

We are so excited that you plan to audition for Clovers and Co.! It's hard to believe that we are about to begin the 38th year of this Georgia 4-H Performing Arts group. During this time, Clovers & Co. has established itself as the top 4-H performing group in the nation. The excellence of the program is a direct result of the outstanding young people who audition for the group each year!

Important Dates at a Glance:

Wednesday, May 30: Clovers and Co. applications due by 11:59 PM in Qualtrics survey.

Thursday, June 7: Auditions held at Fortson 4-H Center from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Saturday, June 9: Auditions held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Application:

All 4-H'ers (4th-12th grades) are eligible to audition. 4-H'ers who have graduated from high school or will graduate in 2018 are ineligible to audition. Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

This is a firm deadline. All applicants must complete the Qualtrics Clovers and Co. application, which can be found at the link below. County Extension staff will receive a copy of the completed application.

https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5uuqQEIrTOwVrcp

Preparing for the Audition:

Participation in Clovers & Co. is limited. **All auditions are limited to two minutes.** Group auditions are not accepted. Important: If you plan to audition for more than one area (such as band and stage cast), please split your audition and use approximately one minute for each talent.

New Applicants: In-person auditions are required for new cast members. These 4-H'ers may choose to audition in-person on the following dates and locations:

Fortson 4-H Center
Dining Hall
Thursday, June 7, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Must arrive by 1:30 PM

Rock Eagle 4-H Center
Talmadge Auditorium
Saturday, June 9, 2018
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Must arrive by 1:30 PM

In-person auditions are conducted on a first come, first serve basis. There may be a long wait depending on the time you arrive. 4-H'ers are responsible for their expenses and travel arrangements auditions.

Returning Cast: All current cast members must re-audition for the next year. In addition to the opportunity to audition in person, returning cast have the opportunity to audition by video auditions. If returning cast members choose to audition by video, they will be prompted to include a valid link to a YouTube video for their video on their Qualtrics Clovers and Co. application. A link to the YouTube video is required on the Qualtrics application for those who choose to audition by video.

Suggestions to help you prepare for your audition:

- **Vocalists:** Pick your very best performance number. Use a vocal track CD or mp3 file or sing a cappella. Do not sing along with the original artist. Pick a song that is within your vocal range. Select a song that you can stay on key and maintain pitch with. It is always good to have a back-up copy of your performance track on CD or jump drive with you at auditions.
- **Instrumentalists:** Pick a performance pieces that you play well. Show variety in your performance if you can. A piano is furnished, but you will need to bring any other instruments you wish to audition with.
- **Dancers:** Pick a dance that you perform well. Some things to consider are the degree of difficulty and variety. It is always good to have a back-up copy of your performance track on CD or jump drive with you at auditions.
- **Production Crew and Stagehands:** Interviews will not be required. However, those who do come to auditions will be interviewed. Stagehands are expected to arrive very early for shows and stay late after shows to load/unload the truck or Clovers storage room. They also prepare the set at each show, move risers and props onstage during the show, as well as pack up after the performance. Some of the job is behind the scenes and includes assisting with lighting as well as numerous other duties. You will also assist with moving props on and off stage during the performance.

Your Commitment:

Cost to cover Clovers & Co. membership and rehearsal dates will be approximately \$225.00 per cast member, payable at the first rehearsal weekend. There is also a small yearly fee for Clovers and Co. costumes (\$50.00 or less). Financial assistance is available.

All 4-H'ers selected will be asked to sign a commitment form for the shows scheduled for the year.

Full cast rehearsals will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center on August 3-5 and August 18-19, 2018. Selected participants are required to be at these rehearsals. There will also be a one-day band rehearsal (date TBD) prior to the full cast rehearsals in August.

Travel arrangements to and from rehearsals and shows is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and not the responsibility of the County Extension staff.



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For more information, contact your local UGA Extension office at 1-800-ASK-UGA1.

The University of Georgia 4-H program is the largest youth leadership organization in the state.

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