

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Rock Eagle 4-H Center Lake Closure**

*Eatonton, Georgia – June 5, 2018* – The Rock Eagle 4-H Center will begin a project in July to reinforce the spillway of Rock Eagle Lake. This project will require the water levels of Rock Eagle Lake to be dropped by eight feet. The spillway project is expected to take several months to complete. During this time the lake, boat ramp, and portions of Rock Eagle Road will be closed to the public. Rock Eagle Lake will reopen for public recreational use when the project is complete.

The 110-acre lake at Rock Eagle 4-H Center was completed in 1936. The lake serves as a tool for Rock Eagle's education programs and is a popular spot for recreational fishing. An earthen dam holds back water from five feeder streams to create the lake. A concrete spillway is located on the southern end of the lake and functions to keep the lake at a constant depth. In heavy rains, excess water flows overtop the spillway and prevents the lake from flooding its banks.

Rock Eagle 4-H Center is in Putnam County north of Eatonton and adjacent to the Oconee National Forest. Water leaving Rock Eagle Lake feeds into Little Glady Creek and flows through the Oconee National Forest. Little Glady Creek converges with Glady Creek and then empties into the Little River and ultimately Lake Sinclair. From Lake Sinclair, the water flows into the Oconee River, the Altamaha River and eventually the Atlantic Ocean. Rock Eagle Lake is located in the Upper Oconee Watershed and the Oconee River Basin.

Updates about the spillway project will be posted on the Rock Eagle 4-H Center's Facebook page.

To learn more about Rock Eagle 4-H Center visit [www.rockeagle4h.org](http://www.rockeagle4h.org)

**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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