



2015 - 2016 School Year Program Review

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

Naturally gets students outside and connected with the environment

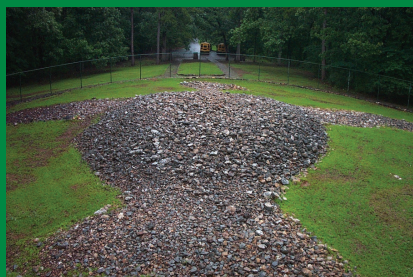
Aligned with the current state curriculum standards

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



Historical Usage of EE Program

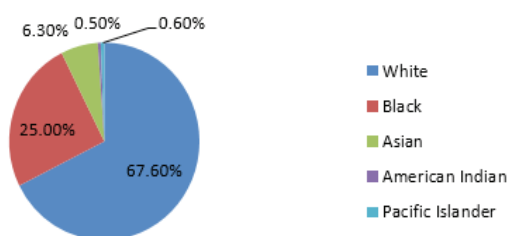
	Rock Eagle	Jekyll*	Wahsega	Burton	Tidelands	Fortson	Totals
15-16	15,762	0	5,020	9,317	4,422	3,080	37,601
Total	501,684	279,638	104,968	157,120	43,568	25,256	1,112,234

*Closed December 4, 2014 for renovations

Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 1,112,234
(as of June 30, 2016)

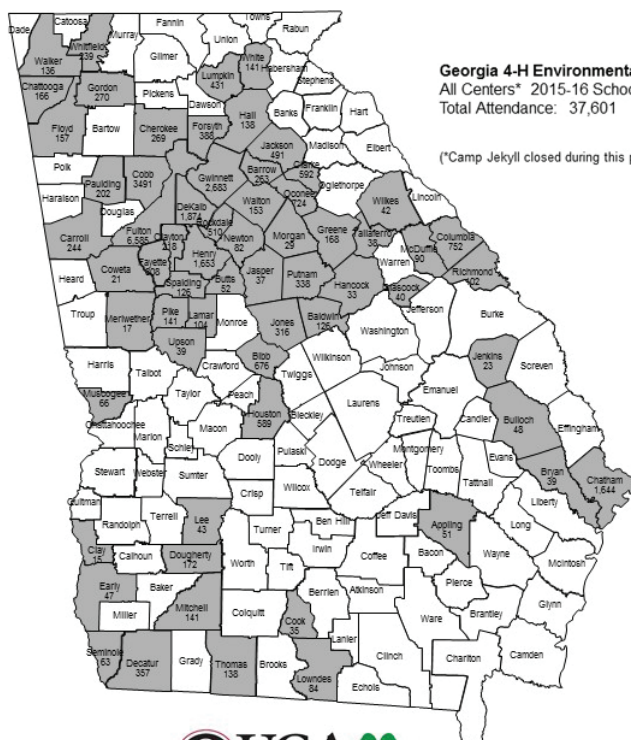
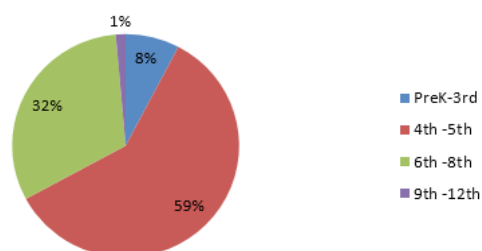
Diversity

Determined from schools who self-reported demographic information during 2015-16 school year
(total number reported is 18,061 of 37,601 participants)



Grade Levels Served

(reported from 19,018 of 37,601 total participants)



Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program
All Centers* 2015-16 School Year
Total Attendance: 37,601

(*Camp Jekyll closed during this period)



Participants from nine States: (AL, FL, GA, KY, MO, SC, TN, VA, WV)
Participants from 64 Georgia Counties



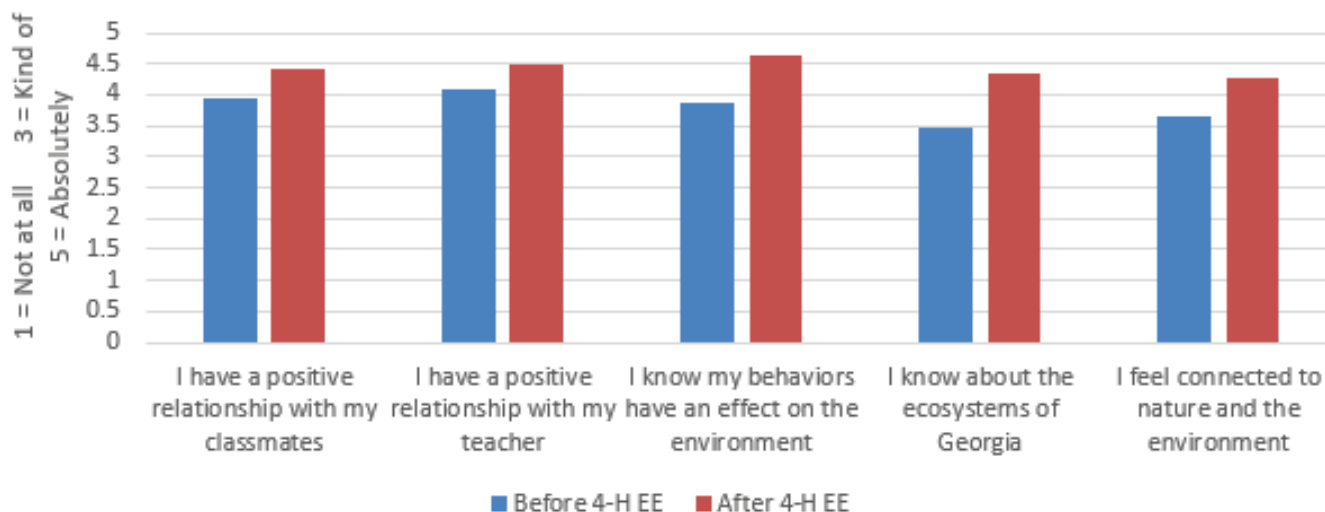
Impact and Evaluation

"... I was very impressed with the content of the lessons. You managed to use getting 'wet and dirty' (student's words) as a hook to actually learn. Because everything you taught is aligned with GA standards, you don't have to worry about the students learning just from you. This trip is just one activity (and a fabulous one it is) in a series of lessons. We'll refer back to this in future discussions and lessons."

--- 5th Grade teacher visiting Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island

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)
2015-2016 Evaluation Summary





Georgia 4-H Environmental Education

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Fortson 4-H Center

www.fortson4h.org

77 acres in South Atlanta Piedmont
Sleeps 174

Offers Ecology, Living History, Team Building, Survival Skills, and more



Wahsega 4-H Center

www.wahsega4h.org

15 acres located in North GA Mountains
Sleeps 222

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
Sleeps 950

Offers Forest and Lake Ecology, Living History, Survival Skills, Team Building, and more



Burton 4-H Center

www.burton4h.org

6 acres on Tybee Island
Sleeps 150

Offers Marsh and Beach Ecology, Invertebrate Studies, Hydrology, and more



4-H Tidelands Nature Center

www.tidelands4h.org

Day use facility
Offers marsh/beach/forest ecology, herpetology and more.

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