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

Georgia 4-H Environmental Education

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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
Georgia 4-H Environmental Education

Historical Usage of EE Program

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<td>2012-13 EE Participation</td>
<td>13,204</td>
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<td>Total EE Participation Since Inception</td>
<td>458,525</td>
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Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 992,821

Diversity

Total 2012-13 Participation = 44,548

Grade Levels Served

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Participants from Six States: GA, AL, FL, MO, SC, TN
Participants from 78 counties
Impact & Evaluation

“Staff was friendly & accommodating without doing everything for the kids - prompting them to be problem solvers & taking ownership of camp, each other, etc.” - 5th Grade Teacher

“I’m so impressed with the classes. All of our instructors were so knowledgeable and good with the kids. It was so hands on; they let the kids get dirty and touch everything! They were all really patient and fun. Thanks so much!” - Elementary Chaperone

“All instructors were great. Extremely knowledgeable of the topics/subject. They were able to answer questions and go farther in depth when needed. They provided excellent classes and kept everyone interested.” - Homeschool Parent

“I had a BLAST! I can’t wait to come back next year!” - 4th Grade Student

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) 2012-2013 Evaluation Summary**

- I have a positive relationship with my classmates
- I have a positive relationship with my teacher
- I know my behaviors have an affect on the environment
- I know about the ecosystems of Georgia
- I feel connected to nature and the environment

![Graph showing changes in student attitudes](image)
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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.fortson4h.org
6 acres on Tybee Island
Capacity 150
Offers Marsh and Beach Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Hydrology, and more

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