



2009 - 2010 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

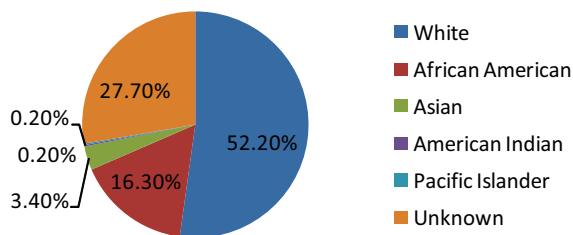


Historical Usage of EE Program

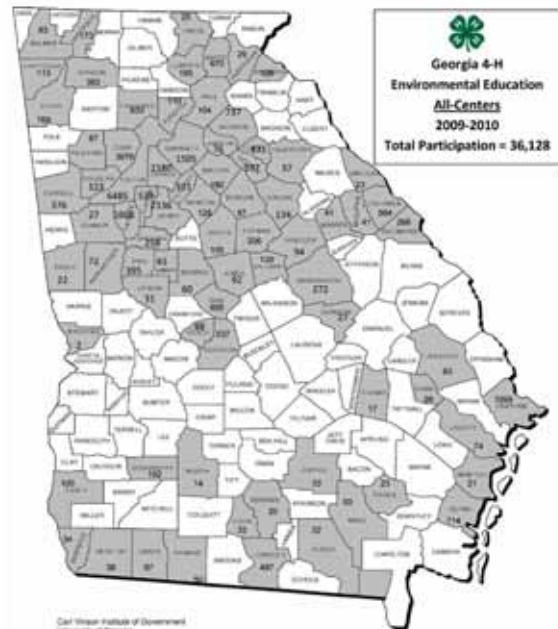
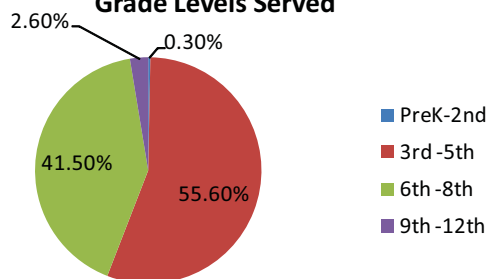
	Rock Eagle	Jekyll	Wahsega	Burton	Fortson	TOTALS
2009-10 EE Participation	11,250	12,125	3,580	6,736	2,437	36,128
Year Program Initiated	1979	1983	1986	1987	2005	
Total EE Participation Since Inception	419,554	225,972	78,846	107,713	8,500	840,585

Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 840,585
(as of June 30, 2010)

Diversity



Grade Levels Served



Participants from Eight States: GA, AL, FL, KY, MO, NC, SC, TN
Participants from 78 Georgia Counties
Over 414,250 Total Contact Hours



Impact & Evaluation

Analysis of a teacher focus group indicates the following themes based on an Environmental Education Field Study

Value of Program to Students

- Exposure
- Improved peer relations
- Connection to nature
- Correlation to standards
- Whole child betterment

Value of Program to Educator

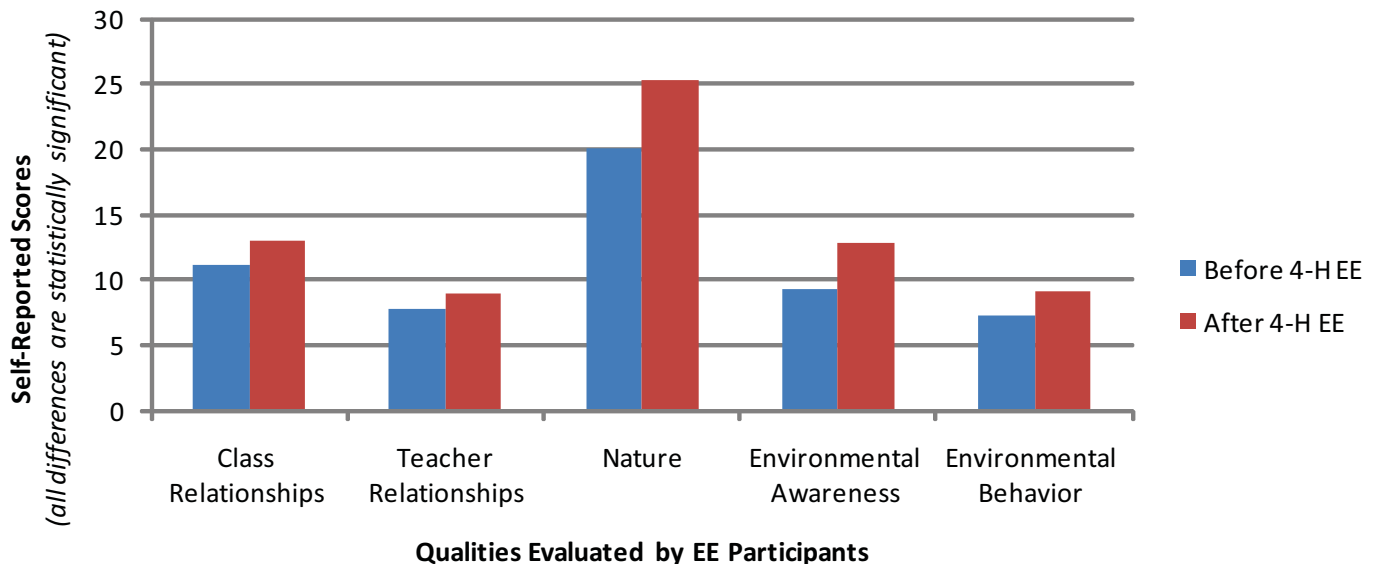
- Improved relationships
- Teaching strategies
- Interdisciplinary learning

Lingering Observations Attributed to EE Program

- Improved self-esteem
- Students knowing more about each other
- Improved teacher-student relations

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

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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



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



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



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



Burton 4-H Center

www.burton4h.org
6 acres on Tybee Island
Capacity 150
Offers Marsh and Beach Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Hydrology, and more

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