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A MESSAGE FROM GAE4-HA STATE PRESIDENT

Dr. Lori Purcell, 4-H Program Development Coordinator
Northwest District

Can you believe 2007 is here in full force? Spring is in the air, state meeting is coming soon, Jr/Sr DPAs are complete, over 75% of you are finished with Cloverleaf DPA, and your mind is on the October NAE4-HA meeting that we have been waiting on since 2002. With Spring being in full force, it makes me want to remind you to take time and smell the roses or Bradford Pear trees or whatever makes you smile. Take my week for instance...as I decided what I was going to write (notice I did not actually write it), I was on board a Carnival Cruise Ship headed home from a week of sun, snorkeling, lying on the beach, and eating 14 times a day. There were no cell phones, and I even resisted signing up for the internet café to check my email. It was the first week of vacation (without a cell phone or internet) I have had since I started working. As PDC Do you know that Extension did survive without me here to answer all calls, emails, and serious incidents within 24 hours? It can be done. Take time off for yourself, but make sure it is true time off. Production only increases when you are refreshed! My theme this year is "Don't sweat the small stuff, because it is all small stuff". I have the daily calendar and each week I send my favorites to Northwest District. This is one I carry around always.....*You may indeed be a very busy person, but remember that filling your head with thoughts of how overwhelmed you are only exacerbates the problem by making you feel even more stressed than you already do.* This is so true! Take care of yourself!

ORGANIZATIONAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Shirley Williamson, Past President

Here is your chance to "GET INVOLVED"

Calling all GAE4-HA members!

Are you interested in a leadership role with GAE4-HA?

Deadline Extended to April 10, don't delay!

If you are interested in a leadership position with GAE4-HA please notify anyone on the nominating committee below. We are looking for individuals interested in a position as Secretary, Treasurer (two year commitment) and Vice-President. (vice-presidency is a four year commitment; vice-president, president-elect, president and past-president)

If you are not ready to bite off quite as much, let us know if you would be interested in serving on a committee. Having a leadership role with committees is a great way to get involved and prepare for an executive board position in the future.

The Nominating Committee is appointed by the President and will be charged to nominate at least two candidates for the office of Secretary and Vice-President. During the years ending in odd numbers, the nominating committee will also nominate two individuals for the office for Treasurer.

The nominating committee for 2007-2008 will be

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Chair, Shirley Williamson, Past President... 706-868-3413, shirleyw@uga.edu



GAE4-HA PRESIDENT ELECT

Jeff Christie, President Elect

Dear GAE4-HA Members:

The 2007 GAE4-HA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference is May 1-2, 2007 at Rock Eagle. The excitement is at a near fever pitch as we prepare to host the 2007 NAE4-HA Meeting in Atlanta, October 21-25. You will have a chance to meet all the key organizers, discover how you can play a key role in helping your Association to shine, and of course, socialize and catch up with all your GAE4-HA friends.

The Planning Committee is excited for you to join us as we '*gear up*' for a fabulous State Meeting. The two-day meeting most certainly will offer something for EVERYONE!

READY! Listen carefully, as noted speaker and humorist Bruce Goddard kicks off our meeting, followed by opportunities for sharing and viewing educational and commercial exhibits, and meeting your 2007 National Meeting Committee Chairs.

SET! Learn with and from others during workshop sessions, participate in productive business, committee and district meetings, and celebrate with the Association during two awards sessions.

GO! Casino night is back! Relax and refresh as we prepare for our October hosting of "4-H: A Peach of a Profession".

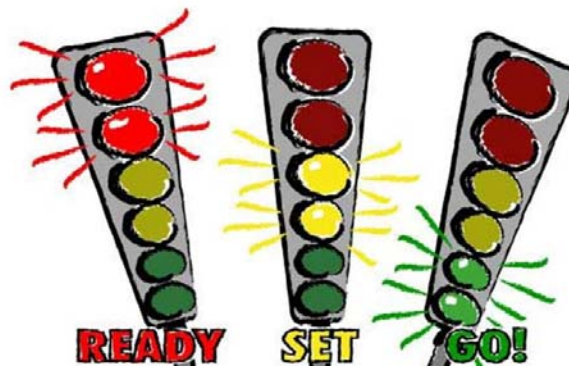
Please join us at Rock Eagle and be a part of what we hope will be one of the largest GAE4-HA State Meetings ever, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center on May 1-2, 2007! Early-Bird Registration must be postmarked by April 9th – see the Registration form posted at <http://hosting.caes.uga.edu/GAE4-HA/> for more information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Christie



**ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 1-2, 2007**





2007 OCEANS OF FUN

By: Al Parker Putnam County CEA

July 7 – 10, 2007

Jekyll Island

Are you looking for some fun in the sun on Jekyll Island? Would you like to help with an event where you can work with the children of the educational leaders in your county and across the state and show them what a great job Georgia 4-H is doing? Would you be interested in helping your professional association with one of its best fund-raising activities?

If you answered yes to these questions, then GAE4-HA needs your help with the 2007 Oceans of Fun during the Georgia Association of Educational Leadership Conference on Jekyll Island scheduled for July 7 – 10, 2007! Oceans of Fun is an awesome event where we provide classes and activities for the children of GAEL Conference attendees, as well as present a delicious continental breakfast and a family fun night.

Expenses are reimbursable. Volunteers for OOF this year must be able to stay for the entire event. For more information on being a part of OOF, please e-mail Al Parker at alparker@uga.edu.

SHOW ME THE MONEY: GRANT WRITING TIPS FOR SUCCESS

By: Lauren Ledbetter
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Georgia 4-H and Cooperative Extension



Spring is here, and so are many new opportunities for you to seek external funding for your county program. Grant writing can be an excellent way to supplement your county budget, and fund special needs programs in your area. Here are three grant writing tips to help you succeed in your next funding request.

Tip #1: Write a Clear Goal Statement. The goal statement is an overall vision for your grant application. It should be one sentence in length, and give the funder a general overview of what you are doing with the project.

Tip #2: Use the Three C's... Clear, Concise, Compelling. As you write your application, keep in mind that the funder may not be familiar with your programming. Explain things clearly, but keep explanations to the main points. Use compelling language to “tug the funder’s heart strings” and showcase why your project deserves to be funded.

Tip #3: Format Your Grant for Success. Presentation is a key component to assisting the funder in reading your proposal. Use underlining, italics, and bold fonts to place emphasis on phrases, separate main points, and draw the reader’s eye down the page. Make sure to be consistent throughout the proposal.

Use these tips to assist you in creating a more compelling grant application, and showcase why your area of programming deserves to be shown the money.



NEWS & VIEWS: HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Greg Hickey - NAE4-HA News & Views Chair
4-H Youth Agent
McIntosh County Extension

News & Views supports and facilitates the purpose and objectives of NAE4-HA through communication. Georgia is hosting the National 4-H Agents Association meeting this fall and it would be a real testament of our State's 4-H program to have a large number of articles in News & Views highlighting Georgia's 4-H programs.

Many of you just finished sending in program abstracts through the 2007 Awards & Recognition process. Why not send in a full length article and photos of those very programs you were so proud to nominate for awards? Here are the details.

E-mail mail articles and photographs as attachments to gheickey@uga.edu. Snail mail same to Greg Hickey, P.O. Drawer 1080, Darien, GA 31305. Upcoming deadlines: June 15 for the July edition and September 15 for October edition.

HEADLINES FOR GEORGIA 4-H

Dr. Bo Ryles
State 4-H Leader / Director of 4-H

It is an exciting time to be in the profession of 4-H. The first week of my career I joined GAE4HA. I attended the annual meeting the very next week at Rock Eagle. I have not missed an annual meeting over these past 27 years and recommend that every agent and specialist always make the Association a part of their plans.

As we work together this year please keep these points in mind:

- 1) 4-H is embracing and communicating a set of essential elements to evaluate the programs we offer and communicate the work we do.
- 2) 4-H is revising curriculum content for school based clubs to better complement the statewide school system's standards.
- 3) 4-H will host the National Meeting of 4-H Agents in October 2007 and the 2007 4-H Gala in August 2007.
- 4) 4-H is working in partnership with Family and Consumer Sciences to address Healthy Lifestyles and Financial Literacy issues.
- 5) 4-H will expand our training and support system for volunteer leaders to enhance the efforts of our staff.
- 6) 4-H is serving as facilitator and deliverer of the Youth Leadership Initiative for Georgia.
- 7) 4-H is supporting a partnership with military bases and installations, as well as communities with military personnel deployed through 4-H: Operation Military Kids.
- 8) 4-H is exploring ways to expand our science curriculum at the 4-H centers. 4-H will expand and increase audiences for the 4-H Environmental Education and Ag Awareness components at our 4-H Centers.
- 9) 4-H will provide resources and opportunities in Civic Engagement.

We are experiencing unprecedented positive growth at our 4-H centers. We have talented workforce. Georgia's youth need us more than ever. Thank you for all that you do!



RABIES! SHOTS FOR CATS AND DOGS

By: Ian Cowie, Lumpkin/Dawson CEA



All too often we assume there are few new avenues to follow in our quest to make our communities better. We get busy and organize roadside trash pick up parties with 4-H members, and still the roads stay littered. 4-H'ers sing at the Senior Center but how does that make it a unique 4-H event when most youth groups do the same thing? Possibly you are looking for a community service project that makes a lasting impact. Have you thought about conducting a rabies clinic?

One event that has made a difference in Lumpkin County is the annual Rabies Clinic. For more than 20 years, pet owners have depended on 4-H to provide the service for dogs and cats to get their annual shots.

Lumpkin County is a rural county growing rapidly into a bedroom community 50 miles north of Atlanta. Dogs and cats have always played a significant role in the community. Preventing viral diseases like rabies being transmitted into pets has been a goal for the local veterinarians. Because of a limited leash law, many dogs and cats are not restrained increasing the likelihood of these animals being exposed to rabid wildlife.

In response to the potential health risk to increased spread of rabies in the community, the Lumpkin County 4-H club sponsors an annual Rabies Clinic. Working with the local veterinarian hospitals, teams of volunteers, 4-H members and veterinarians provide vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced cost. The 4-H Club provides publicity for the event and manpower to complete documentation. The veterinarian hospitals provide technicians to administer the vaccinations. Two school parking lots are used on a Saturday afternoon in April or May to get the service done.

Sixteen years ago, the rabies clinic drew some 245 animals. The day long event involved three teams traveling the county vaccinating animals. Word spread about this service and the clinic grew. Successful years when weather conditions cooperated were followed by years of rain, cold temperatures and wind but the number of animals vaccinated continued to rise. The 4-H Rabies Clinic grew into a much anticipated event. Phone messages found on my desk starting mid-February wanted answers when the date was for the next clinic. One year a rabies outbreak weeks prior to the clinic plus wonderful spring weather coupled with a non-Opening Day of baseball season, drew more pets than what was planned. Yikes! Panic was the order of the day. It took weeks to sort out the mess. Since then all parties concerned have learned from the experience. This community event has now grown to where owners to avoid large crowds, gather up their animals, trek over to the nearby school and wait hours for us to arrive. Last year, more than 980 animals were vaccinated.

We may never know the total impact this has on the community but we do know that through our partnership with local veterinarians and providing a service to the community, many cats and dogs are protected from rabies each year.

