In 1966, Dodge County Agent J. Larry Wilson turned his old beat up Plymouth Fury III into the drive of the pastorium at Bethlehem Baptist Church. He got out of the car, walked up to the 10-year-old boy in his path and said, “Bo, here’s an idea. As you get ready for Project Achievement, you need a second project. In addition to playing the piano, I thought maybe you could plant this batch of tomato plants and have gardening as your second project.”

I attended Project Achievement that spring, 4-H camp that summer and have not missed a year of either one since. 4-H gave me a vehicle to ride and go places I could only have dreamed of otherwise. Through 4-H I learned how to speak nice and loud and with confidence.

Through 4-H I also learned to work on a team as I placed white leghorn hens. I learned how to campaign and work politics as I ran for offices. I gained confidence by winning and perseverance by losing. I learned that I could have friends well beyond Dodge County in places like Douglas, Sandersville, Thomson, Jefferson, Cochran, Warrenton and even Wyoming and Oregon.

As I matured, my role as a 4-H counselor taught me how to work harder than I thought possible, laugh loudly and cry deeply with true emotion. 4-H led me directly…as straight as an arrow…to pursue degrees at the University of Georgia, to become a 4-H Program Assistant, a county agent, a district agent, a specialist and, ultimately, State 4-H Leader.

For 34 years, I have proudly been an employee of UGA Cooperative Extension and Georgia 4-H. I have been extraordinarily blessed with wonderful co-workers and thousands of young people in my life. I tell my story to illustrate what this organization is all about. It’s education. It’s youth development. It’s about bringing youth and adults together to work, to learn and to grow.

4-H may be 104 years old, but it’s also as new as the next dream of a child and the latest research at UGA. Georgia 4-H is poised for new greatness and unprecedented success in youth development. Associate State 4-H Leader Arch Smith and I believe that the 4-H Foundation Board is the strongest in history. The 4-H Advisory Committee is focused and consists of experts in myriad fields.

Last fall, for the first time, we assembled the “4-H Roundtable” which consists of leadership from more than 12 4-H entities with statewide scope. We opened the beautiful new dining hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. We made improvements at all 4-H centers. We launched 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology programs and experienced grant and private funding increases. We reached youth in all areas of the state and all segments of our population.

As our nation struggles under enormous economic strain, we realize that 4-H can not only prepare youth for the future. It can truly equip them to cope with today. I know 4-H has made a profound difference in my life. I fully appreciate the thought that often in Extension what we get from our work is our living but what we get through our work is our life.

As 4-H moves forward, we need your support more than ever. The scarcity of dollars can not make us slow our support of young people. Please find a way to give your time, talent and resources to support Georgia 4-H. Your support could be used to encourage a future leader in Georgia 4-H.

Dr. Roger “Bo” Ryles, State 4-H Leader/Director of 4-H
4-H initiated an all new statewide recognition last year entitled, The Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award. The award will be presented annually to an individual who is exhibiting extraordinary support of 4-H. The first recipient of the award was our Governor, the Honorable Sonny Perdue. Governor Perdue has continued to support 4-H being the lead organization in coordinating the statewide youth leadership initiative; he inspired and championed the Georgia Urban/Rural Exchange program. The Governor served as the host for 4-H Day for several years when he was in the Senate.

He attends 4-H functions, hosts 4-H’ers in his office, and invited 4-H’ers to work with a beautification project at the mansion. He got personally involved with the 4-H Boiled Peanut project and used his influence to make the collection, transportation, and delivery of the peanuts to troops possible. He was on hand to visit with the 4-H’ers and the peanut producers before the project began.

He supports education, agriculture and youth in many ways. The Governor was at 4-H Congress and proudly wore the Green Jacket. In addition to the jacket, the state winner in the Citizenship Project will receive a scholarship named in honor of Perdue. State Director of 4-H Dr. Bo Ryles said, “He supports 4-H in a myriad of ways including providing his most important voice and authorization for state funding to enhance and continue the work of 4-H as part of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the University of Georgia.”

Governor Sonny Perdue
GEORGIA 4-H ENROLLMENT: 166,349

WHERE

Central City 6%
Farm 4%
Urban & Suburban 26%
Towns & Small Cities 20%
Rural 44%

DIVERSITY

White 60.7%
Black 32.7%
Asian 1.9%
American Indian .5%
Undetermined 1.8%
Multi race 2.3%
Pacific Island .1%

GENDER

Female 53%
Male 47%

AGE

Elementary 68%
Middle/High School 32%

4-H: Always Been Green

Adult Volunteers: 25,814
Agriculture: 9,956
Center Use: 104,288
Communications: 3,895
Environmental Education: 37,775
Family & Consumer Science: 10,882
Fort Valley: 5,419
Leadership: 2,043
Project Achievement: 6,748
4-H Effort Strives to Help American Kids Live Healthier Lives

“My Health, for better living”... The fourth “H” in the 4-H Pledge has always been an integral part of 4-H. And for the past six years, healthy living has been an area of focus in Georgia 4-H. Why? Nearly 42 percent of Georgia fourth graders are either overweight or at risk of becoming overweight, according to a study by Dr. Richard Lewis of the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Lewis’ study also showed that 38 percent of the state’s eighth graders and nearly 36 percent of eleventh graders were also overweight or at risk of being overweight.

Obesity is strongly linked to poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Cardiovascular disease, including obesity-related heart disease and stroke, is the No. 1 killer in every city and county in Georgia. More Georgians die each year from CVD than from all forms of cancer, AIDS, suicide and traffic injuries combined. And the death rate in Georgia from CVD is 10 percent higher than the national rate.

Obesity also affects the children by contributing to poor self esteem, depression and emotional problems, psycho-social problems, reduced physical movement, dehydration, diabetes, poor diet, asthma, gallbladder disease and sleep apnea or sleeplessness.

Only two percent of children eat from the Food Guide Pyramid as recommended. And only 15 percent eat fruit as recommended. Some 52 percent of boys and 19 percent of girls ages 9 to 19 get the recommended amount of calcium. Children also drink twice as much soda as milk.

The need in our state is clear and obvious and 4-H is meeting that need in many ways. Working in conjunction with Extension Foods and Nutrition, the 4-H Eat Well Friends Curriculum was developed for use in fifth-grade club meetings. Over the past year, 70 percent of 4-H clubs used the curriculum to educate youth on healthy living. According to reports from 4-H agents across the state, as many as 60 percent of these students had no healthy lifestyle knowledge prior to the lessons presented in their 4-H club meetings.

In addition, Georgia 4-H has received $125,000 in grants from the National 4-H Council to implement the Health Rocks Curriculum. The goal of this curriculum is to reduce youth tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug use.

To implement the curriculum, the Georgia 4-H Health Rocks Grant Team attended a national workshop and gained teaching skills through a train-the-trainer model. The team then coordinated Health Rocks training at State 4-H Ambassador weekend in August 2008. Teams of youth and adults from more than 30 counties attended workshops on decision-making, identifying risks, stress management, teaching skills and youth-adult partnerships.

The curriculum targets life skills like critical thinking, peer pressure and communication. The program also works to bring youth and adults together as partners in developing strategies that prepare youth to make wise choices. In the past year, more than 15,000 Georgia youth have received the message that maintaining good health rocks!

“Working together, we can help our 4-H’ers to make wise choices to improve their health, for better living.” — Cheryl Varnadoe

The Healthy Living effort is also on the forefront on the national level of 4-H with Kraft Foods, Inc. serving as the donor. A national Healthy Living Task Force has been formed and Georgia 4-H’s own Cheryl Varnadoe is serving on the task force.

The 4-H Healthy Living’s mission is to engage youth and families through access and opportunities to achieve optimal physical, social and emotional well-being. This mission has been adopted as the official definition of 4-H Healthy Living.

Future plans include marketing, state and county liaisons and a national kick-off event.

“Working together, we can help our 4-H’ers to make wise choices to improve their health, for better living,” Varnadoe said.
Located from the mountains to the sea, Georgia’s five 4-H Centers are ready to provide learning opportunities for Georgia’s K-12 students. Since its inception in 1979, the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program has served nearly 750,000 participants through standards-based, relevant and hands-on learning experiences presented in real world environments.

The Georgia 4-H EE Program serves public and private school groups, home school groups and many other organized educational groups. The program offers field studies ranging from one hour to one week in length. Teachers, administrators and supervising adults select classes from a menu that focuses on science, but also complements history, language arts and math.

"Because of the positive impact we have on students and teachers, we are looking to expand this number to 42,000 by 2009 and to 60,000 by 2012.,” said Melanie Biersmith, coordinator of the Georgia 4-H EE Program. Using the environment as our framework, the program will continue to grow and develop as one of Georgia 4-H’s core programs.”

The EE program shares the mission and vision of Georgia 4-H, but benefits from its own set of objectives, which are:

- 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.

Over the past 30 years, the program has become successful because of its focus on clear objectives, the research base and resources of the University of Georgia and through the dedication and contributions of the EE program’s faculty and staff.

The EE program in Georgia currently serves about 38,000 participants a year. “Because of the positive impact we have on students and teachers, we are looking to expand this number to 42,000 by 2009 and to 60,000 by 2012.”

— Melanie Biersmith
Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Centers

**Wahsega 4-H Center** is located near Dahlonega in the heart of the North Georgia mountains. Students visiting Wahsega stay in rustic cabins and explore the rich mountain forests and sample the cool mountain streams. A short hike to a waterfall, low and high ropes courses, and panning for gold are a few of the highlights of an EE experience at Wahsega.

**Fortson 4-H Center** is located in Hampton near Atlanta Motor Speedway. Students visiting “Atlanta’s Outdoor Classroom” stay in newly-renovated dormitories and explore the nature and grandeur of Georgia’s Piedmont region. Seventy-seven acres of forested land, low and high ropes courses and classes focusing on science and living history are a few of the highlights of an EE experience at Fortson.

**Jekyll Island 4-H Center** is located outside of Brunswick on Georgia’s coast. Students visiting Jekyll stay in a dormitory and explore the pristine beaches, marshes and maritime forests of Georgia’s jewel. A hike to the grandfather live oak tree, a visit to boneyard beach and a drive through the millionaires’ village are a few of the highlights of an EE experience at Jekyll.

**Rock Eagle 4-H Center**, the largest 4-H Center in the world, is located near Eatonton in the heart of Georgia’s Piedmont region. Students visiting Rock Eagle stay in cabins and explore 1,428 acres of pond, streams and forests. A hike to the Rock Eagle effigy, a visit to the live birds and low and high ropes courses are a few of the highlights of an EE experience at Rock Eagle.

**Burton 4-H Center** on Tybee Island is located outside of Savannah on Georgia’s coast. Students visiting Burton stay in cabins and explore the marshes and beaches of Georgia’s northernmost barrier island. Pulling a net through the surf, hiking through the salt marsh and learning about invertebrates are a few of the highlights of an EE experience at Burton.

For more information on the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program, contact Melanie Biersmith at 706.484.2894.
While the people of Georgia have a lot to be thankful for, there is certainly no shortage of challenges facing our state. Historic drought, low graduation rates and obesity are just a few of the issues we contend with.

Fortunately, the decision makers of our state are not alone in their efforts to solve these major problems. More than 750 youth and adults from 137 Georgia counties met Sept. 20-22 to address these issues during the fourth Biennial Georgia Youth Summit at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton. They discussed local issues, developed solutions and connected with resources to help them return home and take action.

The Department of Community Affairs funds the annual summit as a project of the Georgia Rural Development Council’s Youth Leadership Initiative. In order to make the summit accessible to everyone, scholarships are provided for four youth and one adult from every county in Georgia. The summit’s goals are to increase awareness of state and local
issues, enhance youth-adult partnerships on the local level and equip youth to become active locally for the betterment of their community.

“The GRDC contracts with Georgia 4-H to organize the summit because of our statewide network of county offices and our experience in developing research-based citizenship programs,” said Jeff Buckley. “But, the Georgia Youth Summit is not just for 4-H members. Any youth or adult with an interest in bettering their community is invited to apply.”

In addition to 4-H, other groups represented include FFA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Y-Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Future Business Leaders of America, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and many other church groups and local youth organizations. During the summit, participants can interact with youth from across the state, as well as other teams from their region and teams addressing similar issues.

Like 4-H programs, summit programs are based on the latest research on positive youth development. Throughout the summit process, youth are provided the opportunity to connect with caring adults and acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to make decisions about issues affecting them. This is accomplished through community service learning activities. “By combining best practices of positive youth development with community development projects, both the youth and their communities can benefit greatly,” said Buckley.

Before attending the summit, county teams researched issues affecting their communities and identified assets that will help them address these challenges. In the process, participants learned about their local government and identified potential collaborators in their counties including governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and other service providers.

At the summit, participants listen to experts speak on issues related to economic development, education, health of participants reported that they are more aware of local issues.
and safety. The speakers for 2008 included Jerry Griffin, executive director of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, Dr. Robert Galen, senior associate dean of the University of Georgia College of Public Health, Ashley B. Hosey, assistant principal at Kennesaw Mountain High School, and Jimmy Williamson, UGA’s police chief.

“Strong relationships between youth and adults are crucial to the summit process, so the next step dealt with empowering youth to speak their minds and helping adults know how and when to hand over the reins,” explains Buckley. “Throughout the summit, adults and youth attend workshops together, build relationships and acquire tools and skills they can use to advocate for shared decision making opportunities for youth when they return to their communities.”

Once issues were identified, summit teams also received training and resources to help them effectively promote, organize and implement their plans. Using a logic model, they analyzed the situation and identified the steps necessary to achieve short, medium and long-term outcomes. Participants then discussed potential collaborators with volunteer resource specialists with knowledge of government and an awareness of other available resources.

“We were fortunate to have volunteers from the Department of Community Affairs, UGA’s Archway Project, UGA Cooperative Extension, UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and Family Connections Collaborative, as well as county commissioners from across Georgia,” Buckley said.

The summit culminated with county teams presenting their plans to resource specialists in town hall style meetings. Commissioner Mike Beatty of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs challenged participants to take what they learned back to their communities and engage their peers and community partners. County teams can apply for mini-grants from the GRDC to help get their project started.

“While the Georgia Youth Summit may sound like a lot of hard work, activities were designed with youth in mind,” Buckley said. Workshops utilized fun, hands-on activities that got participants thinking and kept them engaged. There was also music, dancing, socializing and other activities. A planning committee composed of youth and adults put this event together and creating a fun, educational experience was their top priority.”

Organizations represented on the planning committee included Georgia 4-H, The Fanning Institute, Boys and Girls Club of Baldwin and Jones Counties and The ACCG’s Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students.

For a complete list of issues and proposed solutions, as well as other info related to the 2008 Georgia Youth Summit, please visit www.georgiayouthsummit.org or contact Jeff Buckley at jbuckley@uga.edu or 706.542.4H4H.
Science, Engineering and Technology Take Off

The United States is facing a critical shortage of well-trained, educated workers in the fields of science, engineering and technology while the demand for these careers is on the rise. Recent studies report only 18 percent of high school seniors are considered proficient in science and only 5 percent of college undergraduates are earning degrees in science and engineering.

This, along with the reality that the U.S. consistently scores behind many other countries in science, suggests that America’s ability to compete globally is being threatened.

Georgia’s own Senator Saxby Chambliss spoke to members of Congress, national 4-H leadership and supporting corporate and non-profit partners regarding the need to increase science education at all levels and the role 4-H can play in this national challenge.

In response to the challenge, Georgia 4-H has lifted SET as a mission mandate and the movement was rolled out in April 2008 at an in-service training event at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. More than 30 agents heard Dr. Bob Horton, Extension Specialist at The Ohio State University and co-chair of the National 4-H SET movement, introduce 4-H SET from the national perspective and demonstrate many activities from the National 4-H SET Curriculum, Acres of Adventure.

SET programming is not new to Georgia. In fact, Georgia 4-H has focused on 4-H SET programming since its humble beginnings and SET will continue to be in the spotlight as Georgia works toward helping the nation reach its goal.

In Georgia 4-H, 4-H SET programming takes shape in many ways. It is in school classrooms as agents stand alongside teachers to deliver standards-based programming. It is in county, district and state level competitions of project achievement. Through the environmental education program, it is in outdoor classrooms from the mountains to the sea.

The one 4-H SET event that attracts the most national attention is National Youth Science Day. The first ever NYSD was held October 8, 2008 during National 4-H Week. The day was designed to engage students all over the nation in a designated science experiment and was officially recognized by the House of Representatives through the passage of House Resolution 1390.

While the experiment was being conducted all across Georgia and the nation, a small group of University of Georgia Collegiate 4-H’ers and UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean and Director Scott Angle completed the experiment on the Athens campus. Using diapers, the students investigated whether the addition of hydrogels to soil would help conserve water. Georgia 4-H’ers, along with thousands more across the nation, were part of what will now become an annual event.

“If we stop to consider for a moment how much the SET fields impact our daily lives, we can get a glimpse of the severity of the need to maintain a well-trained and highly skilled SET workforce in our country,” said Melanie Biersmith, Georgia 4-H’s Environmental Education Coordinator. “Imagine if a 4-H experiment sparked the imagination of a young boy who became a scientist who created breakthroughs in genomics and increased grain production feeding millions of hungry people.”
In June of 2008, a team of 12 youth and 5 adults from across Georgia travelled to Puerto Rico as part of the first 4-H Global Citizenship & Environmental Experience. This program was established to provide high school 4-H'ers with the opportunity to explore a tropical environment.

From their initial home base in Humacao, on the eastern side of the island, participants hiked through the mountainous El Yunque National Forest, visited with native 4-H youth and leaders and kayaked through mangroves. “My favorite part of the trip was finding a huge star fish while we were kayaking,” said Josh Paine, a Henry County 4-H’er.

The group also visited a farm that supplies the green industry with native plants, shrubs and groundcovers. Conditions were a little rustic, and the itinerary was full, but all the participants demonstrated adaptability and a positive attitude.

“I liked going through the rainforest and wandering around a mountain that looks like it’s from the Jurassic era,” said Madison County 4-H’er Marlynda Forest.

A ferry took the Georgia 4-H’ers to the beautiful island of Vieques, home to the bio-luminescent bay, an inlet of the Caribbean Sea which is home to micro-organisms that light up when stirred. After a night of swimming in the bio-bay, the group spent a day on the beach and visited the environmental education center in Esperanza.

“I liked everything — the mangroves, the rainforest, the beach and bio bay,” said Oglethorpe County 4-H’er D.J. Huff. “It was really an eye opener for me because I’m not a get-outside-and-look-at-the-environment kind of girl.”

In addition to learning about the Caribbean culture, the Spanish language and a tropical environment, the 4-H’ers developed life skills on the eight-day trip. They were put in charge of planning meals, grocery shopping, preparing and cleaning up after meals and staying on a budget. In addition, there were many opportunities for group decision making.

“I learned a lot by having to be concerned with money and having to buy dinner and breakfast on a budget,” said Matt Tucker, a Mitchell County 4-H’er.

As the group reflected on their experiences, they were also impressed by the Puerto Rican’s environmental consciousness and friendly attitudes of the people. “(Puerto Ricans) take care of their environment and we in the U.S. take for granted and that we can do things to be ecofriendly, too,” said Taylor County 4-H’er Corey McCants. Erine-Fay Dennis, a Haralson County 4-H’er agrees. “We didn’t do the trip like tourists. We got to
experience the Puerto Rican way of life, not just snapping pictures and going home.”

After a final stop in historic Old San Juan, the group headed home.

The trip would not have been possible without the support of Puerto Rico 4-H. Georgia 4-H hopes to someday host a delegation of Puerto Rican 4-H’ers.

The 2008 GCEE team included 4-H’ers Ellie Baldwin (Bleckley County), Katie Comer (Carroll County), Erine-Fay Dennis (Haralson County), Marlynda Foster (Madison County), Nicole Hall (Cobb County), D.J. Huff (Oglethorpe County), Abbey Hufstetler (Bartow County), Christen Jackson (Lamar County), Corey McCants (Taylor County), Josh Paine (Henry County), Jerico Phillips (Carroll County) and Matt Tucker (Mitchell County), as well as, 4-H leaders Jeff Buckley (state 4-H specialist), Octavia Jackson (4-H agent Lamar County), Amanda Parnell (4-H environmental education instructor), Bo Ryles (state 4-H leader) and Ashley Sobhani (Madison County 4-H adult volunteer). ♡

Another 4-H GCEE is being planned for 2009. For more information, call Jeff Buckley 706.542.4H4H or email him at jbuckley@uga.edu. Or visit the global programs Web site at www.georgia4hinternational.org.
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In 1904, Newton County School Superintendent G.C. Adams conducted the first Project Achievement Contest. Credited with the early principles, Adams laid the ground work for one of the core components of 4-H today with his first corn club contest. He didn’t simply ask his students to plant corn. He had them study it and share their results. At the end of the season, the bushels were gathered, the successes documented and the students were recognized for their achievements.

What Adams started more than 100 years ago continues today when more than 12,000 fifth through twelfth graders compete in more than 75 different project areas.

For a young person, 4-H Project Achievement begins when they select an area of interest and develop knowledge and skills in that area. For our youngest Cloverleaf competitors, project achievement is based primarily on research and presentation skills. Students develop illustrated talks in areas from computers to history and from conservation of natural resources to nutrition.

Junior and senior 4-H’ers achievement process includes developing a portfolio, documenting learning and sharing their project. Juniors and seniors also develop individual leadership skills through service and other involvement in activities and programs.

Learning to create a portfolio serves as a baseline for the future creation of their professional resume. And youth develop presentations teaching students how to pull together research, writing and public speaking skills. While 4-H Project Achievement includes an end result of competition, the process is more than the portfolio and speech.

But, individually, 4-H’ers learn much, much more through participation in project achievement. In their words, they learn.
“I have accomplished many goals that I wouldn’t have been able to accomplish on my own. But the most important things that I’ve learned in 4-H is that it isn’t always about ‘I.’ It is about we and what we can do together.”
—Christin Albertston, Wilkes County

PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE
Katelyn Pawlowski, Harris County

GENERAL
Franklin Duke, Henry County

OTHER INSTRUMENTAL
Stephen Payne, Taylor County

PIANO
Christina Albertston, Wilkes County

VOCAL
Whitney Bush, Emanuel County

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PHYSICAL, BIOLOGICAL, & EARTH SCIENCES
David Morris, Lumpkin County

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Jordan Alexander, Rockdale County

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POWER AND ENERGY
Blake Williams, Thomas County

“Each year I tackle more difficulty in my content and try to become a better competitor.”
—Drew Bowers, Oconee County

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—Christin Albertston, Wilkes County

HEALTH
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OUTDOOR RECREATION
Drew Bowers, Oconee County

“The 4-H organization has allowed me to grow into a more positive person. The best part for me is that now I can go into the community and share my knowledge, educate others, and help make the best better through 4-H.”
—Justin Sutton, Irwin County

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Hillary Thornton, Charlton County

SAFETY
Matthew Rahn, Effingham County

SHEEP & MEAT GOATS
Haley Thigpen, Ware County

SPORTS
Jayla Freeman, Gwinnett County

TARGET SPORTS
Sarah Wibell, Morgan County

TEXTILES, MERCHANDISING & INTERIORS
Tiffany Suggs, Tift County

“Performing Arts has allowed me to discover ways to use things I enjoy like art and sewing to make a positive difference in the world.”
—Jasmine Williams, Pike County

VETERINARY SCIENCE
Emilee Brinton, Coweta County

WILDLIFE & MARINE SCIENCE
Taylor Smith, Evans County

WORKFORCE PREPARATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Hunter Brock, Turner County

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHICKEN BARBEQUE CONTEST
Extension Poultry Science Department
Hillary Thornton, Charlton County

COTTON BOLL & CONSUMER JAMBOREE
Georgia Cotton Commission
Josie Smith, High Individual, Tift County
Bartow County
Jacquelyn Forte
Morgan Moore
Caroline Lloyd
Brock Hufstetler

DAIRY JUDGING
Agricultural Commodity Commission for Milk
Oconee County
Anna Savelle, High Individual
Patrick Savelle
Sarah Gordon
Josh Daniel

DAIRY QUIZ BOWL
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Commodity Commission for Milk
Oconee County
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Patrick Savelle

EGG PREPARATION CONTEST
Georgia Egg Commission
April Blackwell, Chattooga County

FOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT CONTEST
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“Through the wonderful 4-H experiences I have had, I have learned to be an effective leader, speak in front of people, be a good team player, and to think ‘outside the box’.”

—Kasey Roth, Madison County
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Donor: Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents

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**Georgia 4-H Foundation Financial Statement**

*July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008*

**INCOME**

- Grants Received: 224,817
- Contributions Received: 1,755,336
- Revenue from Program Activities: 1,829,956

**TOTAL INCOME**: $3,810,109

**EXPENSES**

- Construction & Repairs at 4-H Centers: 286,939
- Program Services & Other Expenses: 2,809,194
- Scholarships: 104,246
- Foundation Operating: 259,159

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $3,459,538

**Beginning Net Assets**: 7/01/2007: 3,531,492  
**Ending Net Assets**: 6/30/2008: 3,882,036  
**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**: 350,571
Challenges in the Nation Celebration and Twilight on the Lake Alumni Event

The Challenges in the Nation Cabin Campaign Celebration and Twilight on the Lake Alumni Event was held August 9 at the Georgia EMC Building and Senior Pavilion. Nearly 300 Georgia 4-H alumni and friends gathered to enjoy an evening set to celebrate the conclusion of the Challenges in the Nation Cabin Campaign at the evening alumni event. Rock Eagle 4-H Center’s Georgia EMC Building and Senior Pavilion was the perfect venue for reconnecting with 4-H friends and spending a relaxing evening by the lake.

The evening began with the Challenges in the Nation Cabin Campaign Celebration. The Challenges in the Nation Campaign was a challenge set by lead donors to the rest of the counselor alumni to raise enough funds to build a new cabin at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Hundreds of former Georgia 4-H Rock Eagle Camp Counselors united and pledged their support of the campaign to replace the cabins. Gifts and pledges to the Challenges in the Nation Cabin Campaign totaled more than $486,000. The cabin campaign celebration included a tour of the new cabin before the group assembled at the pageant grounds for the awarding of the tribal shield. Former counselors enjoyed the chance to unite with their respective tribes and rallied support of the campaign up until the last minute before the awarding of the tribal shield. In the end, the tribal shield was presented to the Muskogee tribe.

The tremendous success of the campaign would have not been possible without the support of the former counselors and the hundreds of letters, emails, and phone calls to the counselor alumni. A total of 191 gifts and pledges were received during the Challenges in the Nation Cabin Campaign. Support in the form of monthly bank drafts, stock gifts, one-time gifts, and multi-year pledges came from alumni ranging from 1955-2008.

The campaign to raise funds for the cabins continues and support is still needed from a multitude of private sources to replace the cabins at Rock Eagle. Former counselors and Georgia 4-H friends who have benefited from Rock Eagle 4-H Center are encouraged to support this critical need. The support received during the initial phase of the campaign, as well as funds that are contributed from this point forward, will serve as the primary example to potential funding agencies. The campaign to replace the cabins is the largest campaign the Georgia 4-H Foundation has entered and will total $27 million.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support the cabin campaign, please contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation. Support provided to this campaign will create a life-changing opportunity for the campers who utilize Rock Eagle for the next 50 years. ✨
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4. We omitted your name in error. If we've made a mistake, we’d like to hear from you.

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Opportunities to succeed are one of the many, very important things 4-H offers youth. Georgia 4-H is now giving a special group of young men the opportunity to change and become successful citizens through 4-H.

In October, the first 4-H meeting was held at the Bill Ireland Youth Development Center. The Bill Ireland YDC is a juvenile justice facility in Milledgeville, Ga. The center’s namesake is a former inmate whose leadership skills led to his eventual employment at the center. From that opportunity, William “Bill” Ireland became the director of the facility and served in this role from 1926 until his retirement in 1964.

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Bill Ireland is a classic example of the great accomplishments a young person can achieve when they are provided the opportunity. The 4-H program at Bill Ireland YDC will provide opportunities and learning experiences that these youth have never been exposed to, said Amanda Parnell, coordinator of the program. The 4-H meetings are held every other week in all the YDC’s middle school science classes. The meetings focus on environmental education.

“If anyone can benefit from 4-H, it is these youth who have only been surrounded by negative influences all their lives,” Parnell said. “Since 4-H is in every county, once they return home they can continue their 4-H involvement and not go back to the things that sent them to Bill Ireland in the first place.”

The 4-H YDC partnership is off to a great start and Parnell looks forward to a successful future. “The boys have really responded positively to the activities I have done thus far,” she said. “One student even quizzed his classmates about 4-H facts in order for them to be admitted to the meeting.”
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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 & 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 104 years old in experience but as new as the research conducted yesterday and the needs lifted by a teen panel last week.

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