



# Friends



## Introduction to 4-H

**I Pledge... My Head, Heart, Hands and Health**

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## Welcome to Georgia 4-H!

I'm Arch the Dawg, and we are glad to have you as a part of the University of Georgia's youngest students. You have many great opportunities ahead in Georgia 4-H, so let's get started as you learn to pledge your Head, Heart, Hands and Health to your Club, Community, Country and World! Our journey together will help you learn that through 4-H we can "Make the Best Better." Congratulations on the beginning of a terrific experience!

**Georgia 4-H** is a partner in public education and strives to incorporate standards in the educational materials produced for in-school use. The following standards are correlated to content delivery included in this publication's introduction to Georgia 4-H:

**ELAGSE 3-5 .T.RA.2:** Reference parts of texts to address a specific topic or question and explore various sources of information to make connections across a broad range of topics.

**ELAGSE 3-5.L.V.2:** Acquire and apply word analysis skills to determine the meaning of words and to communicate in a variety of settings.

**ELAGSE K-12.P.EICC.2.b:** Make use of texts to build knowledge, develop skills, make informed decisions, and share information and ideas.

**ELAGSE K-12.P.EICC.2.e:** Consume and produce texts in order to solve problems or influence decisions.

**ELAGSE RA.2.a:** Refer to specific passages or quotations from a text to support an idea, answer, or opinion, recording the referenced information's page number.

**ELAGSE K-12.P.EICC.3.d:** Summarize and visualize sections of the text to maintain understanding.

**ELAGSE K-12.P.CP.1.C:** Contribute to discussions and shared projects by offering ideas, listening to the ideas of others, and providing feedback.

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**Think Green!** Not just 4-H Green...but let's help do our part to recycle and reuse. Save this book, reread it or pass it along to a friend. If it's too worn, please recycle it.



# THE STORY OF GEORGIA 4-H

**W**hen most of Georgia was farmland and most Georgians made their living on the farm, Mr. G.C. Adams, school superintendent in Newton County, dreamed of a place for young boys to learn all they needed to about their future career in farming.

To help his students prepare for the future, Mr. Adams began the first Georgia Boys Corn Clubs in 1904. In this early club, boys planted, cared for and exhibited their crop in the fair.



Just southeast of Newton County, another milestone in Georgia 4-H history was growing. Like the boys in Newton County, the girls of Hancock County wanted an opportunity to be part of an educational club and thus the Girls Tomato Canning Club began in 1908. The girls grew tomatoes in their family vegetable gardens and canned them for competition.

Soon boys and girls all over Georgia were joining corn and tomato canning clubs and the beginning of what we now call Georgia 4-H was on its way!

As a result of innovative methods learned through the Boys Corn Clubs and Girls Tomato Canning Clubs, the corn and tomato **yields** increased for families.

In 1914, an important event in our nation's history happened: Congress passed the **Smith-Lever Act**, which established the **Cooperative Extension Service**. Cooperative Extension is the service part of the University of Georgia.

We can thank **Senator** Hoke Smith from Georgia and **Representative** Ashbury Lever from South Carolina for their creativity and work to bring a new kind of "teacher" – a County Extension Agent – to each county in our state.

**The Smith-Lever Act** affords someone representing the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension to bring 4-H education programs to your school. As a result of the **legislation**, the Boys Corn Club and the Girls Tomato Canning Clubs came together to form the first 4-H club.



Just like Mr. Adams used information from the university to help his students learn, we will be doing that too.

Georgia 4-H has expanded and grown since our beginnings more than one hundred twenty years ago. We have many learning opportunities and projects with agricultural and science topics, and we also have opportunities in other areas like the environment, civic engagement, leadership, family and consumer sciences, and, of course, communication!



## THE 4-H TIMELINE

**A timeline** is a sequence of related events arranged in chronological order.

Take note of the special occurrences that happened in our rich 120+ year Georgia 4-H history.



**1904** – George Claude Adams, Newton County school superintendent, organized the first Agricultural Corn Club in Georgia for boys in Covington with 151 members.

**1908** – P.D. Johnson, a Black teacher in Newton County, started the Negro 4-H program with a corn demonstration garden for sons and fathers who wanted to learn modern corn production practices.

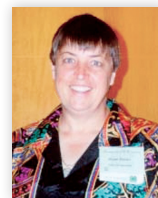
**1908** – The Girls Tomato Canning Club began in Hancock County!



In **1914**, the Smith-Lever Act was passed, which established the Cooperative Extension Service. By 1915, Georgia had 5,507 club girls and 14,275 club boys.



**1955** – Rock Eagle 4-H camp opened. Today, it is the largest 4-H center in the country, hosting 4-H'ers, students and adults year-round for 4-H camp, environmental education and conferences. It is one of five 4-H camps in Georgia.



In **1979**, 4-H Environmental Education began at Georgia's 4-H Centers with Diane Davies as the coordinator.

**Today**, Georgia 4-H has over 193,000 members.  
**What from this timeline stands out to you?**  
**How will you make your mark on Georgia 4-H this year?**

**GEORGIA**  
4-H





## 4-H IN YOUR COUNTY



Your county is your first stop for 4-H. During club meetings, you will explore and learn about different 4-H activities, receive announcements about upcoming 4-H events and get to know your fellow 4-H'ers!

Get started by filling in the blanks below.

I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ County 4-H Club.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ members in my 4-H club. My 4-H leaders are \_\_\_\_\_

## Learning more about 4-H

— Important Information to Know and Understand —

### Motto

The 4-H motto is almost as old as the club itself. For more than 100 years, 4-H'ers have worked to

\_\_\_\_\_. Will you join this effort through your 4-H experience?

### Slogan

In addition to our motto, 4-H also has a slogan: \_\_\_\_\_.

You will have many opportunities to do this through your 4-H experience!

### 4-H Colors

4-H colors are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

For many years, 4-H'ers wore uniforms in competition. Today, 4-H'ers do not wear uniforms but do proudly wear the colors of green and white and display the 4-H emblem.

### The 4-H Pledge

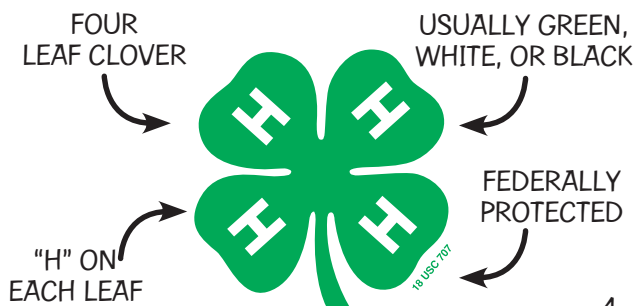
A pledge is a promise. The 4-H pledge was written in 1927 by Otis Hall from Kansas. Even though 4-H has changed since then, the pledge still stands as a commitment for 4-H'ers to do their best. 4-H leaders often have you say the pledge at 4-H meetings, events and activities. Learn the pledge and say it with pride!

#### I PLEDGE...

my \_\_\_\_\_ to clearer thinking  
my \_\_\_\_\_ to greater loyalty  
my \_\_\_\_\_ to larger service  
and my \_\_\_\_\_ to better living  
for my club, my community,  
my country and my world.



### The 4-H Emblem







## LEARN BY DOING

### There are a variety of programs offered by Georgia 4-H!

Each county 4-H program looks a little different, so talk to your local 4-H leader and check the programs below offered in your county!

- ☐ **4-H Club Meetings** - fun gatherings where youth develop leadership skills, learn through hands-on activities, and connect with fellow members for civic engagement opportunities.



- ☐ **Project Achievement** - empowers young people with skills for a lifetime. Students choose a project area of interest, research the topic, and write and present a presentation. 4-H'ers develop leadership, creativity, public speaking, record keeping, and other skills. Some specialty projects allow 4-H'ers to explore the sparks by participating in performing arts and food lab demonstrations.

- ☐ **Summer Camp** - Over 8,000 children, accompanied by over 1,000 adult and teen leaders, travel to Georgia's unique 4-H centers for a week of summer camp that will be remembered and cherished for years to come. Each camp offers adventure, friendship, and fun, and all seek to develop the camper's Head, Heart, Hands and Health.



- ☐ **Project S.A.F.E.** - Project SAFE (Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education) provides youth a place to develop a sense of belonging, learn teamwork in a safe environment and increase concentration skills. Safety and the responsible use of firearms and archery equipment is a primary goal. Trained volunteers lead clubs in BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, 22 Rifle, Shotgun and Archery in most of Georgia's counties.



- ☐ **Animal Science** - Georgia 4-H Animal Science Programs offer extraordinary educational opportunities in contests and projects that challenge 4-Hers with real-life issues as they learn about agriculture through raising, showing, and evaluating livestock, equine, and poultry. These programs give students the opportunity to practice and acquire new knowledge in the fields of animal science, business, time management and leadership. Other animal science projects explore the care of companion and specialty animal feeding, handling, grooming, training, and veterinary care.

- ☐ **Rallies & Conferences** - 4-H'ers have the opportunity to participate in a number of statewide conferences held throughout the year at a variety of locations around the state. These exciting overnight events allow 4-Hers to learn, grow, meet new friends and expand their horizons related to leadership, civic engagement and more!

- ☐ **Environmental Education** - As one of the nation's largest providers of environmental education, Georgia 4-H provides opportunities for day and overnight educational experiences at our centers around the state.

Each county also offers special competitions and programs just for their members!

In \_\_\_\_\_ County, these include:



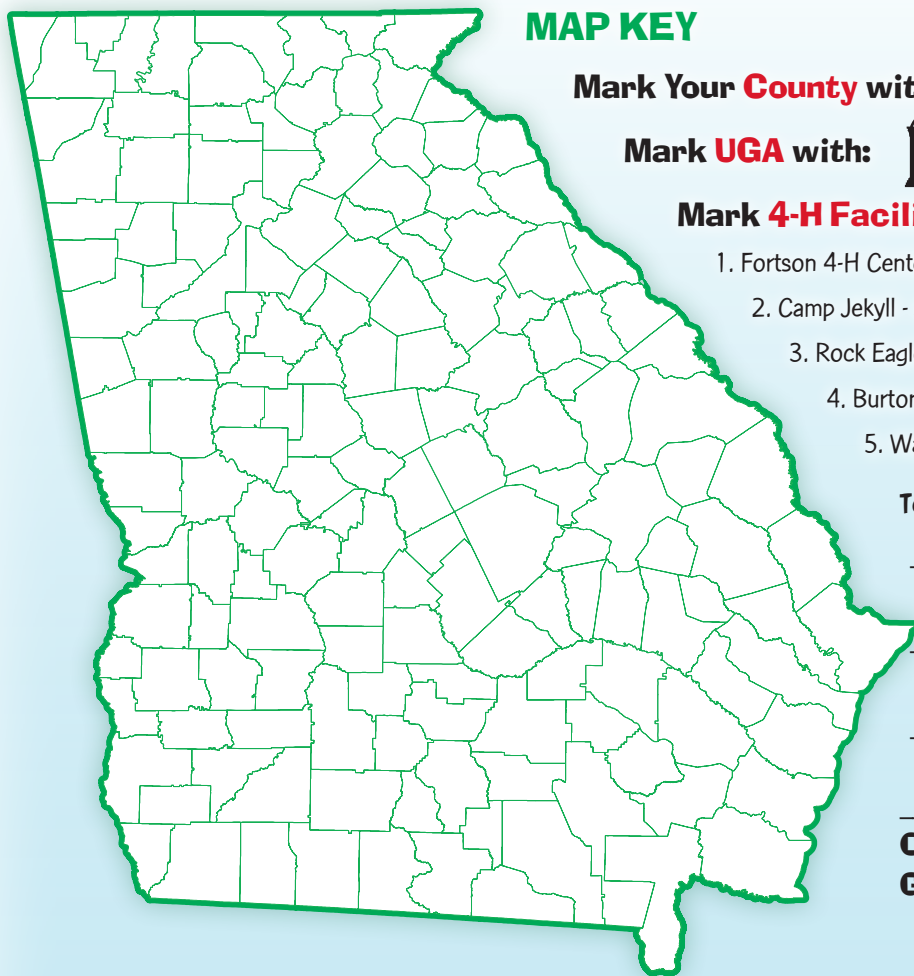


## ALL AROUND OUR STATE

You just learned about our 4-H motto, slogan and pledge, now let's take a look at where 4-H is in our great state!

**Use the key to know which icon to place to represent the following places on the Georgia map.**

- We cover the state with the 4-H program, can you find your 4-H club in your community, known as your county? Place a star on the Georgia map to note your county and the 4-H club where you are a member.
- Georgia 4-H is a part of the University of Georgia. Can you find the University's main campus? When you find it, place the UGA Arch on the Georgia map.
- Locate the five 4-H centers, also known as University of Georgia campuses, around our state. The five 4-H centers can be found from the mountains of north Georgia all the way to Georgia's coast. Place a 4-H emblem at each location on the map where you would find a 4-H center.



### MAP KEY

**Mark Your County with:**



**Mark UGA with:**



**Mark 4-H Facilities with:**



1. Fortson 4-H Center - Hampton, GA
2. Camp Jekyll - Jekyll Island, GA
3. Rock Eagle 4-H Center - Eatonton, GA
4. Burton 4-H Center - Tybee Island, GA
5. Wahsega 4-H Center - Dahlonega, GA

**To contact your County Extension office call**

\_\_\_\_\_

**or email**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Your County Extension Office is located at**

\_\_\_\_\_

**County 4-H is a great part of Georgia 4-H!**

# Welcome to you, our newest **4-H star!**





# MEET THE MEMBERS

Elementary age 4-H'ers have an opportunity to get involved in your school and community with your County 4-H program. This means you will attend 4-H meetings, learn how topics like leadership, science, nutrition and technology relate to your life, and have a chance to put your English Language Arts skills into practice through presenting a project!

**Learn more about Georgia 4-H on the web:** [www.youtube.com/georgia4h](http://www.youtube.com/georgia4h)

**Like you, many young people throughout our state have gotten their 4-H start in a school club meeting. Let's learn more about 4-H from these two high school 4-H members:**

## 4-H Favorites



Project Achievement



Summer Camp



Community Service



## This or That?



Beach Camp

Mountain Camp

Poultry Judging

Horse Judging

Public Speaking

Cooking Demo

Competition Time

Social Time



**Kaleb Green**

**Dooly County  
Southwest District**

## Lesson Learned

Chase Your Dream

## What's your Spark?

Leadership Growth

### What advice do you have for someone just getting their start in 4-H?

Starting your journey in 4-H is exciting! Explore different projects to discover what you enjoy most. Be open-minded and willing to learn new skills, even if they seem challenging at first. Don't hesitate to ask leaders or fellow members for help and advice. Participate in club events to make new friends and feel more connected. Always do your best and be patient with yourself as you learn and grow. Enjoy your 4-H experience and make the most of every opportunity! We're rooting for you!

## 4-H Favorites



Project Achievement



Livestock Show Team



Summer Camp



## This or That?



Beach Camp

Mountain Camp

Poultry Judging

Horse Judging

Public Speaking

Cooking Demo

Competition Time

Social Time



**Agatha Grimes**

**Candler County  
Southeast District**

## Lesson Learned

Never give up and always do your best!

## What's your Spark?

Agriculture

### What advice do you have for someone just getting their start in 4-H?

4-H is an amazing organization that has allowed me to do so many amazing and fun activities! My advice to you is to stay involved and never stop dreaming big. Explore new things and discover your interests to find out what is your spark.





## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

In the story of Georgia 4-H and throughout this magazine you have learned so many things about this organization we call 4-H!

The first 4-H Club for Boys: \_\_\_\_\_

The first 4-H Club for Girls: \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the legislation passed by Congress in 1914 to create the Cooperative Extension Service: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the five 4-H camping locations in Georgia? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



## SPOTLIGHT ON CAREERS

4-H prepares youth to be "Beyond Ready" for life by encouraging them to explore their sparks and build meaningful relationships with peers and adults. Being "Beyond Ready" also means thinking about your future and learning about careers! This issue's Spotlight on Careers



**Beyond Ready**

is for County Extension Agents and Staff. Did you know that County Extension Agents and Staff are considered careers in Government and Public Administration? Government & Public Administration careers include jobs at every level of government from local to state to national. Senator Hoke Smith and Representative Ashbury Lever made a significant contribution to our country when they developed the legislation to create the Cooperative Extension Service. These Cooperative Extension workers are part of local, state and federal government and work to bring the knowledge and practical application of the research from the University of Georgia to your community.

What other careers can you name that are part of county, state, or federal government? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking time to review this publication with your child.  
Please help your 4-H leader know that you have learned more about Georgia 4-H with your child.**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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