As a county Extension agent in Carroll County, I recall a fifth grade 4-H’er sticking his head out of a school bus window, holding a white ribbon as I walked by and saying, “Look, Mr. Smith! I placed third in my project!” I knew there were only three participants in his project, but the excitement on his face and the pride of his accomplishment that he had prepared his demonstration and given his presentation before his peers, has been the only motivation that I really needed to get up and go to work every day. For better than 105 years, Georgia 4-H has provided the opportunity for so many young people to build self confidence and develop life skills that will continue to enable them to be productive citizens.

2009 was a year of change for Georgia 4-H. The University of Georgia and the Georgia 4-H Program held dedications for two new facilities. In December 2008, the new dining hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center was dedicated, and in February 2009, children from Spaulding Drive Charter Elementary School from Fulton County were the first group to be served a meal in the new facility. This long awaited dining hall will mean much to the continued success of Rock Eagle 4-H Center which is often referred to as the “home away from home” for thousands of Georgia 4-H’ers. In addition, a dedication was held for a new staff dormitory in July 2009 at Burton 4-H Center. We are excited about new cabins under construction at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and many other improvements at all the Georgia 4-H Centers.

The future of Georgia 4-H is also bright because we are fortunate in Georgia to have the best trained county Extension agents, 4-H program assistants, and 4-H volunteers who meet face to face with 4-H’ers each day and become the caring adults who provide guidance for our 4-H members. Our private partner in the Georgia 4-H Foundation also excelled in the past year. Private giving was at an all time high and the number of grants and the dollars received from grant funding to support both the state and local 4-H programs continues to grow. The biggest change during the past year was the retirements of so many of our county and state Extension faculty. Nearly 80 county and state faculty members retired resulting in the loss of many years of knowledge and experience. The Georgia 4-H program was not spared in retirements. Several Extension agents who had primary responsibility for 4-H retired, along with two District 4-H Program Development Coordinators, Marilyn Poole and Teresa Harvey. In addition our state 4-H program leader, Dr. Roger C. “Bo” Ryles, retired after nearly 16 years as State 4-H Leader in Georgia. In the 105-year history of Georgia 4-H, there have been only seven state 4-H leaders, and Bo’s retirement leaves big shoes to fill as we move forward in these uncertain economic times. For the past several years, Bo has been recognized as the best state 4-H leader in the nation and we will certainly miss his leadership, his passion for his work, and his compassion for the young members of Georgia 4-H. Even with the many changes and retirements in the 4-H program, Georgia 4-H will continue to be the premier youth development program in the United States.

Our 4-H Environmental Education program celebrated its 30th anniversary during 2009. We have reached more than 800,000 young people at our five 4-H Centers through this hands-on, science based program that was begun in 1979 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center under the direction of Diane Davies and then State 4-H Leader, Dr. Tom Rodgers. During the coming year, Georgia 4-H will focus our efforts to create more certified volunteer leader training programs modeled after the Safety Awareness and Firearm Education certification program that we have conducted for many years. Georgia 4-H is making plans to improve our use of the social media and cyber technology to reach our 4-H audiences, and we will continue to strive to help county 4-H programs enhance their private funding at the local level.

The success of the Georgia 4-H program has been built on a private and public partnership between USDA, the land grant universities, and local public entities working together with private partners to help develop the nation’s young people into the leaders of tomorrow. We appreciate the support of both our private and public partners and we hope you will continue to enable Georgia 4-H to provide positive learning experiences for 4-H’ers across our great state.
The 2009 Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award went to Commissioner Mike Beatty. Recognizing the extraordinary support Commissioner Beatty has given to 4-H and to the entire community of youth across our state, the kelly green blazer was presented to the Commissioner at the 67th State 4-H Congress during the Georgia EMC closing banquet. Mike Beatty, hailing from Jackson County, has served in several leadership roles including as a recent member of the Georgia General Assembly and the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). He has worked closely with 4-H leaders in sustaining the biennial youth summit and establishing a statewide network of workshops and grants to support youth/adult partnerships. Interim State 4-H Leader Arch Smith said, “Commissioner Beatty is unwavering in his support of young people and has been a great enabler for 4-H.” Commissioner Beatty is a Georgia 4-H Foundation trustee and continues to lead in our state as Commissioner of DCA. We congratulate Mike Beatty and thank him for his service to young people and particularly 4-H. ☀
2009 Georgia 4-H Enrollment: 155,299

**2009 GEORGIA 4-H IMPACT**

**4-H CAMP:** 9,690  
**ADULT VOLUNTEERS:** 18,117  
**AGRICULTURE:** 9,141  
**4-H CENTER USE:** 103,098  
**COMMUNICATIONS:** 4,547  

**4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:** 37,147  
**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:** 9,428  
**FORT VALLEY 4-H:** 2,287  
**LEADERSHIP:** 2,443  
**PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT:** 6,651

**WHERE**

- **URBAN:** 31%  
- **RURAL:** 39%  
- **TOWN:** 21%  
- **CITY:** 6%  
- **FARM:** 3%

**DIVERSITY**

- **BLACK:** 35%  
- **WHITE:** 60%  
- **ASIAN:** 2%  
- **PACIFIC ISLAND:** 0% (.29%)  
- **UNKNOWN:** 2%

**AGE**

- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** 86%  
- **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL:** 14%

**GENDER**

- **MALES:** 47%  
- **FEMALES:** 53%
4-H and Service Learning

Georgia 4-H, in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education and Central Savannah River Area RESA, provided training and mini-grants to teachers and County 4-H Staff through the Georgia Learn and Serve Program. Participating educators received training on Academic Service Learning and how it can be used effectively in their schools to increase student achievement, enhance civic engagement and connect classroom learning to real world experiences. This collaborative effort engaged 4,800 students, 178 educators and 31 partner agencies in 22,763 hours of Service Learning activities.

Georgia 4-H Loses Longtime Supporter and Friend 1933-2009

Georgia 4-H was saddened to lose Mr. Wayne Shackelford on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Known as “Shack” to those close to him, he will forever be remembered for his many contributions to the Georgia 4-H program.

He served as a County Extension agent in Haralson County before moving to Gwinnett County, where he dedicated decades to promoting agriculture, livestock and Georgia 4-H. He and his wife Anna endowed two annual college scholarships to assist outstanding Georgia 4-H’ers with college expenses.

He was an Honorary Master 4-H’er and served on the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. Shack was the recipient of the Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

At the family’s request, a fund has been set up for those wishing to contribute to the Georgia 4-H Foundation in the memory of Mr. Wayne Shackelford.

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In 2002 the National 4-H Hall of Fame was established by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, along with the National 4-H Council and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA, to recognize individuals for their lifetime achievements and their contributions to 4-H. In 2009, two Georgians joined seven Georgian predecessors as they were honored with their induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Senator Saxby Chambliss, a co-chair of the 4-H Senate Caucus, was honored for his leadership and his passion for helping America’s youth. Serving in the Senate since 2002 and in the House of Representatives prior to that, Senator Chambliss has long been a champion for 4-H. “As the largest youth development organization in America, 4-H has the ability to help shape our nation’s future leaders and I am very proud to support its efforts,” said Sen. Chambliss. “My first public speech was as a sixth grader in a 4-H competition in Tracy City, Tenn., standing on a table in the lunch room. Since then, I have delivered many speeches, but I will never forget that experience 4-H afforded me as a child. It is truly an honor and privilege to support the mission and principles of the 4-H organization as the co-chair of the Senate 4-H Caucus.”

Dr. Rhonwyn Lowry, former Associate State 4-H Leader, was honored posthumously for her role in various special projects, including the direction of Georgia’s first People to People goodwill mission. She also served on the National 4-H Board of Trustees and was a tireless supporter of the 4-H mission to create leadership opportunities for youth and influence their lives in a positive way. Lowry held many positions in Georgia including Assistant State 4-H Leader and Associate State 4-H Leader for seventeen years. Early in her career, Lowry said “My only hope is that I, in some way, can give others just a little of what 4-H has given me.”

Georgia 4-H is proud to acknowledge these honorees for their passion, dedication, vision and leadership during their many years of service to 4-H.

Georgians Inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame

A team of 14 youth and 4 adults from around Georgia spent eight days traveling through Puerto Rico as part of the 4-H GCEE. This program was established to provide high school aged 4-H’ers with the opportunity to experience a different language and culture while learning about tropical ecosystems.

County participants included:
Jakyn Jennings, 4-H Agent, Terrell County

For more information visit: www.georgia4hinternational.org
Animals have always been an attraction for children, both young and old, 4-H’ers have a burning desire to show an animal; a horse, cow, lamb or pig. A few years ago a new breed of animal was introduced into the show ring. The market or meat goats started showing up in many local livestock shows and fairs. The numbers were small at first, but the numbers increased each year. In 1999, less than 100 goats were shown in the Georgia National Fair Market Goat Show. In 2009, 524 goats were exhibited at the Georgia National Fair. The number of goats keep increasing each year, but as one judge stated; “The quality of both the showmanship and the goats in Georgia is as good as anywhere and we should be proud of our goat program.”

Any animal project is a great way to teach young people responsibility while caring for their new animal friend. Some of the reasons goats are such a wonderful first show animal are; goats are small so even the smallest child can safely handle a goat. Children that can walk are encouraged to show a goat in the Pee Wee class offered in most local shows. Some as young as 2 years old get hooked on showing goats. Some words that come to mind as to why goats are so popular are: size, affordable, affectionate and intelligent. Goats are small, so they don’t take much space. Some raise goats in a dog pen in their backyard. Goats don’t eat much and contrary to what many think, goats will not eat anything, they are very picky, if the feed gets dirty, they will not eat it. Goats are browsers; they prefer to eat things other livestock don’t like (bushes, berry vines, honey suckle & privet is their favorite). You can get into show goats very reasonably. Goats become very attached to anyone feeding and handling them. They quickly learn to lead and respond to the desires of their trainer.

If you are looking for an animal for a safe 4-H project, that will not break the family budget, does not require a large space, helps teach responsibility and is a very affectionate friend, then maybe a goat is just what you need.

Goats are the most misunderstood animal. While trying to contact a fifth grade girl that voiced an interest in showing goats her grandmother said; “I know my granddaughter would not want to have anything to do with a stinky old goat.” Except for the billy goats, they don’t smell. The young lady showed goats for 3 years and was an active in 4-H until graduating. The young lady told her mother 4-H has helped her excel in her college studies.
In 1969, 17-year-old Douglas Carver logged 4-H activities in his record book. He wrote about how 4-H helped him gain confidence as a public speaker, develop leadership skills, convinced him to take responsibility for his actions and encouraged him to become a good citizen. Today, more than 30 years later, the Rome, Georgia, teenager is now Major General Douglas Carver, Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Army. And, he still has that record book.

Nominated to the post in 2007, Carver is the first Southern Baptist to be named Army chief of chaplains since the Korean War. The now high-ranking government official recently returned to his home state of Georgia to share his 4-H experience at 2009 State 4-H Council.

Carver met with 700 4-H'ers at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. He recalled his first summer camp at Rock Eagle in 1962 and the “crowded, smelly school bus” that brought him there from Floyd County, Georgia.

“I learned crafts, I learned about the rich heritage of Native Americans and I learned confidence through 4-H demonstration projects,” Carver said. “I also learned to square dance and I kissed my first girl here. On the cheek of course.”

Carver remembers vividly a lesson he learned on food safety while presenting his 4-H project called “Balanced Feeding of a Pig.”

“I was trying to show the difference between feeding pigs healthy food and unhealthy foods,” he said. “The steak I brought from home in a plastic bag wasn’t very useful to my project after being in my cabin for three days.”

Carver spoke to the 4-H’ers about commitment.

“You need to be young men and women of your word,” he said. “Our commitment says something about our values, our beliefs, our promises. It requires heart, endurance, perseverance and determination to complete the task and mission of a 4-H project.”

He recalled learning commitment through a 4-H weekly radio show that required him to sacrifice his Saturday mornings as a teenager.

“It was a 15-minute show but it felt like three hours,” he said. “It was difficult to find topics for each show that would interest the audience. Thank God for the book “Leaves of Grass,” an excellent book that gave me inspiration.”

The Chaplain recounted stories of commitment from the more than 1.2 million young men and women who serve in the U.S. army.

“They are committed to the values of the military and to our great nation,” Carver said. “They swore an oath and they are willing to die for their battle buddy.”

He recalled building character through 4-H.

“The 4-H pledge is more than just words. It says something about your character that you in your heart and soul intend to follow those words,” he said. “Character is what you and I are when no one is watching. It says something about your virtues.”

Carver told the Georgia 4-H’ers to remember that stressful situations, be it combat, war or everyday challenges, always draw out true character.

“You will pay the price to not just be good at something, but be great. To not just be better at something, but to attempt to be the best,” he said. “This requires sacrifice, like sacrificing your summer vacation to attend 4-H conferences.”

Carver closed his remarks by challenging the 4-H’ers to make sacrifices for the sake of their communities.

“Be good citizens, respect authority, help those in need and commit to being men and women of character,” he said. “And enjoy the many privileges you have as a citizen of the United States of America.”

"Character is what you and I are when no one is watching. It says something about your virtues.”

— Chaplain Douglas Carver (MG)
In 1979, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, a program began that would forever change the ability to engage youth in science and environmental education. Given a tight timeline of six months to launch, a meager budget of $300 and virtually no staff, a visionary young educator named Diane Davies created an environmental education program, which would serve several thousand students in its first several years. Fast forward to 2009, during its thirtieth anniversary year, the program now serves over 37,000 annually and employees over fifty educators at five locations around the state. The Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program, operated by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, has graduated more than 800,000 youth and has generated over $43 million in revenue to support Georgia 4-H Centers since its inception.

From September to May of each and every school year, the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education (EE) Program becomes a focus of the five 4-H Centers. Operating at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega, Fortson 4-H Center in Hampton, Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, and Jekyll Island 4-H Center, the EE Program serves K-12th grade youth as well as the adult teachers, leaders, and chaperones that attend the day and/or residential field studies. Experiences are offered ranging in length from two hours to several days. While each center provides programming that is unique to its ecosystem from the mountains to the sea, each program shares a common standard for excellence maintaining correlations to the Georgia Performance Standards. The Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program
is often recognized for its ability to bring school concepts to life and connect students to the natural world using the outdoors as a classroom without walls. While the programs have an emphasis in the sciences, the learning also complements history/social studies, language arts, and mathematics and promotes team building, skill development, communication, and relationships.

The Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program may serve tens of thousands of young people each year, but during any given field study, the attention is on each and every participant. Student-to-instructor ratios are kept low, typically at 15:1 or even less. These small learning groups establish opportunities for youth to connect and interact with adults in ways that are not offered in typical school settings. Georgia 4-H EE also recognizes that every child has a unique learning style and that by presenting new information and concepts in a variety of ways, including visual, auditory, and kinesthetic formats, more youth are likely to succeed and benefit from the programming. The rich thirty year history of the program has produced countless success stories of students who had positive experiences during an EE field study at a Georgia 4-H Center.

The impact and reach of the Georgia 4-H EE Program is enormous. The participants attend from urban, rural, and suburban counties. They attend from all socio-economic levels and all demographic groups. During the most recent complete school year (2008-09), participants attended one of the five 4-H Centers for an EE Program from 81 counties and from all four corners of Georgia. Given the continued opportunity and support, the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program stands to build upon the legacy of impacting over 800,000 youth, carry on its thirty year tradition
of excellence, and strive to improve and increase its impact. Staying true to the Georgia 4-H mission, Georgia 4-H EE continues 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. Please contact Melanie Biersmith, Extension 4-H Specialist, at 706.484.2894 or melmel@uga.edu for more information about the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program or a Georgia 4-H Center near you! ✺

Diane Davies was hired in 1979 to develop an Environmental Education program for Georgia 4-H at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. She was given a budget of $300.00 and six months to accomplish the task. During its first year, the Environmental Education program served 2,200 students. To date, the 4-H Environmental Education program has served over 800,000 students and produced over 43 million dollars in revenue for the five Georgia 4-H Centers.

The 4-H Environmental Education program brought hands on learning experiences to hundreds of thousands of young people throughout the State of Georgia and across the southeast because of Diane efforts. Her passion for using the outdoors as a learning environment is evident in the success of these programs in Georgia. One of Diane’s dreams was to develop a museum of Natural History at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. That dream became a reality in 1990, when Rock Eagle opened the museum Diane and Tom Rodgers successfully solicited donations from the Cecil B. Day Foundation for the construction of the facility. Diane also worked with 4-H Foundation members and other 4-H Faculty members to develop gifts for the enhancement of other facilities at Rock Eagle and the other 4-H Centers. Included in those legacies is her work on the Wildlife Ecology Building and the Woodruff Aquatic Buildings and her work to develop the Project Adventure Ropes courses at Rock Eagle and Wahsega 4-H Centers. The legacy of Diane’s contributions to the Georgia 4-H Program is unparalleled in the history of the Georgia 4-H Program. Diane was also a Kellogg Foundation Fellow and carried out additional environmental work in the Galapagos Islands.

In a recent interview with Diane, she suggested that the Environmental Education Program is needed more now than it was thirty years ago when she started it. She feels that we are a part of something larger than ourselves, yet today’s youth are less and less connected to their natural world. The experiences provided by the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program provide a vehicle for children to connect with their environment at a young age while complementing school lessons and improving student achievement. ✺
Georgia 4-H S.A.F.E. Project Teaches Life’s Lessons

At first glance, Georgia 4-H’s S.A.F.E. program may obviously seem like a firearm and archery safety program. It’s far from that. As program coordinator Mark Zeigler explains, S.A.F.E is about building confidence, concentration and focus, developing life skills, bonding with peers and celebrating shared successes.

S.A.F.E. is an acronym for Shooting Awareness Fun and Education. Over the past ten years, Project S.A.F.E. has been one of 4-H’s fastest-growing programs. Currently, S.A.F.E. attracts more than 3,400 young people, and as many adult and parent volunteers, to Georgia 4-H each year.

“The coaches of the Georgia 4-H S.A.F.E. program are some of the best in the Nation. They taught me to be diligent and persistent, even when the situation is difficult. That particular lesson, and many more, has become important in the way I approach life, and get through every day.”

Jessica McClain
Air Gun and Muzzle Loading Competitions
NRA Competitive Shooting Division
Former Spalding County 4-H’er
When a young person steps into the firing line with a bow, rifle, or shotgun, he breathes, relaxes, focuses on the target, releases the arrow or squeezes off the shot and follows through. Along the way he has been coached and encouraged by an adult that is by his side or waiting behind the ready line.

The S.A.F.E. program focuses on teaching youth to evaluate their accomplishments and set goals. S.A.F.E. 4-H’ers celebrate one another’s successes and share each other’s shortcomings.

“The life skills developed in shooting sports carry over to other areas of life,” Zeigler said. “At school or at work, young people say shooting sports programs help them build confidence and provide them with the skills they need to concentrate and focus.”

“Through hands-on experiences in the S.A.F.E. program.”

Tiffany McCoy
Pembroke City Council Member
Owens Supply Company
Former Bryan County 4-H’er

Georgia S.A.F.E. graduates include a host of successful professionals like former U.S. Olympic Development Team member Patrick Cannon.

“Along with life-lessons, life-skills, and life-friendships, Georgia 4-H provided the start to my competitive shooting career,” said Cannon, a former Tift County 4-H’er. “The S.A.F.E. program taught me to strive for excellence and eventually shaped within me the Olympic dream. Without the S.A.F.E. program and the 4-H leaders, volunteers and families who are involved, this dream would have never become my dream.”

Pembroke City Council Member Tiffany McCoy credits the program for teaching her “to concentrate on tasks both at school and in the workplace and teaching her valuable skills about teamwork and self-discipline.”

“I would not take back the lessons learned through my hands-on experiences in the S.A.F.E. program,” said the former Bryan County 4-H’er.

Like most 4-H programs, the heart of the S.A.F.E. program’s success lies in the dedication of the program assistants and volunteer coaches and parents.

“The coaches of the Georgia 4-H S.A.F.E. program are some of the best in the nation,” said Jessica McClain, former Spalding County 4-H’er. “They taught me to be diligent and persistent, even when the situation is difficult. That lesson, and many more, has become important in the way I approach life, and get through every day.”

McClain now coordinates air gun and muzzle loading competitions for the NRA’s competitive shooting division.

AWARDS

National 4-H Recurve Archery Title in 2009. Team members included Garrett Frye, Cara Henslin, Cooper Hope and Shelby Herrin, Wayne County.

National 4-H Compound Archery Title in 2008. Team members included Ethan Pickles, Brent Hritz, Jantz Jenkins, and Garrett Hancock, Lowndes County.

Fifteen 4-H’ers represented Georgia at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational held June 23-28, 2009 in Nebraska. Teams representing Georgia were: Compound Archery, Lowndes County; Recurve Archery, Wayne County; Shotgun, Turner County; and Rimfire, Laurens County.

GRANTS

$3,650 grant from Colquitt EMS for Archery and Modified Trap Range Expansions and Equipment.

More than 1,000 certified adult volunteers are active in the program. To train adult leaders, Georgia 4-H partnered with the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance (YSSA) and the National Alliance for the Development of Archery (NADA) to provide Georgia coaches with advanced archery coaches’ training and national certification.

The YSSA, with the generous assistance of some of the most respected manufacturers in the shooting sports industry, also provided instructional and training equipment valued at more than $6,000. This includes 4 electric trap machines and instruction material for archery.
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Whether I’m running, participating in leadership and community service activities or thinking about my future, I stay on the move and connected to the community.

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—Meagen Wilson, Morgan County, Dairy & Milk Science Project Winner 2009

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STOCK SEAT
Sarah Bentley, Cobb County
Sara Parr, Walton County

HUNT SEAT
Heather Hillstrom, Houston County
I have learned to succeed in 4-H. Before I was in it, I would never have stood and spoken in front of a group. Now I have no problem.

–Kasey Roth, Madison County, State Winner Computers 2009
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It is my pleasure to share with you the 2009 Georgia 4-H Foundation Annual Report. This year we have experienced great success with increased alumni participation and support to the programs and facilities that provide opportunities for our 4-H youth in Georgia. Support from our engaged alumni and friends is having a positive impact in the state, increasing our capacity, and ensuring a bright future for all.

This past year we launched a number of opportunities to benefit the youth in the state including the sale of the Georgia 4-H History Book, the Washington Internship Endowment Campaign, and the Rock Eagle 4-H Center Cabin Campaign to name a few. Two cabins are under construction at Rock Eagle due to the generous support of our alumni and friends, and plans are underway for others as we partner with other funders in the coming months. We are also fortunate to have an engaged Foundation Board who is clearly focused on our capital funding needs and capacity building priorities, in addition to our annual fund, which provides funds for many programs and activities that 4-Hers participate in during the year.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation also continues to focus on our alumni programming as a priority. Alumni and friends had a “swingin” good time at the 2009 Twilight on the Lake held August 8. The 4-H alumni and friends event brought together over 200 supporters and alumni for a fun filled casual evening at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. In addition to seeing old friends, former 4-H’ers and long-time 4-H supporters enjoyed a hearty meal and danced the night away at the GEMC Building and Senior Pavilion by Rock Eagle Lake.

Coming in 2010, you won’t want to miss the 2010 Georgia 4-H Gala, to be held on August 14 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia! Plans are well underway, and the event is shaping up to be like no other in Georgia 4-H history. We will have the opportunity to see 4-H friends, recognize our Lifetime Achievement Award winner, and support 4-H project achievement through an outstanding silent and live auction. The ticket price this year is set at $150, but attendees who purchase their tickets by July 15 will receive a discounted price of $125. Additionally, the Georgia 4-H Foundation is offering an installment payment plan this year.

Thank you for all you do to advance the 4-H program in Georgia. We hope you will visit our Web site at www.georgia4hfoundation.org to find out more about what we are doing or to make a gift to support one of the many programs and events, or one of the five 4-H Centers located throughout the state. We are successful in building a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change through your support.

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Playing under the water sprinkler isn’t an unusual way for children living in Georgia to cool off on a summer day. Standing under one that can dump a thousand gallons in just minutes is. And it’s a cool way to learn about the state’s most valuable resource.

Before they can respect it or better conserve it, children need to learn the important roles water plays in their lives, said Jennifer Grogan, a University of Georgia Cooperative Extension 4-H agent in Mitchell County. It’s the essential ingredient to life and a healthy economy, particularly in southwest Georgia.

Grogan started the three-day 4H 2O summer camp to literally get the hands of area 4-H’ers wet with learning.

“Many kids don’t understand about water. They think you just go turn on the faucet and there it is,” Grogan said. “With this camp, we want them to understand the connection of all aspects of water, which is one of our main focuses in 4-H.”

Last summer at the UGA C.M. Stripling Irrigation Research Park near Camilla, Ga., 68 middle school 4-H’ers from Mitchell, Dougherty, Baker, Worth and Decatur counties saw firsthand how water is used wisely for farming and why.

They learned how the Floridan aquifer is recharged with rainfall and how a pump and well are used to draw water from it. Experts showed them technology that farmers use to conserve water. The 4-H’ers helped calibrate a 260-foot irrigation system, too, and played tug-of-war with a tractor.

The Stripling park provides educational programs for adults, but 4H 20 was the first time an in-depth program was developed at the park for a young audience.

The park is where water research is conducted by both UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists.

In 2000, then 80-year-old C.M. Stripling donated 133 acres of his land to Mitchell County to lease to CAES to establish the park. Since his death, Stripling’s family has continued to be leaders in water management. The family donated 75 percent of the 4H 2O total cost, estimated to be $100 per student.

“You will be learning a lot about water during this week, but you will deal with the issue of water use and management for the rest of your life,” Stripling’s son Charles told the inaugural campers. “We are proud you are here. Let this be the first day for you to begin your education on how to be responsible stewards of water and its management.”

The students spent the second day at the Flint RiverQuarium in Albany, Ga., where ecological experts introduced them to habitats and creatures along the Flint River.

On the third day, the campers visited Water World in Dothan, Ala., to learn how water is used for entertainment.

To measure improvements in their water-related knowledge, students took a test before the camp. They took the same test again after the camp. For the sixth-graders, scores improved 60 percent. Seventh-graders more than doubled their scores.

4-H, as a unit of Cooperative Extension in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and part of the University of Georgia, is education and positive youth development. Our purpose—our mission—our mandate is to reach out to the youth of Georgia providing unbiased, research-based education. 4-H provides “hands on” learning experiences with practical application. We take the University to the people in a manner that communicates education in common terms with relevance in their daily lives. 4-H reaches six times the number of students reached in academic classes on campus. More than one hundred sixty five thousand youth learn and grow in 4-H each year. The focus areas of 4-H are Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. The work we do in and with schools enhances the Georgia Performance Standards. We bring science and technology to life by engaging kids in experiential learning at 4-H Centers using the laboratories and ecosystems at the centers to truly immerse the young people in science education. Also, in the tough economic times, 4-H provides opportunities for families at low cost. 4-H requires no dues. 4-H’ers do not need uniforms. We extend opportunities with scholarships. All 4-H programs include positive youth development based on research and education that respond to the needs of our state. Research validates that youth in 4-H succeed, they stay in school, they become the contributing citizens and leaders in our state. Georgia 4-H is 106 years old in experience but as new as the research conducted yesterday and the needs lifted by a teen panel last week.