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

From the Mountains to the Sea, there is a Georgia 4-H Center for You

Jennifer 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
Excellent: A tradition since 1979
Georgia 4-H Environmental Education

Historical Usage of EE Program

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Rock Eagle</th>
<th>Jekyll</th>
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<td>14-15</td>
<td>14,523</td>
<td>4,340*</td>
<td>4,731</td>
<td>8,703</td>
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<td>3,147</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>485,922</td>
<td>279,638</td>
<td>99,948</td>
<td>147,803</td>
<td>39,146</td>
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*Jekyll Island 4-H Center closed December 2014 for renovation

Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 1,074,633 (as of June 30, 2015)

Diversity

Determined from schools who reported demographic information during 2014-15 school year (total number reported is 10,097 of 39,584 participants)

- White: 69.10%
- Black: 24.70%
- Asian: 5.70%
- American Indian: 0.30%
- Pacific Islander: 0.20%

Grade Levels Served

 Reported from 12,424 of 39,584 total participants from 2014-15 school year

- PreK-3rd: 8%
- 4th-5th: 26%
- 6th-8th: 65%
- 9th-12th: 1%

Participants from Six States: AL, FL, GA, MO, SC, TN
Participants from 70 Georgia Counties
A sample of participating students completed a retrospective post-then-pre-questionnaire to evaluate their change in the following qualities.

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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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"All of the staff were helpful and handled the girls and all of their giggles. I learned so much alongside the girls. Seeing their faces when [the instructor] crossed off the hopscotch squares, when they watched [the instructor] pointing out the accretion, to use their 5 senses with [the instructor] (I can't believe she kept the girls quiet) was a beautiful thing. What you all do here is a blessing! The girls and the chaperones loved their time here and I know they will remember it for a lifetime. Be proud of your facility and yourself knowing that you all inspire these kids with your passion for this beautiful island and all of its inhabitants. To hear them talk at free time about their adventures you can tell that all of the kids had a great educational trip but they had so much fun doing it. I don’t even think they realized just how much 'schooling' they get here. All of my girls want to be staff here then they grow up and they have even picked out the classes they want to teach. Thank you all so much for the memories and for teaching us about all the things the GA coast has to offer."

--- Middle School Adult Chaperone visiting Jekyll Island 4-H Center
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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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