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FROM THE STATE 4-H LEADER



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As surely as the Global Positioning System on my wrist indicates a direction for the Tybee Marathon, the GPS for Georgia schools indicates the direction for 4-H in school programs. Since 1904, Georgia 4-H has joined schools to provide education. Making learning relevant, using research-based information, and calling on University of Georgia faculty and staff members to provide information is a priority for Cooperative Extension.

Using the resources of our land grant universities to enhance, complement

and support school teachers is our top programming priority. Using the Georgia Performance Standards as a guide, 4-H agents have created lesson plans and curriculum resources to deliver educational programs that meet school standards as well as support the core values of 4-H.

The 4-H centers in Georgia are incredible resources, and we're making improvements at all five of them. The Rock Eagle 4-H Center dining hall represents the largest single project in our history. We appreciate the extraordinary support for that facility. We have also begun replacing cabins at Rock Eagle, so we have 53 more opportunities for funding.

4-H is Cooperative Extension, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and The University of Georgia working with our partners at Ft. Valley State University, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, National 4-H Headquarters, National 4-H Council, Georgia schools and Georgia counties. We need 50 more 4-H agents, 53 more cabins at Rock Eagle, another 50 years on Jekyll Island, and 52 weeks in the coming year to help young people find success. We appreciate how you help us accomplish our goals.

Dr. Roger "Bo" Ryles

State 4-H Leader/Director of 4-H

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BACK COVER 4-H Helps Build Habitat House in Atlanta

"Our 4-H program is the best in the nation and an important part of our college."

J. Scott Angle, Dean and Director
 College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

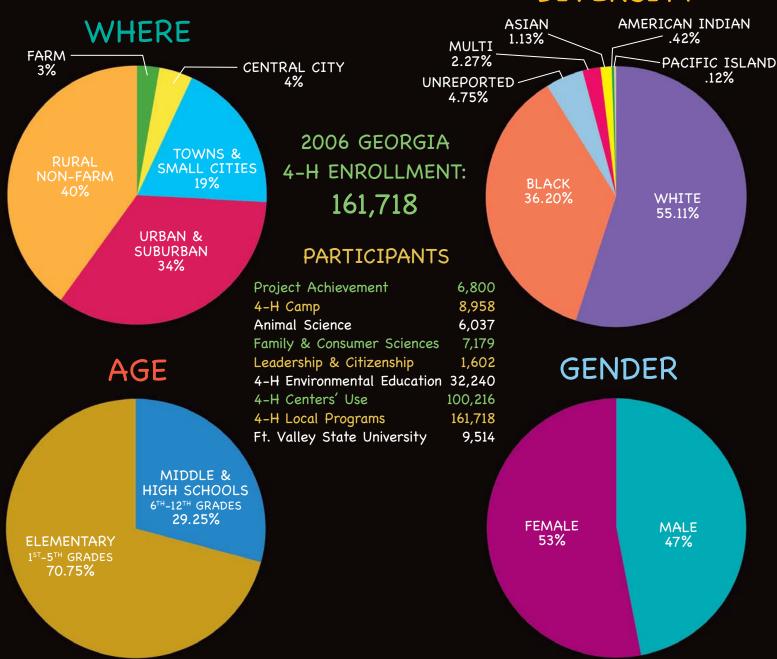




We are fortunate to have extraordinary administrative support for the work we do in 4-H. Our dean and associate dean attend events, champion our requests, and interact with members and leaders.

GEORGIA 4-H ENROLLMENT

DIVERSITY



Georgia 4-H & Georgia Schools

Working together is a natural partnership.

County 4-H agents want to share information, encourage participation in 4-H Project Achievement and teach kids how to succeed. Teachers want to give their students a good start in life, share information and encourage learning. And nothing seems more natural than these two groups working together.

Nowhere is that partnership more successful than in Putnam County. County 4-H Agent Al Parker, County Extension Director Keith Fielder and the educational program specialist for Putnam County plan a year's schedule of classes that meet Georgia Performance Standards in schools. Not only do the system's teachers get a helping hand, but 4-H participation is steadily growing. Last year's County Project Achievement involved 544 young people. For the January, 2007, CPA, teachers required all 4th through 6th graders to present a demonstration or an oral presentation.

"4-H participation has grown from 25 in CPA and 13 in DPA to 544 in CPA and 72 in DPA," said Parker. (Attending District Project Achievement is voluntary.) But the benefits haven't all gone to 4-H. The Putnam County Board of Education calls the 4-H presence in schools "the best bargain we get."

Participation in CPA and DPA teaches young people how to do research and



"We enjoy working with Extension. 4-H complements our classroom sessions with "hands on" learning experiences."

- Jim Willis, Superintendent, Putnam County Board of Education

how to development a program based on one topic. "4-H is so broad in category areas, most anything we do can meet classroom criteria," said Fielder. "We've been most impressed that peer pressure makes the kids look for the meatier subjects."

Teachers could not believe how stringent the requirements were for presentations, according to Fielder. Some parents complained to the Putnam County Board of Education about the requirement for an oral presentation.

"Now, they're proud of their kids," he said.

This successful cooperative effort began when a 6th grade teacher came to Al Parker and wanted to require 6th graders to participate in CPA. The outcome was a set of lesson plans that included the Georgia Performance Standards; then those were incorporated into teachers' lesson plans. Parker and Fielder then went to lead teachers in other areas in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Students in the 7th grade were included this year, with CPA and

portfolios required.

"We do a lot of preplanning," Parker said. "Then we write everything up and present it to teachers, administrators and the Board of Education. So now we do CPA in a regular classroom during regular class times. And they want us in their classrooms once a month in the future."

Some of the classes as well as an after-school Junior Master Gardener Club focus on plants — and a whole lot more. The theme for the garden this past year was New World Food. The classes have taught a



little history and social studies concerning where plants come from, ag awareness, geometry for laying out beds, and some basic soil chemistry and biology.

"The students get a little of everything," said Parker. "It's just fun to teach like this, and they've grasped everything that comes to them."

Fielder credits support from a lot of people for making the program in Putnam County work. Along with the Board of Education, school administrators and teachers. he says the program gets a lot of support from volunteers, parents and area merchants and businesses. Grant support has come from Wal-Mart, Chevron, JC Penney, the American Chemical Society and Gold Kist. Local support has come from nurseries, feed and seed stores, the lumber

yard and hardware stores.

Personnel at the county extension office are full of plans for expanding their role in the schools. And there is no shortage of enthusiasm.

"We're borrowing from teachers, teachers are borrowing from us; it keeps things fresh and up-to-date," said Fielder. "The curriculum almost writes itself. And these kids are growing in every way you want them to grow."

Partnerships between
Georgia 4-H and Georgia
schools are not new. 4-H has
a 100-year history of working
with schools to provide
learning experiences for the
state's young people, including
the internationally known
Environmental Education
program. According to Mandy
Marable, Extension 4-H
specialist, 4-H has always been

To: School teachers, administrators, board members and county officials

Fr: Al Parker, Putnam County Extension Agent Brooke Boswell, Putnam County Educational Program Specialist

Greetings from the 1,000+ 4-H members here in Putnam County! The Putnam County 4-H program continues to grow and we are excited about the upcoming year.

Please find attached our 2005-2006 Year in Review and our 2006-2007 In-school Lesson Plans for our Cloverleaf and lunior programs.

Junior programs.

We are excited about several successful new programs we will be continuing this year. In October and March club meetings, Master Gardeners will join us to teach 4th – 8th graders plant identification and classification as well as proper planting techniques. The Master Gardeners will continue to work with the Junior Master Gardener Club after school.

After such a successful CPA last year, with 544 participants,

After such a successful CPA last year, with 5 to 10 teachers will require ALL 4th – 6th graders in Putnam County to present a demonstration or oral presentation at our County Project Achievement in January, 2007.

the bridge between formal and non-formal education.

"Academic time and education based on research at the land grant university is part of the 4-H program in all Georgia counties," she said. "University of Georgia Cooperative Extension has constantly worked with Georgia schools to ensure that 4-H classes complement and enhance curriculum in school settings."

These in-school 4-H sessions provide university faculty an opportunity to showcase the research and knowledge of the university in a way that makes learning applicable to a young person's life and experiences, according to Bo Ryles, Georgia State 4-H Leader.

4-H Project Achievement ties into the key components of Georgia Performance Standards, according to Marable. "Project Achievement

GEORGIA 4-H LESSON PLAN: Plant Identification/Origination [partial plan]

GRADE LEVEL(S): 4-6

SUBJECT(S): Plant Science, Agriculture

ESTIMATED TIME: 1 hour

DESCRIPTION/LESSON OVERVIEW: Students will be able to identify selected plants and learn where they were originally grown and how they made their way to Georgia. They will also learn how some of them are now considered unwanted pests to southeastern gardens. Students will be introduced to the work of naturalist William Bartram. They will also have a chance to plant some of the flowers discussed.

GOAL: Students will be able to identify selected plants and discuss their origin and how they came to Georgia. They will know which plants are pests to gardens in our area. They will be able to discuss the importance of the work of naturalist William Bartram. The youth will learn proper planting of these flowers.

STANDARDS:

Georgia Performance Standards: Quality Core Curriculum:

Grade 4: Science S4E3.D, S4CS7.B, S4L2.A Citizenship 9

Grade 5: Science S5CS7.B, S5L1.B, S5L3.B Citizenship 9

Grade 6: Science S6E5.G, S6E6.A Horticulture: 27, 28, 30; Citizenship 9

Grade 7: Science S7L3.C Horticulture: 25, 26; Citizenship 9

Grade 8: Horticulture: 25, 26; Citizenship 9

GEORGIA 4-H CORE VALUES: Agriculture, Environment

LIFE SKILLS: Cooperation, Wise Use of Resources, Community Service/Volunteering

OBJECTIVES:

- Students will be able to identify selected plants.
- They will learn where these plants were originally grown and how they made their way to Georgia.
- They will also learn how some of them are now considered unwanted pests to southeastern gardens.
- Students will be introduced to the work of naturalist William Bartram.
- They will also have a chance to plant some of the flowers discussed.

MATERIALS:

- 4-H newsletter
- Handouts, including pre-test and post-test.
- Flowers and materials needed for planting.



uses research, organization, summary and expression," she said. Students must collect information, organize the information and generate a speech, steps that include brainstorming, creative writing, outlining and generating text.

"The opportunity to speak publicly about the research information provides a great opportunity to practice oral communication skills," Marable said. "Project Achievement encourages students to recall, interpret and summarize information. It provides the opportunity to deliver a planned oral presentation and provides a 'real-world' experience — all of these are key components of the Georgia Performance

Standards."

County 4-H programs all over Georgia are working hard with county school systems to nurture this cooperative education partnership that adds so much to students' learning experiences. As for Putnam County, extension staff are planning a full-size production greenhouse at the

high school, a dual enrollment program with Central Georgia Tech, and possible additional funding through grants written by enthusiastic volunteers and parents.

"We're given a lot of opportunities," said Al Parker. "This kind of parent-school-community participation is what it's all about."

Taking the Classroom Outside

BY DAN RAHN AND SHARON OMAHEN

PHOTOS BY JOHN AMIS

The Georgia Department of Education's goal to "do science, not view science," must be deeply satisfying to the University of Georgia's 4-H Environmental Education faculty. At the heart of the department's performance standards for science is the sentence, "Hands-on, student-centered, and inquiry-based approaches should be the emphasis of instruction."

One of the largest residential programs in the country, Georgia's Environmental Education program is as hands-on as it gets. More than 34,000 students get their hands, legs and hearts immersed in the science of their surroundings at five 4-H centers across the state each year.

Aligned with the state's performance standards, the science education delivered at the 4-H centers is serious. Students learn subjects based on the center they visit. Burton offers beach and marsh ecology along with marine animals and hydrology studies. Wahsega spotlights forest ecology, geology and soils,

stream ecology and wildlife. Fortson, the newest center, opens this year with pond, forest and wetland ecology classes. Rock Eagle, the largest of the centers with 14,500 students each year, offers day classes in ecology, living history, outdoor skills and team building. At night, students tour the Natural History Museum, play Native American games and learn about sensory awareness, snakes, raptors, endangered species, watersheds and environmental issues.

On the coast, Jekyll Island

4-H Center
Director Melanie
Biersmith and
her staff focus
their program
on maritime
forest and salt
marsh ecology.
Just a short
walk over the
dunes, the beach
and Atlantic

Ocean serve as nature-made classrooms.

Jekyll hosts close to 11,000 students each year from throughout the South. "We

have one school from Clayton, Missouri, that's been coming here for years," Biersmith said. What surprises Biersmith

most is the number of students who



Learning





have never seen the beach.

"Their eyes are wide open the whole time they're here, and they're constantly asking 'What's this?' or 'What's that?'' she said. "The trees and the soil are different from what they have back home, and the climate's different because of the constant breeze."

But if the students and teachers think they're coming to the beach for a vacation, they're in for a surprise.

"We start classes at 8:15 in the morning and we get done at 9 at night," she said. "For the most part, it's go, go, go. We have to keep the program going to cover the material in three days."

The entire Georgia
Environmental Education
program is school time

intensified, but it's fun and eyeopening. Students slog through mud marshes, sand beaches or forest litter, wade oceans and streams, and peer through microscopes at samples they collect themselves. Their chatter signals their learning: "Wow!" "Look at this!" "Hey, neat!"

A participating teacher says it isn't easy teaching science to students who don't have much experience outdoors.

The 4-H Environmental Education program provides the environment where students can use all of their senses to learn the concepts teachers are trying to get across in classrooms.

The centers provide the hands-on, feet-on experiences needed to make these concepts meaningful, according to the teacher.

Jekyll Island 4-H Center A Great Place to Learn

The Jekyll Island 4-H Center is on the south end of the island — home to beach, marsh and maritime forest ecosystems.

"Our location is slightly isolated and insulated," said Jekyll Island 4-H Center Director Melanie Biersmith. "It provides a safe environment for our 11,000 environmental education visitors and 1,200 summer camp visitors." The 4-H Center, a natural barrier between development on one side and natural ecosystems on the other, provides ideal opportunities for seeing dolphins, noting sea turtle nest markers, and catching glimpses of skimmers or other migratory birds.

"Our location on the south end opens up the natural

classroom to so many kids. It's just something that can't be replaced." — Arch Smith, Associate State Leader

Even more important is the opportunity to allow students to participate in dune discussions standing in the south end dunes. Beach ecology classes

The 4-H center's south end location also provides easy access to the maritime forest, specifically the "grandfather tree," an enormous live oak that has become a staple of forest ecology class. "Most groups consider it a requirement to have a photo op at the grandfather tree while they learn about the Georgia state tree and why it grows the way it does," said Biersmith.

depend on the south end location as well; at the north end of the

island, there is no beach during high tide.

The Jekyll Island 4-H Center provides habitat for turtles, birds, trees, dunes — and 4-H'ers.



Clovers & Co. BY CHERYL VARNADOE

On June 24, 2006 Georgia 4-H celebrated a historic anniversary. The Georgia 4-H Performing Arts Group, Clovers & Company, celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary. The group's longevity and continued popularity are a true success story for the Georgia 4-H program.

From the humblest of beginnings, the group has grown into an entertainment phenomenon. In 1981, State 4-H Specialist Bill Edwards organized a group of agents

> and volunteers to host a 4-H Performing Arts weekend.

The weekend was an outgrowth of the existing 4-H Performing Arts projects. The first Clovers & Co. cast was selected from 4-H'ers who attended.

Today, the show is still run by a dedicated staff of volunteers and 4-H faculty members who manage all the details. These include try-outs, song selection, show development, instrumentation, vocal coaching, casting, costume and set design, choreography, lighting, sound and more.

Then and now, the Performing Arts are the most popular projects in Georgia 4-H. Over 800 4-H'ers compete in District and State 4-H competitions annually. And over 125 of them choose to audition each year for positions in Clovers & Co. Competition is fierce to join the group — only the most talented and outstanding are selected.

Over 575 4-H'ers have now been a part of Clovers & Co. Many have gone on to pursue successful careers in the music industry as well as on the stage. Recently, two former Clovers & Co. members earned Grammy Awards.

Over 900 parent volunteers have contributed to the group through fund-raising, chaperoning, setbuilding, and most importantly,

support of their Clovers & Co. members.

Clovers & Co. has been and continues to be a wonderful public relations tool for Georgia 4-H.

Because of their stellar reputation, they are in constant demand to promote 4-H across the state and nation. Clovers & Co. is recognized as the premiere 4-H performing arts group in the nation. They reach an average of 7,000 Georgians yearly. Out of state performances reach an average audience of 1000 -1200 yearly. Audiences have included 4-H events such as National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Council Board Of Trustees and Georgia State 4-H Council to State 4-H Congress in several southern states as well as numerous state, civic and community service groups including the Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE) National Conference. The group has also been asked to perform at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents meeting in Atlanta in 2007 where they will be joined by Clovers Alumnus, Jennifer Nettles, of the group Sugarland.

4-H'ers say they join Clovers & Co. for the experience, the honor of representing Georgia 4-H, and the excitement of performing. Along the way, they develop life skills that will help them become productive citizens, including poise, public speaking,

teamwork, and responsibility.

And their hard work pays off as they become singing ambassadors for 4-H. What better way to see the impact that 4-H can have on young people? **

- Jennifer Nettles, of the Grammy winning group Sugarland.

30 often. My experiences in 4-H have helped me so much." 4-H did so much for me. I am so excited to be

joining Clovers on stage again

Youth in Governance 4-H Clubs

A partnership project funded by the New York Life Foundation

Thousands of Georgia's young people are not being reached by any youth development program. Thanks to a National 4-H Council grant funded by the New York Life Foundation, community 4-H clubs in Clarke and DeKalb counties have been established to reach under-served young people.

Peter Croffie (State 4-H Program Assistant) has worked closely with 4-H Coordinators Marie Trice in DeKalb County and Elizabeth Barber in Clarke County, coordinating myriad events and learning opportunities for these students.

"This is just a great, great idea," said Bo Ryles, Director of 4-H. "Rather than creating a new program, we are taking advantage of 4-H opportunities that already exist, like Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Environmental Education and Project Achievement, and engaging young people who have never had the opportunity to be a part of 4-H. I joined the clubs for a day recently, and the kids were excited and inspired."

The young people in these two 4-H clubs were on campus at the University of Georgia, hearing from the state's leaders, according to Ryles. "I got in line with them to get my photo made, and with our [UGA] superstar receiver Mohamed Massaquoi," he said. "My thoughts were — we are building memories and giving these kids a reason to believe in their future."

Georgia is the fifth fastest growing state in the nation, according to U.S.



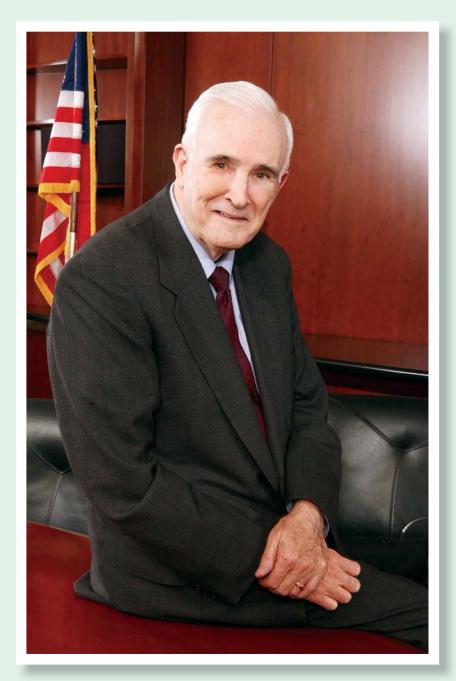
Census Bureau figures, and it's one of the fastest growing in diversity of population. In the past 10 years, Georgia's Hispanic population has risen more than 500 percent. Along with rapid growth comes economic, educational and cultural challenges. All too often, young people are adversely affected by these changes. Young people in Georgia desperately need exposure to extracurricular leadership and youth in governance opportunities — something Georgia 4-H is able to provide.

"The clubs have adult leaders and teen

leaders involved who live in the community," said Peter Croffie. "We have great hopes for the programs continuing and providing a positive set of experiences for youth for years to come."

The goal of the special initiative is to provide young people with citizenship, leadership and youth-in-governance opportunities that prepare them for a successful future. After a year of programs, we are convinced that this is a model that works, said Croffie.

A Champion for Georgia 4-H: Wayne Shackelford



Georgia 4-H is proud to honor Wayne Shackelford, who will be recognized as the recipient of the Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award at the Legacy Ball Gala August 11, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia. Wayne has been a champion for Georgia 4-H over many years. The positive impact he has made on 4-H programs, youth and facilities is immeasurable. Shackelford, a former Gwinnett County Extension Agent and former commissioner of the Georgia State Department of Transportation, has continued to support 4-H throughout the years by serving as Chairman of the Pledged for Life Capital Campaign, as a volunteer and a donor.

"When someone you admire truly believes in you and encourages you, you find the intestinal fortitude to do whatever it takes to be worthy of his praise." —Robert E. Burton

"He is a true friend to Georgia 4-H and has never hesitated to use his influence for the betterment of the organization." —Laura Perry Johnson

The Lifetime Achievement Award has only been presented on two other occasions in our history. Wayne is indeed the appropriate person to join the ranks with the late Mr. Edgar Rhodes and former State 4-H Leader, Dr. Tom Rodgers. A special fund will be established in conjunction with the Gala to receive 4-H gifts in honor of Wayne and his service. Georgia 4-H is pleased to publicly honor this deserving individual at the Legacy Ball Gala in August.



For nearly 50 years, college-age 4-H'ers from Georgia have served as interns with senators and congressmen in Washington. The program began with Senator Richard Russell and former State 4-H Leader Tommy Walton in 1960.

Alumni of the 4-H Intern Program are now leaders in many fields. Acting on support and action from the Georgia 4-H Foundation, 4-H will continue the program. "Lynda Talmadge has graciously established start-up funds for the program to continue," said Foundation Trustee Randy Nuckolls. "We will continue the legacy."

Students will have opportunities to gain experience in federal government, increase their understanding of the legislative process, enhance their network of leaders and career contacts, refine communication and leadership skills, and represent 4-H. 4-H will select two interns each year, one for fall and one for spring.

"We will maintain the philosophy of Dr. Walton and Senators Russell, Talmadge and Nunn. 4-H will only send outstanding 4-H'ers to Washington and we ask their hosts to provide them with a memorable positive learning experience," said State 4-H Leader Bo Ryles, a former intern with Senator Herman Talmadge.

"Serving in
Washington gave
me a broader view
of our nation. It inspired me
to take an assertive role as
a citizen."

 Rebecca Willingham, intern with Congressman Nathan Deal

"The experience with Senator Russell led directly to my becoming a U.S. Congressman."

Buddy Darden, Intern with Senator Richard Russell

"The work I did in Washington directly influenced my future role as a lawyer."

- Ken Jones, Intern with Congressman Sam Nunn

2006 Georgia Youth Summit Young People and Adults Solving Problems

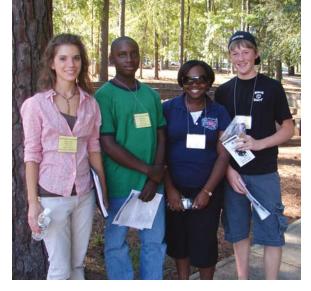
Teams of young people and adults from 23 Georgia counties received grants at the 2006 Georgia Youth Summit that provide real possibilities for solving local problems. They are working with other service organizations, local service providers, school systems and local government officials to make their solutions realities.

On September 30, 2006, more than 650 participants from 133 Georgia counties gathered at Rock Eagle 4-H Center for the Summit. The theme for the event was "Georgia Leaders Lighting the Way." Through funding approved by the governor and the Georgia General Assembly, every county in the state received money to send a group of four young people and one adult. Each group was required to research their county and identify major issues, key resources and important contacts before

arriving at Rock Eagle. After a series of workshops, assemblies and team building activities, county groups used this information to create a plan of action for addressing an issue facing their community. Four key issues facing Georgia have been identified as health, safety, education and community development.

Commissioner Mike Beatty of the Department of Community Affairs issued a challenge to the participants and encouraged them to take what they learned back to their communities and work for positive change. The commissioner presented a summary of issues and solutions developed by Summit participants at a series of town hall meetings.

The Georgia Youth Summit is



sponsored by the Georgia Rural
Development Council and organized by
Georgia 4-H. Its goals are to create an
awareness of state and local issues, to
enhance youth-adult partnerships on the
local level, and to equip young people to
become active to better their communities.

More Information on these grant projects and the upcoming 2008 Georgia Youth Summit can be found on the Web at www.georgiayouthsummit.org.

ISSUES SUMMARY

2006 YOUTH SUMMIT



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • Teams choosing issue: 18%

Most common problem: Need for economic renewal

EDUCATION • Teams choosing issue: 35%

Most common problems: High dropout rates and low test scores

HEALTH • Teams choosing issue: 32%

Most common problems: Teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse, environmental issues

SAFETY • Teams choosing issue: 15%

 ${\color{blue} \textbf{Most common problems: } \textbf{Teen driving issues, gang violence,}}$

need for safe recreational facilities

2006 STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors were busy planning ways for all 161,718 members to have personal involvement in the statewide program.

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2006 STATE WINNERS

PROJECTS

ARTS & CRAFTS
Brittny Smith, Jones County

BEEF Caroline Black, Jackson County

BREAD Jennifer Flesher, Clinch County

COMMUNICATIONS
Jenna Saxon, Oglethorpe County

COMPANION ANIMAL SCIENCE Jarrett Fail, Bulloch County

Drew Richardson, Tift County

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

COMPUTERS

Charles Felton, Clarke County

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Danielle Landrein, Coweta County

DAIRY & MILK SCIENCE
Patrick Savelle, Oconee County

DAIRY FOODS
Matt Tucker, Mitchell County

DOG CARE & TRAINING
Jacquelyn Forte, Bartow County

ENTOMOLOGY Nick Macie, Rockdale County

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Nathan Potts, Glynn County

FASHION REVUE Leanna Brown, Oconee County

FESTIVE FOODS FOR HEALTH
Monica Glasscock, Lowndes County

FLOWERS, SHRUBS & LAWNS
Cassie Littleton, Carroll County

FOOD FARE Joi Whitaker, Thomas County



FOOD FAST & HEALTHY
Kayla Rountree, Wilcox County

FOOD SAFETY & PRESERVATION Matthew Salmon, Gordon County

FOREST RESOURCES & WOOD SCIENCE
Jessie Frye, Hart County

FRUITS, VEGETABLES & NUTS
Jennifer Paul, Oglethorpe County

GENERAL RECREATION Shelby McLeod, Morgan County

HEALTH Abbey Mayfield, Evans County

HISTORY Richie Knight, Newton County

HORSE Beth Fox, Union County

HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT April Ford, Fayette County

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Latoya Coker, Tattnall County

INTERNATIONAL
Kathryn Leigh Buford, Crisp County

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Caleb Griner, Bartow County

PERFORMING ARTS:

GENERAL
Anna Borke, Columbia County



OTHER INSTRUMENTAL AI Janelle, Tift County

PIANO
Joelle Freeman, Gwinnett County

VOCAL
Corey McCants, Taylor County

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PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE
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POULTRY & EGG SCIENCE Hamilton Buchanan, Pickens County

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Tackling unusual tasks has never been a problem for Rock Eagle staff, and the monument to 4-H located at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter at Perry, Ga., fits right into that category. The request, early in 2005, was for a large, concrete clover statue to join the FFA monument already in place.

Undaunted, Olin Humphries, Johnny Parker and Scott Vining at Rock Eagle designed a prototype. You can see it in front of the guard house at Rock Eagle. This small example allowed them to design and build a wooden form and metal support structure holding more

than 4,000 pounds of concrete. More than 200 hours were devoted to this project, which was put on hold while Rock Eagle coped with Hurricane Katrina refugees. But the clover was finished, stained and installed in time for the 2006 Georgia National Fair Grand Opening, where a dedication ceremony was held October 5.

Next time you're in Perry, you can visit the clover in front of the Heritage Center. The clover will eventually find a permanent home near the livestock gates.



(L-r) Bo Ryles, Johnny Parker, Olin Humphries, Scott Vining, and Arch Smith.

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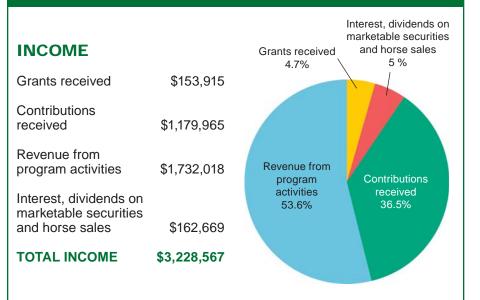
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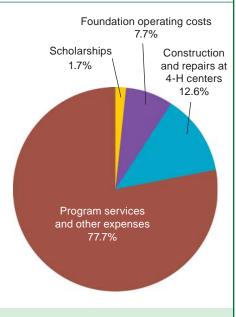
repairs at 4-H Centers \$402,334

Program services and other expenses \$2,463,582

Scholarships \$56,525

Foundation operating costs \$246,469

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,168,910



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- 2. You made a pledge instead of an outright gift. This listing includes only gifts received. If you made a pledge during this time period but elected not to begin paying it until after June 30, 2006, your name will not be listed.
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- 4. We omitted your name in error. If we've made a mistake, we'd like to hear from you.

If you have questions, please contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation, Hoke Smith Annex, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Or call us at 706-542-8914.



For the past 5 years, 4-H'ers from across America have been collecting and donating dimes to finance building a Habitat for Humanity house in Atlanta. On Saturday, November 25, 2006, at National 4-H Congress, more than 1,200 4-H members made a final donation during a citizenship ceremony. The donation brought the total funds raised to \$52,000.

"When 4-H celebrated its centennial in 2002, each Congress participant brought 100 dimes to donate to a good cause to mark the anniversary," said Susan Stewart, executive director of National 4-H Congress. "They have continued the tradition each of the past 5 years to reach their goal of more than \$50,000 to fund the house."

The 4-H'ers partnered with employees of the Hyatt Regency Atlanta to build the house. Building began in October, 2006, and the ribbon was cut Monday, November 27. Besides the money collected, each state brought the new homeowner a housewarming gift. Each region of the country had a designated room to donate gifts for with Georgia donating to the kitchen.