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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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
Georgia 4-H Environmental Education

Historical Usage of EE Program

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<td>2010-11 EE Participation</td>
<td>12,508</td>
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<td>Total EE Participation Since Inception</td>
<td>432,062</td>
<td>237,834</td>
<td>83,268</td>
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Total Participants Served Since 1979 = 878,474 (as of April 2011)

Diversity
- White: 44.52%
- African American: 37.15%
- Asian: 14.10%
- American Indian: 0.17%
- Pacific Islander: 0.29%
- Unknown: 3.77%

Grade Levels Served
- PreK-2nd: 1%
- 3rd-5th: 5%
- 6th-8th: 31%
- 9th-12th: 63%

Participants from Eight States: GA, AL, FL, MO, NC, SC, TN, VA
Participants from 80 Georgia Counties
Over 420,930 Total Contact Hours
Thank you for your excellent communication and flexibility when scheduling learning opportunities for our group. We arrived with great expectations and they were fulfilled!

[Your educators] maintained a high level of student engagement throughout the classes. [They] explained concepts in age appropriate ways. Effective review strategies were interwoven into the instruction as [they] led students through several different important concepts for the courses.

We had such an awesome time! I was surprised that we didn’t have anyone who got homesick. To the contrary, several kids wanted to stay! Your instructors were great and you gave our kid an experience of a lifetime…Many of us take our life experiences for granted until we work with kids who really haven’t been anywhere and seen anything and it makes it all fresh and exciting----that’s what we captured on this trip. I know these kids’ scores on the CRCT in April will be better in science because of our time with you.

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

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**2010-2011 Evaluation Summary**

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(*all differences are statistically significant*)
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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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