

# Rock Eagle: Centerpiece of Georgia 4-H

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## Introduction to Chapter One

In a time before history was recorded, on land that was destined to change the course of children's lives, lived a people who would leave their mark for the world to see ... and to know ... that this land was indeed a special place. Anyone who has lived, worked or played here appreciates the spirit that resides here. This spirit began long before campers sang and cheered to the delight of their adult leaders, long before the tall, graceful pine trees replaced the cotton in worn-out soil, and even before Native Americans chose this land to establish their villages. All would agree that despite the trials this land has seen, it found its calling on October 30, 1954, when the Rock Eagle 4-H Center was dedicated for the purpose of providing education and recreation for youth and adults.



'I am so appreciative to Ina Cook Hopkins for authoring this book, and for the enormous work that she did in researching each chapter. I am fully convinced that Ina has written the most accurate account of Rock Eagle and its history that could have possibly been done. I don't know how many dozens, if not hundreds, of people that she interviewed or how many thousands of pages that she read, but I know from personal experience that she leaves no stone unturned in her search for accuracy.'

From the Foreward by Dr. Thomas Franklin Rodgers

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