September 21.



## Cloverbuds

A pre 4-H club that meets monthly for 2nd through 4th graders. There is a limited number of spots available, so sign up today! The cost is only \$25. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 from 3:30 to 5:00 at the 4-H office. To sign up call the 4-H office or get a form from our website: [oconee4h.org](http://oconee4h.org).



## RECYCLING PROJECTS

Your donation of used beverage cans and pop tops will benefit Habitat for Humanity, The Ronald McDonald House and Oconee 4-H Camp Scholarship fund. So be sure and drop your used beverage cans off at the 4-H trailer parked in the 4-H parking lot.



## September Service Project:

Senior 4-H'ers are collecting travel size toiletries during the month of September to benefit Athens Regional Guest House. Donations can be dropped off at the 4-H office.



Attending an after school activity? Snacks and drinks are available at the 4-H office for only 50 cents.



## Six Flags Tickets

Oconee County 4-H will have discounted Six Flags tickets available until the end of the season for only \$33.00.

## Military Kids

Georgia 4-H has teamed up with the US Army to provide programs for children of deployed military members. Call the 4-H office to be sure to be included in these opportunities.



# OCONEE COUNTY 4-H SHOUTS

Oconee County Senior 4-H members did a great job at **State 4-H Congress** in Atlanta in July. Oconee County had FIVE state winners—the most in the state. Congratulations to our Master 4-H'ers: Kayla Bannister in Safety, Allison Barnes in Family Resource Management, Bennett Guthrie in Outdoor Recreation, Savannah Lockman in Health and Heidi Schroeder in Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors. Also participating in State 4-H Congress were: Bailey Guthrie—3rd in Arts and Crafts, Jasmine Krasle—2nd in Conservation of Natural Resources, Tori Miller in Computers and Brooks Saye—3rd in History.



**Thank you** to our teen leaders who helped with Cloverleaf Camp! They all did a great job of assisting their leaders and helping our Cloverleaf Campers. Thank you to our **Cloverleaf Camp Teen Leaders:** Kayla Bannister, Allison Barnes, Ethan Barnes, Cole Daniel, Jonathan Fox, Garrett Hibbs, Savannah Lockman, Meghan Mitchell, Brooks Saye and Heidi Schroeder.

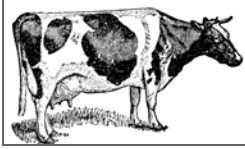


Oconee County 4-H'ers had a blast at **State Council!** They were: Kayla Bannister, Allison Barnes, Megan Beckett, Caelan Berry, Jonathan Fox, Bailey Guthrie, Garrett Hibbs, Jasmine Krasle, Savannah Lockman, Meghan Mitchell, Lauren Morris and Brooks Saye. Jonathan, Savannah and Meghan helped Northeast District capture second place in the Iron Clover Competition.



Our **Summer Programs** offered a wide variety of activities to our 4-H'ers. Thank you to our senior members for sharing their talents. Our instructors for Summer Programs were: Kayla Bannister, Allison Barnes, Ethan Barnes, Megan Beckett, Cheyenne Candelario, Trae Candelario, Jonathan Fox, Taylor Graham, Bailey Guthrie, Bennett Guthrie, Garrett Hibbs, Savannah Lockman, Meghan Mitchell, Michele Moncrief, Brooks Saye, Heidi Schroeder, Brackin Smith, Mary Hannah Thomas and Nanki Udhwani.

Congratulations to our junior **Dairy Judging Team** who won second place at the state contest. Garrett Hibbs was the high individual in the contest. Team members included: Jared Daniel, Taylor Graham, Bennett Guthrie, Mackenzie Hale, Meghan Mitchell, Michele Moncrief, Brantley Saye and Bryce Watson. The senior team will travel to Louisville in November to compete in the North American International Livestock Exposition Judging Contest.



Savannah Lockman raised more than \$1600 for cancer at the **MomProm**. Thanks to Allison Barnes, Meghan Mitchell and Heidi Schroeder for helping.



**Great Job!**

Congratulations to Megan Beckett, Caelan Berry and Garrett Hibbs who were selected for **Clovers & Company**, the prestigious state-wide 4-H performing group. They will be performing around the state throughout the entire year.



Marjan Ahmadipour, Allison Barnes, Ethan Barnes, Aaron Beacorn, Sarah Bowden, Garrett Hibbs, Morgan Knupp, Maddie Kuhn, Savannah Lockman, Colton Lowder, Michele Moncrief and Lora Nedza competed in the Area **Poultry Judging Contest** where the seniors qualified to advance to state competition.



Congratulations to all! Special thanks to Dr. Bo Ryles and Mike Risher for coaching the team!

**Junior Camp at Fortson** was awesome this summer! Special thanks to Nanci Nix for volunteering! Our juniors loved the fun times: Megan Beckett, Jared Daniel, Timothy Denton, Olivia Joyce, Tristan Medlin, Kody Robinson and Bailey Woodworth.



Congratulations to Bailey Guthrie for winning first place in the Oconee County Photography Contest and the **Georgia 4-H Photography Contest!** Winners in the Oconee 4-H Photography Contest are: Mary Hannah Thomas, Grace Townsend and Isabelle Washington. Great job!



Julianna Cook and Holly Williams represented Oconee 4-H at the **State 4-H Horse Show**. They did a fantastic job.

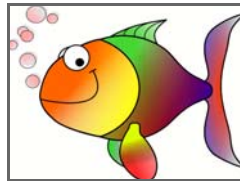
Congratulations to the **Horse Judging Team!** The Senior team won fourth place at the state contest. Congratulations to all members: Lucy Kemp, Savannah Lockman and Heidi Schroeder.



Welcome to **Senior 4-H** was attended by many senior 4-H'ers. Thanks to all who participated: Megan Beckett, Carrie Ann Derochers, Jonathan Fox, Garrett Hibbs, Bennett Guthrie, Morgan Knupp, Savannah Lockman, Meghan Mitchell, Nanki Udhwani, Brooks Saye and Brackin Smith.



**Marine Resources Camp** was a blast this summer! The following 4-Her's had loads of fun at Camp Jekyll on the beach: Lizzie Aldrich, Eva Delaplane, Carrie Ann Derochers, Parker Dorsey, Abby Hathaway, Caroline Henning, Caitlin Higginbotham, Baxter Hunt, Olivia Joyce, Amy Kuhn, Katelynn Oldham, Brackin Smith, Amanda Weaver and Bailey Woodworth. A very big Thank you to Nanci Nix for volunteering.



Thanks to those who helped at the **April Road Clean Up:**

Lauren Bradley, Josh Gomez, Garrett Hibbs, Savannah Lockman, Harper Ann Moffett and Lauren Morris.



**Cooking With Care** prepared a delicious meal in April. Thanks to all who attended: Jonathan Fox did a fantastic job of putting it all together! Thank you to all who helped: Marjan Ahmadipour, Aaron Beacorn, Colby Buttrick, Josh Gomez, Hayden Guthrie, Pushtee Jhaveri, Maxine Lafontaine, Nicky Pu, Gabriel Young and McKenzie Young. A special thanks to our teen leaders: Savannah Lockman and Heidi Schroeder.



Jared Daniel attended **Georgia Officer's Training** at Rock Eagle this summer to prepare for his duties as a member of Northeast District 4-H Junior Board.



Jared Daniel, Caroline Henning, Josh House, Kasana Page, Brantley Saye and Bryce Watson represented 4-H at **OCMS New Student Breakfast**.

