



2014 - 2015 School Year Program Review

Georgia 4-H Vision

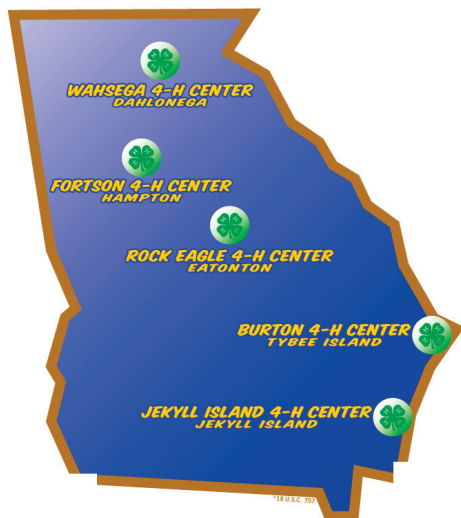
A world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for a positive change.

Georgia 4-H Mission

The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society.

Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Goals

- To make the school program more meaningful by applying knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom to real life situations
- To cultivate curiosity, critical reasoning and evaluation
- To develop positive relationships among students and teachers
- To develop self-confidence and physical fitness
- To develop an awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the environment
- To develop appreciation for the local and natural history of an area
- To provide experiences in using scientific processes, such as observing, measuring, and classifying



Georgia 4-H Environmental Education From the Mountains to the Sea, there is a Georgia 4-H Center for You

Naturally gets students outside and connected with the environment

Aligned with the current state curriculum standards

Taught by well-trained and college educated instructors

Uses the outdoors as a classroom without walls

Reaches students through physical and active classes up to 8 hours a day

Excellence: A tradition since 1979



Historical Usage of EE Program

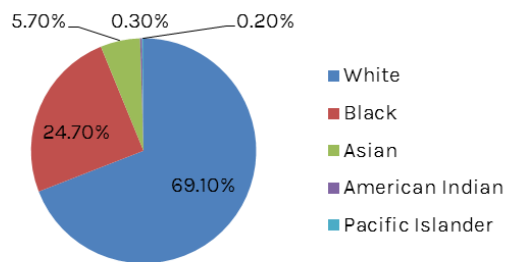
	Rock Eagle	Jekyll	Wahsega	Burton	Tidelands	Fortson	Totals
14-15	14,523	4,340*	4,731	8,703	4,140	3,147	39,584
Year	1979	1983	1986	1987	2001	2005	
Total	485,922	279,638	99,948	147,803	39,146	22,176	1,074,633

*Jekyll Island 4-H Center closed December 2014 for renovation

Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 1,074,633
(as of June 30, 2015)

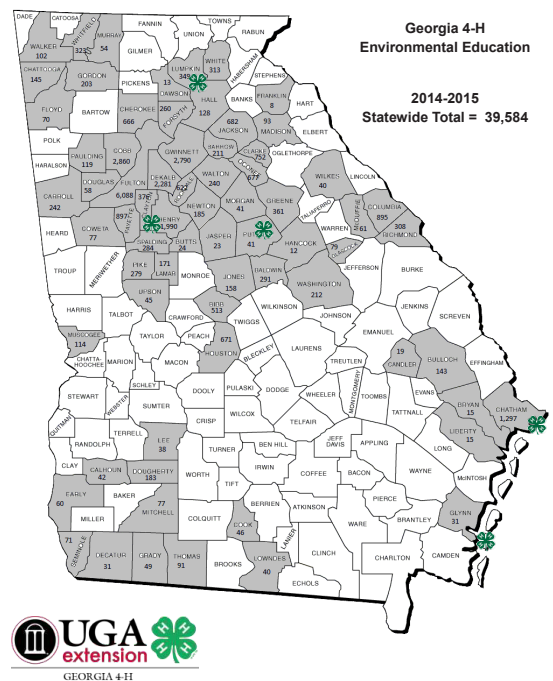
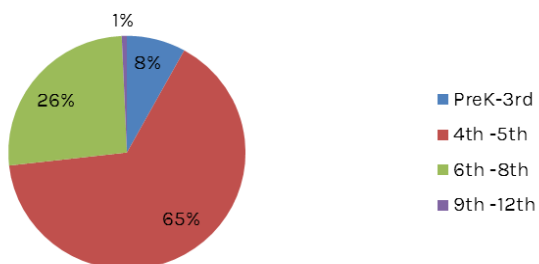
Diversity

Determined from schools who reported demographic information during 2014-15 school year
(total number reported is 10,097 of 39,584 participants)



Grade Levels Served

(reported from 12,424 of 39,584 total participants from 2014-15 school year)



Participants from Six States: AL, FL, GA, MO, SC, TN
Participants from 70 Georgia Counties



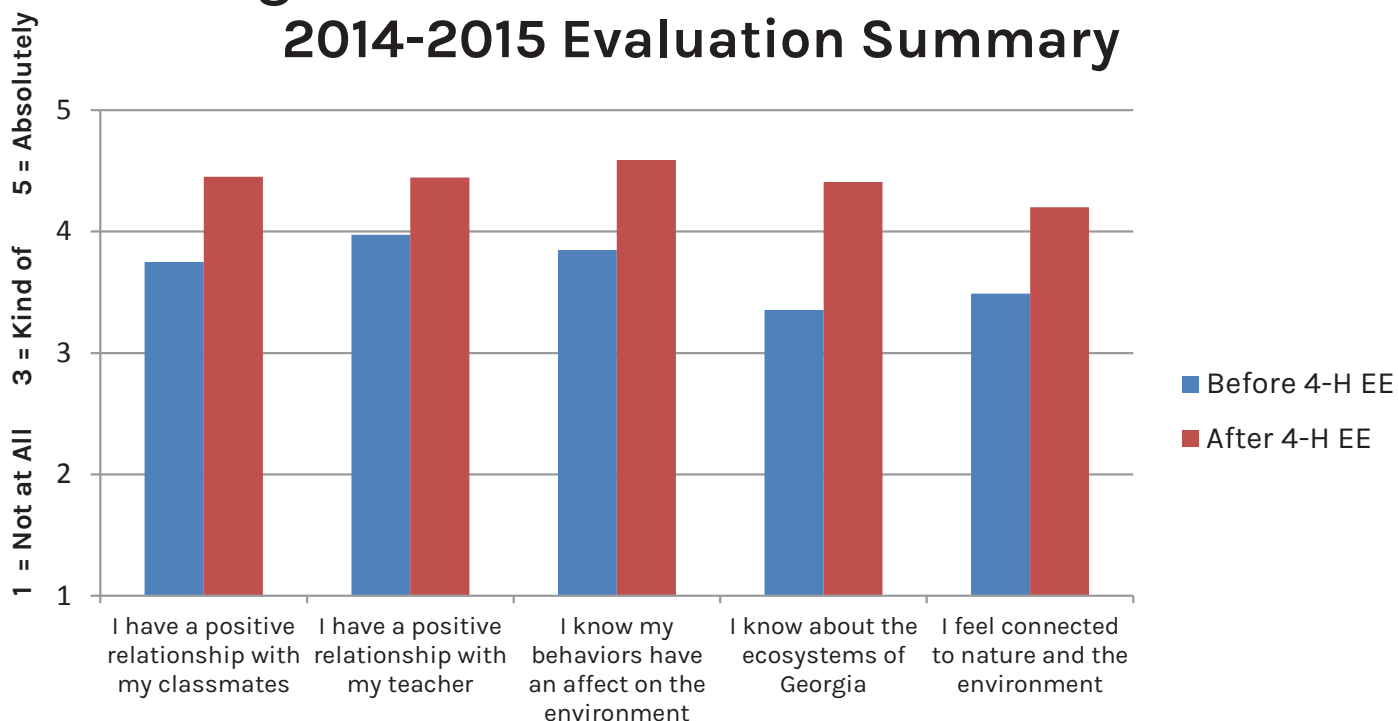
Impact and Evaluation

"All of the staff were helpful and handled the girls and all of their giggles. I learned so much alongside the girls. Seeing their faces when [the instructor] crossed off the hopscotch squares, when they watched [the instructor] pointing out the accretion, to use their 5 senses with [the instructor] (I can't believe she kept the girls quiet) was a beautiful thing. What you all do here is a blessing! The girls and the chaperones loved their time here and I know they will remember it for a lifetime. Be proud of your facility and yourself knowing that you all inspire these kids with your passion for this beautiful island and all of its inhabitants. To hear them talk at free time about their adventures you can tell that all of the kids had a great educational trip but they had so much fun doing it. I don't even think they realized just how much 'schooling' they get here. All of my girls want to be staff here then they grow up and they have even picked out the classes they want to teach. Thank you all so much for the memories and for teaching us about all the things the GA coast has to offer."

--- Middle School Adult Chaperone visiting Jekyll Island 4-H Center

A sample of participating students completed a retrospective post-then-pre-questionnaire to evaluate their change in the following qualities.

Georgia 4-H Environmental Education (EE) 2014-2015 Evaluation Summary





Georgia 4-H Environmental Education

From the Mountains to the Sea, there is a Georgia 4-H Center for You



Fortson 4-H Center

www.fortson4h.org

77 acres in South Atlanta Piedmont
Capacity 180
Offers Ecology, Living History, Team Building, Survival Skills, and more



Wahsega 4-H Center

www.wahsega4h.org

15 acres located in North GA Mountains
Capacity 220
Offers Forest and Stream Ecology, Team Building, Pioneer Life, and more



Rock Eagle 4-H Center

www.rockeagle4h.org

1428 acres in Middle GA Piedmont
Capacity 950
Offers Forest and Lake Ecology, Living History, Survival Skills, Team Building, and more



Burton 4-H Center

www.burton4h.org

6 acres on Tybee Island
Capacity 150
Offers Marsh and Beach Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Hydrology, and more



Jekyll Island 4-H Center

www.jekyll4h.org

9 acres on a Pristine Barrier Island
Capacity 220
Offers Marsh, Beach and Forest Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Orienteering, and more

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