Georgia 4-H Vision
A world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for a positive change.

Georgia 4-H Mission
The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society.

Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Goals

- To make the school program more meaningful by applying knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom to real life situations
- To cultivate curiosity, critical reasoning and evaluation
- To develop positive relationships among students and teachers
- To develop self-confidence and physical fitness
- To develop an awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the environment
- To develop appreciation for the local and natural history of an area
- To provide experiences in using scientific processes, such as observing, measuring, and classifying

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- Naturally gets students outside and connected with the environment
- Aligned with the current state curriculum standards
- Taught by well-trained and college educated instructors
- Uses the outdoors as a classroom without walls
- Reaches students through physical and active classes up to 8 hours a day
- Excellence: A tradition since 1979
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**Historical Usage of EE Program**

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<td>2013-14 EE Participation</td>
<td>12,874</td>
<td>12,293</td>
<td>3,816</td>
<td>8,120</td>
<td>2,091</td>
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<td>Year Program Initiated</td>
<td>1979</td>
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<td>Total EE Participation Since Inception</td>
<td>471,399</td>
<td>275,298</td>
<td>95,217</td>
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<td>19,029</td>
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Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 1,032,015

**Diversity**

Total 2013-14 Participation = 42,228

- White: 56.05%
- Black: 31.02%
- Asian: 3.11%
- American Indian: 2.24%
- Pacific Islander: 0.28%
- Unknown: 0.13%

**Grade Levels Served**

Total 2013-14 Participation = 42,228

- 3rd-5th: 61%
- 6th-8th: 30%
- 9th-12th: 8%
- 1st-2nd: 1%

Participants from Eight States: GA, AL, FL, MO, NC, SC, TN, VA
Participants from 80 counties
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Impact & Evaluation

“The staff was wonderful. They were kind and very knowledgable!” - Elementary Chaperone

“I think the definite strength of this program is the instruction. Knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and well-prepared instruction made this visit well-worth our time!” - 4th Grade Teacher

“When I was younger I was a 4-Her. This was my best experience ever. All classes, staff were awesome. Thank you.” - 5th Grade Teacher

“Thank you! Excellent job! Very impressed with the instruction and general knowledge of staff.” - 4th Grade Teacher

“I thought the kids loved it. I hope my son now in 1st grade will get to do this.” - Elementary Parent

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

Georgia 4-H Environmental Education (EE) 2013-2014 Evaluation Summary

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<td>I have a positive relationship with my teacher</td>
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<td>I know my behaviors have an affect on the environment</td>
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<td>I know about the ecosystems of Georgia</td>
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<td>I feel connected to nature and the environment</td>
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Wahsega 4-H Center
www.wahsega4h.org
15 acres located in North GA Mountains
Capacity 220
Offers Forest and Stream Ecology, Team Building, Pioneer Life, and more

Rock Eagle 4-H Center
www.rockeagle4h.org
1428 acres in Middle GA Piedmont
Capacity 950
Offers Forest and Lake Ecology, Living History, Survival Skills, Team Building, and more

Fortson 4-H Center
www.fortson4h.org
77 acres in South Atlanta Piedmont
Capacity 180
Offers Ecology, Living History, Team Building, Survival Skills, and more

Jekyll Island 4-H Center
www.jekyll4h.org
9 acres on a Pristine Barrier Island
Capacity 220
Offers Marsh, Beach and Forest Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Orienteering, and more

Burton 4-H Center
www.burton4h.org
6 acres on Tybee Island
Capacity 150
Offers Marsh and Beach Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Hydrology, and more

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