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Melanie Biersmith
Georgia 4-H State Leader
as of November 2022

Greetings From Dr. Sue Chapman

Interim Georgia 4-H State Leader

It is a privilege to serve in the role of Interim State 4-H Leader, even if only for a short time. My experience over the past few months has allowed me to see and more fully understand the impact that we have on young people in our state. Heifetz and Linsky (Adaptive Leadership, 2014) suggest that leaders need to get off the dance floor and onto the balcony. Getting on the balcony has allowed me to gain perspective so that I can more fully see the broad picture of Georgia 4-H and take everything in, not just be engaged directly in the middle of the action.

You may wonder what I can see from that balcony:

- I see dedicated and professional support staff and AmeriCorps members who adopt our 4-H'ers as their own and provide that safe, caring environment that is necessary for positive youth development.
 - I see county agents and educators working tirelessly to help each young person discover their "spark," that interest that really motivates them to succeed. Our county teams do not stop there. They create the relationships, the positive social environment, and the engaging activities that allow the youth to learn, or as we have discovered - to THRIVE.
 - I see endless opportunities for collaborative relationships at the county and state level that provide us with resources and opportunities to reach youth in even more impactful ways.
 - I see highly engaged teachers in local school systems who allow our faculty and staff to engage students in their classrooms on a regular basis.
 - I see community, government, and business leaders serving on our 4-H boards and committees that provide an environmental scan of the state and help us stay abreast of changing trends and potential opportunities;
 - I see faculty and staff in the state office who strive to stay on the cutting edge of research in their content areas and translate that research in ways that engage youth in experiential learning.
 - I see thousands of volunteers statewide who are engaging our youth in meaningful hands-on experiences and coaching young people to become better consumers, to perform better on the shooting range or in the livestock arena, to learn skills that will serve them well in the workplace, and to develop public speaking competencies.
 - Most importantly, I see young people from every socio-economic, geographic, and racial or ethnic demographic having fun while learning and sharing new skills, serving their local communities, and developing their leadership potential.
- If you are like me, you often succumb to the pressure of dancing as fast as you can. I encourage you to take a few minutes away from the action and gain the perspective and insight that being on the balcony can bring. I think you too will truly appreciate the overwhelming commitment demonstrated by everyone in this organization.
- As you read about our accomplishments and most notable activities in this edition of the Cloverleaf, know that we could not do what we do without you. Please accept my sincere thank you from the state 4-H office, our 4-H Centers, the Georgia 4-H Foundation, and counties across the state. As we welcome our new state leader, Melanie Biersmith, let me encourage you to remain steadfast in your commitment to Georgia 4-H.

Dr. Sue Chapman
Interim Georgia 4-H State Leader

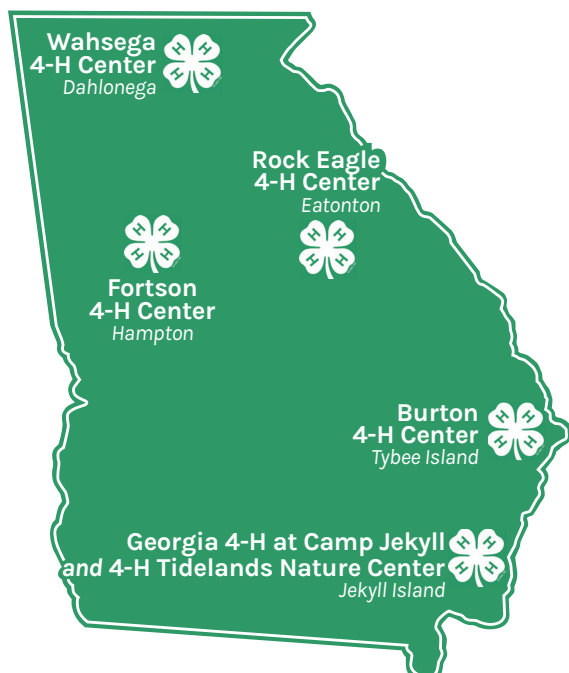


Nostalgia: Cabins 21, 22, and 23 still welcome campers on busy weeks of summer camp. Thirty-nine cabins have been renovated with 15 left to complete.

Georgia 4-H Facilities Update

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

Available across the state from the mountains to the sea, the Georgia 4-H facilities provide lodging accommodations, meeting spaces, dining halls, and programs for a variety of youth and adult groups. The 4-H facilities serve over 100,000 guests in a typical year.



On any given year, there are a variety of improvements and updates made at the 4-H facilities.

Significant improvements were made in the last year at Rock Eagle 4-H Center to the walk-up area of the effigy. The original stonework was re-laid for a smoother approach, and an additional ADA accessible path was added. The area also received upgrades to lighting and a new fence. This project was jointly funded with state support, including Major Repair and Rehabilitation (MRR) funds, and private support,

including the generous donation of Georgia 4-H alumnus Walter Reeves.

Work at Rock Eagle 4-H Center continues on two projects funded from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II). These projects will provide improvements to the Callaway Building and to the "Quad" area, the open space between the dining hall and the auditorium in front of Sutton Hall. Both projects are currently scheduled for completion in 2023.



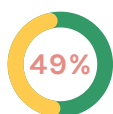
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2021-2022 Program Year 4-H

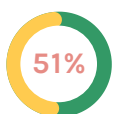


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Total Participation

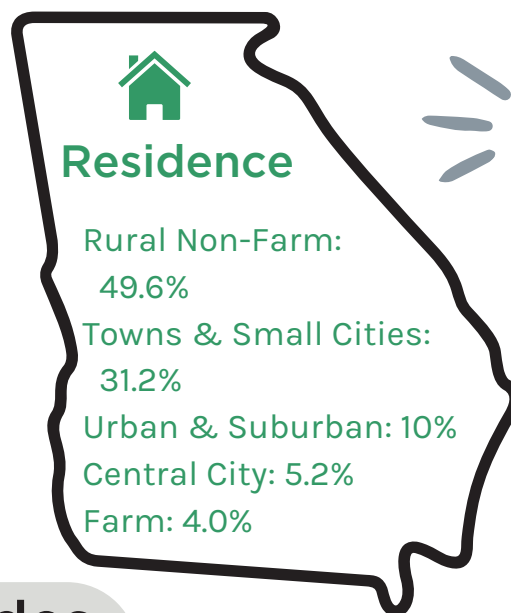


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- 92,778 Public & Private School 4-H Enrollment
- 28,055 4-H Enrichment Program Participants
- 21,936 4-H Environmental Education Participants
- 7,349 Fort Valley State University 4-H Enrollment
- 1,922 Homeschool 4-H Enrollment



Diversity

- 53.2% White
- 25.2% Black/African American
- 1.8% Asian
- 0.8% American Indian
- 0.2% Pacific Islander
- 18.8% Undetermined
- 3% More than one race

Grades

- 73.5% Elementary
- 18.7% Middle School
- 7.3% High School
- .5% College



- 4,490 Adults Contributed 85,508 Volunteer Hours
- 1,388 Teens Contributed 32,249 Volunteer Hours

Ethnicity

- 6.8% Latino
- 93.2% Non-Latino

4028

Military Dependents Served by 4-H



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GEORGIA 4-H PREPARES YOUTH FOR LIFE



Georgia 4-H provides experiences for youth to learn by doing. Georgia 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning in the focus areas of Agriculture and STEM, Civic Engagement, and Healthy Living. The 4-H mission is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens.

Agriculture & STEM

Youth focus on agricultural sciences, natural resources, environmental sciences, plant and animal sciences, agribusiness, rocketry, robotics, renewable energy, computer science, technology, engineering, and more.



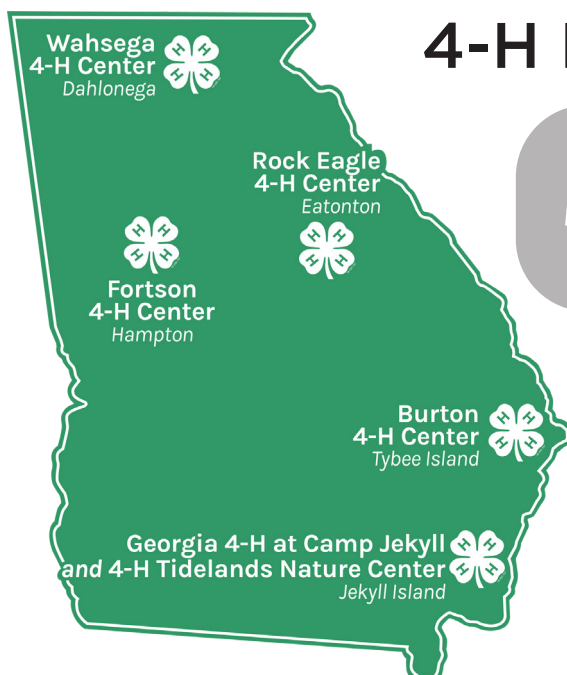
Civic Engagement

Youth learn to be well-informed and engaged citizens through experiences focused on leadership, communication, performing arts, public speaking, organization, giving back to improve communities, and more.



Healthy Living

Youth focus on nutrition, obesity prevention, drug awareness, bullying prevention, health and fitness, financial literacy, clothing and textiles, safety, stress management, social and emotional wellness, food science, and more.



4-H Environmental Education

From the
Mountains
to the Sea

76,769
4-H Facility Users



21,936

Environmental
Education
Participants



8,052

Residential
Summer
Campers

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Georgia 4-H recognized the historical significance of the Dublin 4-H Center on May 14, 2022 with a program at the Emery Thomas Auditorium. The site has been named to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service.

The Dublin 4-H Center opened in 1957 and became the first state center for Black 4-H Club members in the United States. Thanks to the dedication of Percy Hunter Stone and other Black Cooperative Extension agents, the center served Black 4-H'ers and their families until it closed in 1968.

The event honored the contributions of Stone and other leaders who worked towards representation and equality for Black 4-H'ers during segregation. Stone was born in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1893 and later received his college degree at Hampton Institute in Virginia. He began his career as a county Extension agent in Clarke County, Georgia, in 1919 and then moved to Savannah in 1923 to become Georgia's first Negro State 4-H Club leader.

In 1939, Stone assisted with the acquisition of property in Laurens County to begin construction of the Dublin 4-H Center. World War II slowed the construction of the new facility for Black 4-H members, but Stone continued his efforts, and



Pictured: Dorothy Graves (top left), Fred Harrison (top right), Joshua Powell, Dublin City Manager (Bottom)

THOMAS AUDITORIUM



by 1954 there were 50,000 Black 4-H members in Georgia.

Stone retired from Extension in 1956 and moved to Washington, D.C., to serve in the Federal Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He returned to Georgia in 1957 for the dedication of the Dublin 4-H Center. In April, Stone was announced as an inductee to the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

The Emery Thomas Auditorium is the only building that remains at the Dublin 4-H Center. Emery Thomas served as the Laurens County Extension agent and was the first Black alderman to serve on Dublin's city council. His granddaughter, Tonya Thomas Berry, attended the May 14 event. "I was so thrilled to be a part of this special recognition," Berry said following the program. She is pictured here in front of the auditorium.

Dorothy Graves, retired University of Georgia Cooperative Extension agent, reflected on her experiences at the Dublin 4-H Center.

"As a young 4-H'er growing up in Georgia, coming here to camp was truly the highlight of my summer," Graves said during her remarks. "Not only did the 4-H motto instill in me the [ideal] 'to make the best better,' it also extended the rights to help me live out that motto," she added. Graves commented that 4-H helps young people become citizens who contribute to their communities, just as Stone did during his tenure.

Fred Harrison, retired director of Extension and Dean Emeritus for Fort Valley State University (FVSU), discussed the importance of including the history of Dublin 4-H Center in the story of Georgia 4-H. "It was only 65 years ago that this camp was dedicated," Harrison recalled. "The 4-H program in Georgia was segregated, we had two separate camps. The reason we can confidently say today that the Extension programs in Georgia are combined is because people like Percy Hunter Stone worked hard and did not quit."

Harrison also acknowledged the progress that has been made since. "There is much work to be done, but Georgia has led the way, and Georgia has a story to tell," he said in his closing comments.

The history of Dublin 4-H Center will be commemorated with permanent signage installed at the entrance to the Emery Thomas Auditorium. Replicas of the displays have been installed in Sutton Hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. "We are committed to making sure this history is remembered," said Arch Smith, retired Georgia 4-H state leader and director. "The 4-H'ers of tomorrow will have the opportunity to learn about the work that was done by those who came before them."

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH



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Building the Next Generation of Leaders

Leilani Priest-Akens stepped up to a microphone in the Morgan Center on Jekyll Island, Georgia and began to address a crowd of 130 4-H leaders from across the southern United States.

She represents the 4-H Tech Changemakers from Houston County, and they have a mission: bridge the technology gap between youth and older adults. On a Wednesday morning in March, Leilani led an exercise that taught her audience about a new survey resource called Mentimeter. This tool

allows facilitators to collect and display data from a gathering of individuals in real time. Proverbial lightbulbs could be seen illuminating across the conference center as she brought to life a world of new possibilities for a room full of leaders.

The University of Georgia positively impacts students in all 159 Georgia counties through the youth branch of Cooperative Extension, with more than 240,000 4-H'ers participating in a standard program year. Residents of rural Georgia are accustomed to friendly signs on two-lane roads that let them know "Washington County 4-H Club Welcomes You." The beloved four-leaf clover is universally recognized with an "H" in each green leaf.

Georgia 4-H is heralded as the largest youth leadership organization in the state. At first glance, 4-H'ers can be observed making friends, participating in extracurricular activities, and enjoying the company of their peers. A closer look opens a window to a world in which young people are given life-changing opportunities to truly lead.

Akierra Hall facilitated a dance competition for a hundred junior and senior 4-H'ers on Saturday afternoon during Southwest District Project Achievement. She is a district officer

from Ben Hill County and was elected by her peers to serve on the Senior Board of Directors. This role calls on her to provide guidance for district level events and to represent her fellow 4-H'ers as a positive example and as a servant leader throughout the year. Akierra took advantage of this opportunity and created a welcoming environment that allowed other students to feel comfortable participating in the long-standing tradition of dancing at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Jack Durham Marable offered thoughtful contributions to his teammate Alyssa Haag as they competed in the Georgia LifeSmarts Championship. As a leader on the team, he studied to become well-versed in LifeSmarts subject areas that include personal finance, workforce development, and consumer responsibilities. Jack Durham also leads younger 4-H'ers in the Oconee County 4-H program to take advantage of opportunities at their fingertips; he created and conducted an Aviation Club for elementary school students to inspire them to stay involved with the organization that shaped his future.

Youth of all ages have opportunities to participate in Georgia 4-H, with most programming beginning in 4th grade and continuing to 12th grade. Programming

for younger 4-H'ers primarily takes place in classrooms, through a vital and long-standing partnership with Georgia school systems. As students grow up in the organization, the options for involvement are extensive; nearly 100 different programs are available in the areas of agriculture and STEM, healthy living, and civic engagement.

Jhaycee Barnes stood behind the podium at the front of the conference room in the Spalding County Extension Office on February 2, 2021. The traditional 4-H Day at the Capitol event was being reimagined as a virtual celebration, and Jhaycee had been elected to serve as the president of Georgia 4-H during the challenging pandemic year. As a fearless leader during a completely new era of 4-H programming, Jhaycee donned her beloved green jacket and spoke to a camera as she encouraged the full constituency of Georgia 4-H to participate in reinvented activities designed to connect students with



Georgia 4-H'ers belong to a community that is a few hundred thousand members strong. Excellence is connected throughout generations, with each one leading the next towards shared goals of mastery, independence, generosity and belonging.

the civic process and the elected government officials. A year later, she stepped foot in the State Capitol as "past president," and led her peers through a history tour of the fourth floor.

Jay Lovett reached to finish a bow tie knot for his friend Carter Hewitt at the state-wide Fall Forum gathering in Fall 2021, just as 4-H events began to return to standard procedure. Jay was elected to serve as a State Representative from Treutlen County on the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors. This group of officers provides leadership to the entire 4-H program. After he inspected the finished knot for his mentee, Jay headed for Talmadge Auditorium to welcome financial supporters of Georgia 4-H at the evening assembly. In the months that follow, Jay and his officer team will plan and execute 4-H State Council and 4-H State Congress and these events will connect all stakeholders throughout the organization.

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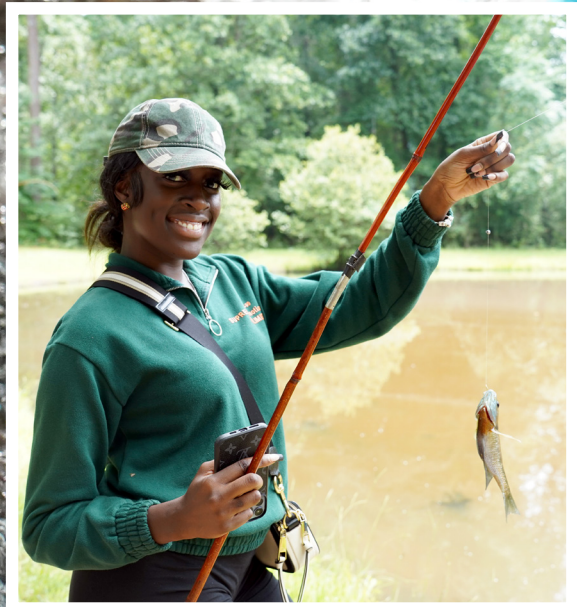
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Jaren Wilson guided his goat through the barn at the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show in Perry, Georgia. As a Coffee County 4-H'er, he carefully leads this animal around the show ring at many levels of competition. Jaren also leads by example for the next group of young people who will continue the rich tradition of caring for livestock as part of Georgia 4-H. The largest youth organization in the state provides endless avenues for its members to learn, to grow, and to lead as they make the best better in their clubs, their communities, their country, and their world.

Pictured clockwise: Akierra Hall, Jarren Wilson, Jhaycee Barnes, Leilani Priest-Akens, Alyssa Haag, Jack Durham Marable, Jay Lovett, Carter Hewitt.

Best Summer Ever!

More than 8,000 4-H'ers and their leaders headed to Georgia's five 4-H centers for another successful summer camping season in 2022, the first summer since 2019 in which all centers were open for camp. Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center had a record week this summer, with 1,032 campers on site for the highest attended camp week in Georgia in one week since at least 2008.





Cloverleaves also camped at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, Fortson 4-H Center, and Wahsega 4-H Center, with several more weeks approaching full capacity. Camp Jekyll hosted six weeks of camp for our seventh and eighth graders, and Wahsega entertained sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Wilderness Challenge Camp two separate weeks. High school 4-H'ers gathered at Rock Eagle for Senior Camp and were offered two week-long sessions of a more primitive camping experience at Frank Fitch Pioneer Camp at in June. Several camping events serving military youth and the long-running Community Camp at Fortson rounded our slate of over 30 different camping opportunities.

Georgia 4-H extends our gratitude to the staff at our 4-H Centers, our summer camp counselors, and our county Extension office professionals. County staff make the success of camp a reality by promoting opportunities to eager 4-H'ers in their programs. Volunteers and donors continue to make 4-H camp possible and memorable with their gifts of time and resources. Campers across Georgia had the best summer ever!

WRITTEN BY CHARLIE WURST

Connecting Wildlife to the World

Taking a group of younger 4-H members on a bird walk. Creating art about wildlife species to be exhibited at a public library. Displaying signage about migrating turtles in their neighborhood. Playing an outdoor tag game with their peers to simulate deer populations. These are some of the many activities that 4-H members implemented in their local communities as part of the inaugural Wildlife Ambassador Program.

The Georgia 4-H Ambassador Program began in 2005 to train high school 4-H youth to become experts in different topics and then educate their communities about their new information. Using this model, Georgia 4-H and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Resource Division created the Wildlife Ambassador Program in June 2021, initially preparing nine youth to implement programming during the 2021-2022 school year. Young people completed a multi-day training, becoming certified in the national Project WILD curricula. Wildlife Ambassadors learned about Georgia's wildlife and valuable ecology and conservation topics, such as habitats,

populations, and species relationships.

Georgia is one of the most biologically diverse states in the nation, ranking 2nd in amphibian species, 3rd in freshwater fish species, 7th in reptile species, and 7th in vascular plant species. "The Wildlife Ambassador Program is a great way to engage youth in the natural world and provide them an opportunity to explore the fields of education and

County has a strong interest in wildlife conservation and teaching, so this program seemed like a natural fit for her. "I learned how to share information about wildlife and other environmental subjects in a way that would be engaging and fun for other kids and adults," Emmaline said. "Educating people about the natural world is so important."



wildlife in a fun and hands-on manner," said Kim Morris-Zarneke, Senior Program Manager at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and State Project WILD Coordinator.

Emmaline Cunningham of Burke

As of June 2022, these Ambassadors completed 34 independent learning activities where they gained new knowledge through tours, interviews, and workshops. They also conducted 24 sharing activities where these young people led educational classes for 4-H youth and adults, created exhibits and posters, and authored newspaper articles, blogs, and videos. Through their efforts, 626 people were directly impacted by their work, and nearly 10,000 indirect contacts were reached through displays and media outreach. A new group of Wildlife Ambassadors were trained in June 2022 to implement more programming for the upcoming school year.

WRITTEN BY KASEY BOZEMAN

Connecting 4-H'ers to Careers

Georgia 4-H'ers experienced a day of career exploration and hands-on veterinary demonstrations during 4-H Vet Day at the Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory (TVAIL) on the University of Georgia Tifton campus in January. Students from 10 counties heard from scientists and veterinarians about career opportunities in animal science.

Laboratory faculty and staff welcomed 4-H'ers in 9th through 12th grades and guided them through a series of workshops and rotations to explore elements of veterinary medicine, including studies of blood, bacteria, DNA, infectious diseases, parasites and pathology, and calving. Participants learned about practical applications for animal science and discovered related career options.

Veterinary medicine is a critical part of Georgia's agricultural industry and creating a sustainable network of veterinarians who understand the importance of animal health and well-being is essential to the industry's

future. Youth involved with 4-H are exposed to vocational possibilities through programs like 4-H Vet Day and many choose to pursue careers based on these experiences.

This immersive day of learning was made possible through collaboration between the laboratory faculty, the leadership of UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Southwest District 4-H staff. Hemant Naikare, director of the TVAIL, and Lee Jones, associate professor of food animal health and management, hosted the 4-H'ers in partnership with Melinda Miller, Southwest District 4-H program development coordinator, and Lindsey Hayes, Decatur County 4-H agent.

The 4-H Vet Day initiative is also supported by Doris Miller, professor and associate director of state government for the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine; Lisa Nolan, dean of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine; Laura Perry Johnson, associate dean for Extension in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), and

Nick Place, CAES dean and director.

Dean Nolan said that the event is an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers who participate — and an essential resource for the future of veterinary medicine.

Staff and faculty from TVAIL guided 32 high school students through a series of workshops and rotations meant to introduce them to potential careers in animal science. The students from 10 counties across the UGA Cooperative Extension Southwest District were joined by Extension staff members and parents.

The event was sponsored by a Higher Education Challenge grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food and Agriculture and UGA's New Approaches grants. The event is also supported by the faculty and staff of the laboratory. Naikare dedicates many hours to writing these grants and planning the annual event, and he hopes to receive additional funding to expand the partnership with 4-H and serve a larger youth audience.

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

Toombs County + SECCA Robotics: “Make It, Move It”

WRITTEN BY KASEY BOZEMAN

When the Southeastern College and Career Academy (SECCA) needed robotics programming for their first-of-its-kind Make It, Move It (M2) semester-long class for high school seniors, Dr. Barry Dotson knew exactly who to call – his local 4-H Agent. As the Vice President at Southeastern Technical College, Barry understands the importance of preparing young people for the workforce. “Over the past decade, technological advances have vastly changed the manufacturing industry in the United States,” Barry commented. “We realized we needed to incorporate these skills into the class, and 4-H was the natural partner to do it.”

SECCA is located in Vidalia and serves high school youth from four area high schools. High school students who participate in SECCA classes can take high school and college courses that are directly relevant to their career and educational goals. The school partners with local industries for students to gain relevant and real-world experiences.

“When I initially was approached about this opportunity, I was a bit intimidated,” says Toombs County 4-H Agent Cheryl Poppell. “I’ve never done robotics programming before. But we are blessed in Georgia with great state specialists to support us.” Cheryl recruited 4-H Agents from Candler, Emanuel, and Evans Counties to assist with developing and implementing programming. Together, the team created an 8-day curriculum focusing on computer science, robotics, coding, and workforce preparation. The sessions included teaching background knowledge and a hands-on learning activity in which youth worked individually and in small groups. The students experimented with varying levels of difficulty and built upon the previous day’s lesson to expand their knowledge. With smiles all around and sometimes laughter abounding, students learned how to code a car-like robot to scan a barcode and how to drive spherical robots through an obstacle course in the school’s hallway – all hands-on learning activities that were engaging and fun.

The majority of the 25 students completing will not pursue post-secondary education and plan to enter the workforce. Participating in this program makes them better educated about job opportunities in robotics and manufacturing and more prepared to secure desired job placements. Based on the evaluation results, 90% of respondents agreed that they learned problem-solving skills while all 100% of the students stated that they learned to communicate better with their peers. Shelly Smith, Chief Executive Officer of SECCA, stated “The students identified [this program] as the best part of the entire semester course. We are so grateful for your time, resources, and expertise!”

Due to the success of this partnership, the team has offered modified versions to other career academies and youth in the geographic area, including 19 high school students at Metter College and Career Academy in Candler County, 190 fifth- and sixth-grade students in Evans County, and 120 additional students in Toombs County. Thanks to Georgia 4-H, robots will continue to roll down the hallways of SECCA for years to come.



Walker County Robotics Team

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

Seven Georgia 4-H'ers earned a shot at the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championship after competing at the Georgia VEX IQ Challenge Robotics competition. The Walker County 4-H Robotics Team earned the final Georgia spot at the world championship event in May 2022.


The VEX IQ division of robotics competition involves building and operating a robot that competes in the “Pitching In” challenge. Pitching in requires the robots to earn points by moving or throwing balls in an obstacle course. The challenges incorporate pre-coded movement, joystick driving and team strategy. Teams earn points based on how well their robots move or throw balls within the robotics grid.

“DawgBytes” team members include Sam Brown, Mike Hardinger, Gregory Hobbs, Liam Logan, Chyanne Martin, Brendan Matteson and Grant Matteson. These students span six different schools in Walker County. The DawgBytes are guided by adult volunteers who offer support as students lead the charge. Volunteer coaches include Jason Hobbs, Joe Matteson, and Wendy Matteson.

Weekly practices help the team prepare for competition, and students work independently on specific aspects of the design outside of practice. Working together, team members held individual leadership positions including designer, builder, programmer, notebook recorder, tester, driver and leader.

Named for the beloved UGA running back James Cook, “Cook” is the latest robot designed by the DawgBytes. Cook is a push bot design with a slide mechanism to allow the robot to hang. Previous robots from the season include “Stetson” and “JT,” as the team attempted both flywheel and catapult designs to throw the balls. In addition to physical robots, the Walker County team created an engineering notebook that received a design award earlier in the year.

Casey Hobbs, Walker County 4-H agent, is excited that the DawgBytes are the first Georgia VEX IQ team to qualify for the world championship. “Kids are transformed when they participate in 4-H robotics,” Casey said.



Spotlight on Civic Engagement

Leadership in Action

The Leadership in Action program recognizes 4-H'ers as leaders in their communities. 4-H'ers identify an issue or need in their community, brainstorm ways to make a positive difference and then put their plan in action.

Chanthony Andrews, Jr Glynn County - State Winner

A 2022 survey indicates that more than 200 individuals are experiencing homelessness in Glynn County. Chanthony coordinated an effort that partnered ten businesses, seven community organizations, and dozens of individuals with two homeless advocacy groups, "The Well" and "Saved by Grace SEGA." His efforts collected more than 800 pairs of socks, 139 inspirational cards, and \$1,300 in donations and grants to use for more resources. More than 150 people directly benefitted from the project and news coverage exposed the project to approximately 40,000 residents of the Glynn County area. Chanthony hopes to continue raising awareness and supporting his community with this project.

Evelyn Day Houston County - State Winner

An estimated one million pets have been displaced or killed during hurricanes in the United States since Hurricane Katrina. Evelyn developed ways to educate pet owners on how to keep their furry friends safe during storms and other crises by creating Pet P.A.C.K.s (Prepared Animal Crisis Kits). She coordinated an effort that more than 600 4-H'ers contributed to and created 675 Pet P.A.C.K.s to be distributed that include pet-friendly evacuation locations and other emergency resources. Evelyn connected with FEMA and spoke to news outlets that reach millions of people. She hopes to continue the project and reach all 159 Georgia counties with this information.

District Finalists:

Rachel Wood, Morgan County
Lilly Kate Farrar, Habersham County
Lilly Ann Smith, Oconee County
Jaylee Kilgo, Bartow County
Lydia Belflower, Bleckley County



WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

Weekend in the Classic City

WRITTEN BY DR. JENNA DANIEL

Conceptualized over 20 years ago, the UGA Collegiate 4-H chapter began the Weekend in the Classic City (WICC) program to give youth from across the state a firsthand look at the college experience. WICC simultaneously provides knowledge that empowers them to make crucial decisions for higher education. This event was created with the understanding that higher education decisions and pathways are unique to each youth, and works to provide broad and diverse seminars to show youth a comprehensive picture of the career options that are provided in the state of Georgia.

Each fall, WICC is held in the "Classic City" of Athens. During the weekend, youth hear from the Office of Financial Aid, Admissions, and UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Ambassadors. They explore campus with Arch Society members, tour on-campus housing, and eat at a dining hall. Collegiate 4-H'ers serve as group leaders and provide a first hand narrative based on their current experience. They share experiences during a Q&A panel and provide thematic creativity of the event. In 2021, 71 youth from over 30 counties participated in the event, with 12 Collegiate 4-H volunteers that contributed over 360 hours of service to Georgia 4-H. Following the event, youth reported an increase in confidence in their ability to be a successful college student, and all participants acknowledged that 4-H has helped them in their decision about college.



Jenna Dekich of Catoosa County was selected to serve as a National 4-H Tech Changemakers spokesperson.

Coordinated by National 4-H Council and funded through various corporate partners, the 4-H Tech Changemakers project uses an adult-youth partnership model to empower teens as teachers of digital literacy in areas with a lack of broadband Internet access. The 4-H teen leaders work cooperatively with adult Extension/4-H staff members and volunteers to plan, implement, and evaluate needs-driven educational programming in their local communities. The project's goal is for adult community members to adopt and use technology to improve their opportunities and outcomes.

As one of nine youth leaders chosen from across the country to serve in this capacity, Jenna provided national leadership and engaged media opportunities throughout the year, educating others about the program and her work. RFD-TV and Local News 3 of Chattanooga interviewed Dekich, where she shared about the 300+ adults in Catoosa County that participated in programming this past year. "Our participants constantly rave about Jenna's kindness, passion, and teaching ability," said Caleb Millican, Catoosa County 4-H Agent. As a current student at the University of Georgia, Jenna continues to be a resource and mentor other 4-H Tech Changemakers across the state and nation.

The Double D Foundation supported Georgia 4-H during challenging times.

The organization recognized that youth shotgun clubs were having a hard time getting two items necessary for their sports: shotgun shells and clay targets. Short supplies and high prices of shotgun shells created a hardship for 4-H shotgun families. The Double D Foundation responded with a grant program in Spring 2022 to support all youth shooting sports programs. Thirty Georgia 4-H Shotgun Clubs gained support totaling over \$183,000 in shotgun shells and clay targets through the Double D Foundation!





Spotlight on Ag & STEM



Troup County: STEM Day Camp

Holding a non-venomous snake can be an exciting experience, especially when you learn a snake's scales are very smooth instead of very slimy. For 12 of the 36 youth at Troup County's STEM Summer Day Camp this summer, it was their first time holding a snake. However, with all the joy and excitement ensued, it hopefully won't be their last time learning about science.

Coordinated by 4-H Agent Laura Mirarchi, the three-day program focused on wildlife, ecology, chemistry, ag technologies, and beekeeping. "This STEM-based day camp allowed youth to engage with their local landscape, as we are fortunate enough to have 40+ acres of natural resources at our office to utilize for outdoor activities," Laura said. In addition to holding a snake, these 4-H'ers built pollinator boxes and bee hotels, toured local PineyWoods Farm to learn about their organic operations, and participated in Georgia Farm Bureau's Mobile Ag Classroom. "Watching the 4-H'ers collect water samples from the pond, participate in a beekeeping class, and handle live reptiles for the first time were just a few highlights of this three-day, hands-on experiential learning opportunity for our kids," Laura commented.

With generous support from community partners, the future looks bright. As a participant commented, "I wish this camp was every day for a month!"



Laurens County: H2Olympics

"I bet I can get 27 drops," says an eager Laurens County 4-H member. "I bet I can get over 30," says another. These excited young people were predicting how many drops of water they could carefully place on a penny. Under the direction of Laurens County 4-H Agent Morgan Hinz, 13 youth participated in a H2Olympics Day this summer, where they put their water skills to the test in a number of competitions.

Using a lesson plan from the national Project Water Education Today (WET) Curricula, Morgan developed a day-long program for youth to learn about the properties of water through Olympic-style events. "Water is a precious resource," Morgan said. "Being able to understand water's physical and chemical properties can help youth understand water's behavior in the natural world."

Youth experimented with ideas such as adhesion, cohesion, surface tension, capillary action, and solutions. Building soap boats, floating paperclips, and paper towel absorbency races were some of the many activities. The group even visited the community water park to learn about pH and balancing chemicals in the pool water.

Students were given evaluations to see what knowledge they gained. Youth were able to illustrate some of the vocabulary words they learned through their experiments. One participant indicated that they want to see H2Olympics last two days in the coming summer, while another shared they enjoyed learning about the chemicals and balancing the pH at the pool. The program made a splash in the community!

Banks County and Habersham County: Farm + Food Camp

Under the leadership of Susie Burton, 4-H Agent in Banks County, the first Farm + Food Camp impacted 24 Cloverleaf 4-H'ers, 8 teen leaders, 6 Extension faculty/staff, and 1 adult volunteer from both Banks and Habersham Counties. This week-long experience included ten tours of local farms, restaurants, and agricultural facilities including Georgia Mountain Education and Research Center in Blairsville, the UGArden in Athens, and North Georgia Technical College's aquaculture operations in Clarkesville.

As Susie explained, "Farm + Food Camp is designed to expose 4-H'ers to a wide variety of local agriculture and food facilities with the dual goals of increasing their awareness of their local food system and exposing them to new experiences and foods." Various studies indicate that knowledge about and exposure to fruits and vegetables leads to increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. Simple activities like canning green beans at a community cannery was a great way to connect 4-H members with local resources. "It's so fun and we get to spend a week exploring Northeast Georgia," Susie shared. The program's success was well-documented from both the formal evaluations as well as the smiles on everyone's faces.





Spotlight on Healthy Living



Burke, Camden, Clayton, Fayette: Science Chefs



We all interact with food every day. Every time we prepare food, we use math and science concepts without even realizing it. For example, when we bake, we use precise measurements to ensure the baked product comes out correctly. Therefore, food is the perfect tool to teach math and science. 4-H'ers in Burke, Camden, Clayton, and Fayette counties brought science into the kitchen to cook up some new skills in 2021 and 2022. Georgia 4-H Science Chefs combines the fun of cooking and hands-on science experiments with learning important STEM and nutrition information. 4-H and FACS professionals in these counties (Shawnie Sahadeo, Meridith Meckel, Terri Black, Rebecca Hardeman, and Cora Rakestraw) partnered with FACS Specialist Dr. Sarah Henes, Nutritional Sciences graduate student Alexa Burnett, and 4-H Specialists Kasey Bozeman and Dr. Courtney Brown to pilot the FoodMASTER Middle Grades program in after-school settings. The FoodMASTER Middle Grades Curriculum teaches science and math concepts through food and nutrition and includes ten chapters with several labs in each chapter intended for use in a school classroom. Dr. Henes and Alexa Burnett adapted the FoodMaster curriculum for use in Georgia 4-H, adding additional recipes, interactive ice breakers, and even creating a virtual option. Each county opted for a slightly different delivery method, including virtual, day-camp, weekly, or monthly meetings. Shawnie Sahadeo, Camden County 4-H agent, piloted the program with two groups of youth with great success. She said, "I enjoyed teaching 4-H Science Chefs! It was a great way to 'cross-pollinate' with the kids, and show them how science is used in everyday life. Also, one parent commented that their son never eats vegetables, but he loved the veggie pita he made at 4-H Science Chefs!"

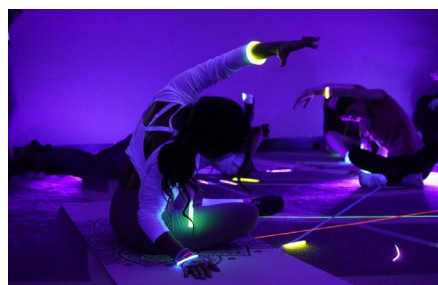
Georgia 4-H and UGA SNAP-Ed: A Nutritious Team!

Georgia 4-H and UGA SNAP-Ed share a common goal in wanting to empower youth to make the best choices for their overall health. SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; it is part of the U.S. domestic hunger safety net and provides economic benefits to eligible low-income individuals and families for food purchases. SNAP-Ed, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education, is the nutrition promotion and prevention component of SNAP. UGA is one of four SNAP-Ed implementing agencies in Georgia, and now has partnered with Georgia 4-H to help reach youth and their families. "Farm to Fork: Food and Nutrition" is a new program that builds on the existing Georgia 4-H Friend's Farm to Fork Magazine.

The Farm to Fork Food and Nutrition program includes three lessons that cover MyPlate, how our family and community impact our food choices, and basic food budgeting, all with a focus on Georgia agricultural products. Lynn Davis, Turner County 4-H Agent, and April Edwards, Jackson County 4-H agent, piloted the Farm to Fork: Food and Nutrition Program in their schools. 158 youth participated in this pilot program. After completing the interactive lessons, students set goals for actions they planned to take as a result of what they had learned, like helping shop for food with their families, making a recipe that came from the Georgia Kid's Cook! cookbook, or talking to their families about their cultural foods. The program was very well received by the schools and the students, and plans are underway to continue and expand this fun and novel program.



Cook County: Healthy Living Summit



Georgia 4-H representatives attended the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living hosted by the National 4-H Council on April 21-24, 2022 in Bethesda, Maryland. Cook County 4-H youth and adult leaders received a travel scholarship that made their attendance to this special event possible. The National 4-H Council collaborated with professionals in family and consumer sciences and healthy living to address nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness and emotional wellbeing for high school students. 4-H'ers participated in hands-on workshops, service projects and health breaks, a day tour of various museums as well as a guided nighttime tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC.

Cook County 4-H Agent Katrina Laurel-Searcy has earned a national reputation for being proficient in providing high-quality, highly rated healthy living workshops with regard to the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit and was invited to teach for the third consecutive

year. Katrina created 4-H Glow Yoga, a peer-reviewed workshop, and presented it during the summit. This is a combination of a physical fitness and a mental health class designed for high-school aged 4-H'ers, and can be easily modified to fit younger audiences. The efficacy of this approach is backed with findings from research which advocated use of cross-curricular methods and interactive teaching in providing experiential learning to students across grade levels.

Cook County 4-H'ers Sanaa Anderson, Anna Cook, and Clay King were nominated to be Georgia representatives. This trip formed a diverse group that celebrated and appreciated their differences. "Being chosen as the state representatives for the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living was a fantastic experience and a great honor for our Cook 4-H members," said Jonathon Searcy, Georgia 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader who chaperoned the event. Cook County students experienced their first trip on a commercial airplane.

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4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT



2021-2022 Program Year



Students choose a project area of interest, research the topic, and write and present a presentation to demonstrate their understanding. Youth develop leadership, creativity, and public speaking skills throughout this process. At the middle and high school level of Project Achievement, a record-keeping component is added that promotes independent thinking and research.



62,280

Received Instruction in Project Achievement

Cloverleaf Project Achievement

2,763 Competitors
in Grades 4-6

62 Project
Categories

13 Area
Contests



Junior & Senior Project Achievement

1,256

Competitors
in Grades 7-12

104

Project
Categories

4

District
Contests

275

Grades 7-8
Winners

191

Grades 9-12
Winners

State 4-H Congress

204

Competitors
in Grades 9-12

50

Project Winners
+ Master 4-H'ers



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40 Years of Clovers & Co.

Members of Clovers & Co. from four decades gathered for a reunion during State Council at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in 2022. These alumni were joined by volunteers and staff from every Clovers era and enjoyed singing together during the event.

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Ukrainian troops received special support from South Georgia this summer when Lowndes County 4-H created and shipped more than a thousand care packages to the front lines.

Each package contained a personal letter from a student and a bracelet with an encouraging message for the soldiers.

Local, state, and national partners united to participate in this special initiative. Lowndes County 4-H'ers garnered support from approximately 500 students and adults in the Valdosta area. Cards and bracelets were created at in-school 4-H meetings and service days to which the whole community was invited. Fifteen additional Georgia counties contributed to the project during 4-H Senior Conference at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

A sophomore student from Long Island, NY saw a post from Lowndes County 4-H on Facebook and decided to join in on the effort. This cello major in Juilliard's pre-college program is the president of the "Open Hearts Origami" club (OHO), a student

group that seeks out community service projects. Created in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, OHO works to increase human connection and well-being. The club contributed 160 origami designs with positive messages to the shipment.

A Missouri high school student also heard about the project and sent even more cards to be included. Some packages included bookmarks and other items hand made by contributors.

Each bracelet in the packages was made up of seven colored beads. Every bead signified a point of unity – red, white, and blue beads to represent the American flag, green and white beads to represent 4-H, and yellow and light blue beads to represent the Ukrainian flag.

The project was an idea formulated by Lowndes County 4-H Agent Grace Chauncey and her county staff members Tyler Tucker and Emily Menno.

"I watched an Extension zoom update about Ukraine and it was so heartbreaking to see," Grace said. "I thought to myself, 'there has to be something I can do.' And then I realized – there's something this community can do."

Lowndes County 4-H worked with Representative Austin Scott's office to coordinate the shipment and ensure the packages arrived safely in Ukraine. "It was a heart-warming





Lowndes County 4-H + Ukraine: Encouragement for the Front Lines

experience to watch Lowndes County 4-H'ers complete these packages. All the support received from Extension, national partners, and the Lowndes County community means the world to Lowndes 4-H," Grace added.

The Ukraine encouragement initiative has connected humanity through connecting communities.

The 4-H'ers who helped spearhead this project reflect on the impact it had on their worldview. Lily Hayward, president of Lowndes County 4-H Council, was looking for ways to help before Grace presented the idea. "This project meant a lot to me because I was following the conflict and wanted to find

some way to contribute. Doing this project was important because students usually can't contribute financially, but we can contribute to morale, and we want to help Ukraine on their journey to figure it out," said Lily.

Lowndes County 4-H'er Joel Dixon (pictured, left) said this was his first service project as a 4-H member. "I want to be able to participate and contribute to helping families who have been hurt and lost hope," Joel said. "Making an impact on those families was so special to me, especially as a first-time project."

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

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Celebrating A Legend

Arch Smith has been an integral part of Georgia 4-H and UGA Extension for almost four decades.

His passion for 4-H started long before the start of his career. He first joined 4-H in the fifth grade in Warren County and then remained active in 4-H throughout college by serving as a Georgia 4-H camp counselor for four summers. It was only natural for Arch to begin his career with UGA Extension in Carroll County in 1985. During his time in Carrollton, he completed a Master of Public Administration from West Georgia College and State University.

Throughout his career with UGA Extension, Arch has held many valuable roles. He joined the state 4-H staff in 1988 as the Director of Rock Eagle 4-H Center. He then became Associate State 4-H Leader and Executive Director of the Georgia 4-H Foundation in 1995. Arch was named as the Leader and Director of Georgia 4-H in 2010. This position made him the eighth State 4-H Leader in the program's 110 year history. During his time as State 4-H Leader, he supervised 100 full-time employees and 225-part time employees. He traveled the country attending workshops, conferences, outreach opportunities, and 4-H events.

Arch is credited with many significant renovations and additions to Georgia 4-H facilities. He began to emphasize the need for improvement and expansion of the dining hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in 1997. The new dining hall facility was opened in 2009 and is still serving guests of Rock Eagle to present day. Rock Eagle 4-H Center has updated 39 cabins with Arch's aid. He also solidified the donation of Fortson 4-H Center, the largest gift the Georgia 4-H Foundation has ever received. This gift added a huge asset to Georgia 4-H and created a new center for summer camp and environmental education programs. Georgia 4-H centers have received over \$50 million worth of improvements, expansions and additions during Arch's career.

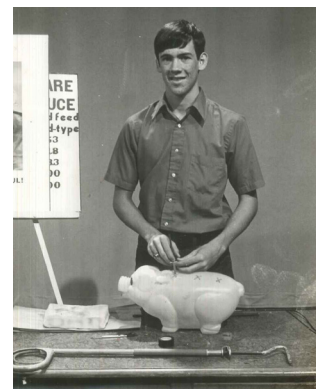
During his 13 years as Executive Director of the Foundation, Arch provided leadership to improve communication to 4-H alumni and friends. Arch helped direct "The Pledged for Life Campaign," which raised more than \$4 million for Georgia 4-H. At the start of 2007, the Georgia 4-H Foundation had the highest operating budget of any 4-H foundation in the United States.

Arch's dedication to

Georgia 4-H was shown in many ways, including his willingness to be slimed in honor of the "\$4 for 4-H" campaign and standing in as the role of Santa Claus at Fall Forum.

For 37 years, Arch has led individuals, county programs, and the entire state of Georgia at large to great 4-H success. We are grateful for his dedication to Georgia 4-H and will continue to honor the progress and achievements he has given to our state's program.

WRITTEN BY SARA BETH MASSEY



Friends and colleagues have established the Arch Smith 4-H State Leader Endowment Fund to support 4-H programming for years to come in honor of the work that Arch has carried out during his 37-year tenure with the organization. Make a gift to this special fund by visiting www.georgia4h.org/arch.



WRITTEN BY MANDY MARABLE

A Century of Partnership: Georgia 4-H and Georgia Schools

Near the turn of the century, Newton County's School Superintendent, G. C. Adams, was interested in making learning more useful and practical for his students.

Superintendent Adams began a movement that has had profound impact among youth in our state for over one hundred years. The concept of bringing the University's research and resources to Georgia's youngest citizens through educators known as County Extension Agents was an innovative idea in 1904 - and remains so today. Georgia 4-H prides itself on the fact that our 4-H youth development program was founded as a part of the school system in Georgia and we remain a vital partner to schools. Our work to maintain this partnership

has involved the talents of many throughout the years who recognized the value of stewarding relationships with schools and school leaders. Through a combined effort, county and state faculty continue to work in tandem to ensure that 4-H educational resources and experiences complement and enhance the state's curriculum. Prioritizing these partnerships has afforded 4-H the privilege to be part of the fabric of our state's educational framework.

From its inception, 4-H has ascribed to the principle of taking research-based information from the Land Grant University and making the science and application both available and practical to youth. This principle is one we still use to frame our work. The 4-H In-School model affords us access to youth in each community across our state and we consider this delivery style the cornerstone of our program. The privilege to deliver research based, experientially-designed lessons during the school day is one of four core programs that each county is required to implement. While research and innovation have evolved and changed since 4-H began in Georgia, our In-School 4-H programming efforts remain true to the original approach of teaching by involving

youth in experiential education. In 1904, students applied new techniques to increase their corn yield. In 2022, fifth grade 4-H students will participate in classes engaging them in understanding by using real world examples and learning activities. Cheryl Poppell, County Extension Coordinator in Toombs County shares, "The ability to deliver 4-H programming through our school partnership gives me the access to offer 4-H opportunities to the community I am called to serve. Our reach expands beyond our local school systems as we were invited to collaborate with our regional technical school. I am proud of our reputation as value added to our community's educational footprint."

Georgia 4-H's In-School model of delivery continues to bring quality educational experiences to the youth in all of Georgia's counties. This delivery model creates a springboard for youth to explore a myriad of extracurricular opportunities and experiences beyond the school door and county line. Combining experiential learning with positive youth development practices yields outcomes that allow youth to thrive - and thriving youth contribute to thriving communities.

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4-H VOLUNTEERS



118,052



Total Volunteer Hours in the
2021-2022 Program Year



1388 + **4490** = **\$3.5M**

Teens Served Adults Served Volunteer Time Worth

2,935

Volunteer Chaperones
at District and State
Events



915

Certified S.A.F.E.
Coaches - Archery,
Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun

171

Certified Judging Coaches
Cotton Boll & Consumer, Forestry, Land,
Poultry, and Wildlife Judging

682

Certified Judges for
Project Achievement

365

Volunteer Led Clubs
State-Wide



Calhoun and Washington
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Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer: Shannon McBride

Shannon McBride has coached Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging teams for almost two decades. She always has the list of details checked off: team notebooks, online support, prizes, and (especially) snacks. She has led team members in door-to-door fundraising, cooking a fundraiser meal, selling doughnuts and coupons, and paying for half of their expenses.

She has taught more than 150 students, ranging from fourth to twelfth grades. Shannon has also helped coordinate 4-H rabies clinics, trainings, summer classes, and Project Achievement projects beyond Horse. As a single parent, she raised her two children and over 150 4-H'ers to love horses, offering hands-on as well as online experiences.

Many of her former students return to offer support and several have been the recipient of these as lead coaches. Shannon's Madison County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl teams have led group workshops for neighboring counties as well as the state contest.

Former students also return to offer support and go on to lead teams of their own in surrounding counties. Her teams practice from October until May and have been successful winning several state contests and placing many times in the top 3 rankings.

She has coordinated travel to local and area horse shows, contests in many areas of our state as well as Regional and National Contests, all the way to Denver, CO.

WRITTEN BY KERI HOBBS

Georgia 4-H Volunteer of the Year: Stewart Thigpen

Stewart Thigpen has been a valuable supporter and passionate advocate of Bulloch County 4-H the past six years. Stewart grew up in the Bleckley County 4-H program, and began volunteering in Bulloch County's 4-H program when his oldest son Jackson was in fifth grade. Stewart's contributions to Bulloch County 4-H are numerous, including serving as a Project S.A.F.E. Archery Certified Coach, a Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Certified Coach, a Forestry Field Day Coach, and a member of the Bulloch County 4-H Volunteer's Association and Program Development Team.

He is an integral part of each of these programs, as he is always willing to brainstorm new ideas, help organize events, and put in the necessary work to carry out Bulloch 4-H programming goals. There is no job too big or small for Stewart in his volunteer efforts, and he appreciates both formal volunteer roles as well as those that are behind the scenes.

When Stewart isn't coaching one of the many volunteer-led clubs he is involved with, he can be found cleaning and helping prepare for the annual Food Booth fundraiser, listening to speeches from Project Achievement participants, and photographing events.

During the 2020 Georgia 4-H program year, Stewart contributed over 100 hours of volunteerism to his county programming.

WRITTEN BY KERI HOBBS



Volunteers are mission-centric to our work with young people. If you are interested in volunteering with Georgia 4-H, get in touch with your local Extension office and find out what is happening in your area!



Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award: Governor Brian Kemp First Lady Marty Kemp

The Georgia 4-H Program recognizes outstanding public servants who have been stellar supporters of the 4-H program during their careers with the coveted Green Jacket Award. The 2022 Green Jacket Award recipients are Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp.

The Kemps have been proponents of Georgia 4-H for two decades. During his time in public office, Gov. Kemp has passed and upheld legislation that provides funding for Georgia 4-H programming throughout the state.

Gov. Kemp has attended and supported local and state-level 4-H events since he began serving Georgia as a senator in 2003. He delivered the keynote address to 4-H'ers and other stakeholders at the 2022 Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol.

"Throughout his years of service, Gov. Kemp has continued to show up for Georgia 4-H'ers," said Arch Smith, retired Georgia 4-H State Leader. "I can recall numerous occasions where he would take extra time to meet and listen to our state officers. He is a champion for Georgia 4-H."

First Lady Marty Kemp has invested in the Georgia 4-H program by involving 4-H'ers in the activities of the Governor's Mansion, including tours, pet adoption days, and other specialty events for youth. She also facilitated the First Flock project, for which Warren County 4-H'ers and FFA members helped design and install a chicken coop for the mansion grounds. "We are honored to be chosen as the recipients of this year's Green Jacket Award," Gov. Kemp said in a video address to the 4-H State Congress delegation. "We know how important Georgia 4-H is to young people in every corner of our state. Because of 4-H, young people have the skills and drive they need to succeed," said First Lady Kemp.

Georgia 4-H is empowered to continue making the best better because of the support of the Kemps.

WRITTEN BY JOSIE SMITH

The Green Jacket Award, established in 2008, recognizes individuals for their outstanding statewide support of Georgia 4-H. It is presented annually at State Congress on behalf of Georgia 4-H alumni, donors, volunteers and friends.

Positions at time of award

2021

Ellis and Aletha Black, State Senator and Spouse

2020

Gale Cutler, Senior Public Relations Coordinator
Georgia EMC

2019

Francis "Abit" Massey, President Emeritus
Georgia Poultry Federation

2018

Jack Hill, State Senator

2017

Gary Black
Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture

2016

Tom McCall, State Representative

2015

Paul Wood
President/CEO of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation

2014

Terry England, State Representative

2013

Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia

2012

Hank Huckaby, Board of Regents Chancellor

2011

David Ralston, Speaker of the House

2010

Randy Nuckolls, Georgia 4-H Foundation Trustee

2009

Mike Beatty, Georgia Department of Community
Affairs Commissioner

2008

Sonny Perdue, Governor of Georgia

William H. Booth Award: Sheila Marchant

BY JOSIE SMITH

The William H. Booth Award recognizes an Extension agent with more than seven years of experience from each of the four districts for outstanding 4-H professional achievement, 4-H educational development, professional and university service, and philosophy. This honor acknowledges both peer recognition and career achievement and is sponsored by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation. The 2022 state winner of the William H. Booth Award is Sheila Marchant, Jeff Davis County 4-H Agent and County Extension Coordinator.

Sheila has been with UGA Extension for 22 years and has provided thousands of students with 4-H programming during her tenure as the Jeff Davis County 4-H agent. Highlights of her career include guiding five state-winning judging teams, 58 State Congress delegates, nine district and state officers, and 55 district award winners for Project Achievement participation.

More than 1,800 students have exhibited livestock under her direction, and she has raised \$77,000 for local livestock programming. She has also partnered with local organizations to secure \$65,000 in general funding for Jeff Davis County 4-H.

Additionally, Sheila has served as a professional mentor and provided guidance for her peers. She regularly sits on school councils and committees and coordinates community service initiatives in the county. She has also presented numerous research posters at national and state conferences.

Sheila is dedicated to creating a safe and caring environment for youth to achieve their goals in Jeff Davis County "All children can learn, achieve, prosper and be given the opportunity to reach goals and milestones in a safe, caring environment. It is my passion to see them achieve where their own passions lie," she said of her philosophy in positive youth development. "It has been a calling to serve as a youth development professional and I have committed my career to the youth of Jeff Davis County. Success for me is seeing that I have made a difference in the life of a child."



Friend of 4-H Award: Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

BY MELANIE BIERSMITH



Georgia 4-H and the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals recognize individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding support of Georgia 4-H with the Friend of 4-H Award. This important award highlights exemplary contributions towards the Georgia 4-H vision and mission. The 2022 Friend of 4-H Award recipient is the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL).

GAEL serves as an umbrella organization of seven professional affiliates that provide unity of school leadership groups across Georgia. These supporters of Georgia 4-H include elementary, middle, and secondary school principals, superintendents, curriculum and instructional supervisors, administrators of special education, school personnel administrators, and other leaders working in school systems across Georgia. Executive Director Robert (Buddy) Costley accepted this award on behalf of GAEL during 4-H State Congress.

An important partnership between GAEL and Georgia 4-H is the delivery of Oceans of Fun each summer during the GAEL annual conference on Jekyll Island. Oceans of Fun is a series of activities provided by Georgia 4-H leaders to engage the children of the conference attendees with positive youth development experiences.

The Step Up and Lead program is offered bi-annually by Georgia 4-H to young and emerging school leaders. Step Up and Lead began when the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP), one of GAEL's affiliate groups, approached Georgia 4-H about working together in recognition of Georgia 4-H's strong reputation for developing youth leaders.

GAEL continues to recognize the value of Georgia 4-H being present in schools and remains supportive of the access Georgia 4-H has to hundreds of thousands of students across Georgia. The Georgia 4-H vision and mission is possible because county 4-H leaders can deliver programming in schools, alongside formal education partners, and GAEL is an important contributor to this continued reality.

Ryles Rising Star Award: Dr. Courtney Brown

BY DR. SUE CHAPMAN

The Ryles Rising Star Award was established upon the retirement of former State 4-H Leader Dr. Roger C. (Bo) Ryles to recognize an outstanding 4-H staff member in the first five years of employment. These individuals make significant and outstanding contributions to the success of 4-H, either in a county program, at a 4-H center, or in the State 4-H Office. The 2022 recipient is Dr. Courtney Brown, Extension Specialist for 4-H Healthy Living Programs.

Courtney has brought stability and coordination to existing programs in a manner that enhances their reach to youth throughout the state. Her attention to improving the efficiency and fairness of the Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Contest, the conversion of Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Certified Coaches Training to an online format, and her efforts to create virtual district-level Food Challenge qualifier contests will allow more youth to participate in these staple Georgia 4-H programs.

Since she joined the 4-H faculty in 2018, Courtney has identified several needs within the family and consumer sciences content area that have not been addressed by Georgia 4-H, including suicide prevention, youth mental health first aid, and opioid misuse prevention. She sought the necessary resources to train county-based staff and engage youth in educational experiences addressing these community needs. Her work in opioid misuse resulted in a new *Journeys* magazine that will be distributed to middle school 4-H'ers across the state.

Finally, Courtney has updated assigned family and consumer sciences and public health programs with current research and best practices from the field, adapted curricula to be more user-friendly, and engaged youth voice.

She was selected to participate in the Public Health Leadership Academy in 2018. She quickly put these learnings into practice through her work with the Well-Connected Communities project.

Courtney's connections to the College of Family and Consumer



Sciences and College of Public Health have enabled her to stay closely attuned to the needs of Georgians. Her greatest asset to these UGA Colleges, and to 4-H, is her ability to see and then find ways to address these needs with a youth lens. Dr. Allisen Penn, Associate Dean for Extension and Outreach in Family and Consumer Sciences, noted that Courtney "is a rising star with enormous potential for a long and successful career in Extension 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences programming."

She has developed very positive working relationships with county and district faculty and staff. Her commitment to serving her county-based colleagues was noted by Brittani Lee, Cobb County 4-H Agent, who stated that Courtney "has gone above and beyond to excel in her role of supporting agents in all our local healthy living endeavors."

Special Award: Christian Albritton

UGA Student Employee of the Year

Christian Albritton, a third-year avian biology and biological science double major and 4-H alumnus from Taylor County, was selected as the 2022 Student Employee of the Year thanks to his work with Georgia 4-H.



"There have been more times than I can count when I start a sentence with 'What about if we...' and Christian answers 'that's already been done,'" said Kasey Bozeman, UGA Cooperative Extension 4-H specialist for science programs, in her nomination. "His willingness to learn new information, develop his skills, listen to critical feedback and respect diversity among our organization makes him the ideal student employee."

Christian played a critical role in many Georgia 4-H activities throughout the year, especially its STEM offerings. He created nearly two dozen digital science activities to complement existing resources, equipping more than 200 4-H faculty and staff across the state with tools to lead over 110,000 children in 4-H programs.

He also leveraged connections in his area of study, recruiting a faculty member from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences' poultry science department to be a guest speaker for Georgia 4-H's virtual "Zoom into Science" program. Christian went on to help provide captions for and publish the recording of the program. He helped over 1,000 youth experience virtual science programs.

Christian is also responsible for a monthly e-newsletter sent to nearly 100 4-H high school volunteers who administer science-related programs in communities across Georgia. He has published 30 editions of the e-newsletter, providing valuable resources and information to these volunteers.

BY CLARKE SCHWABE

Lifelong Leadership: Tonya Woody

The Georgia 4-H Advisory Committee, comprised of 30 volunteers, serves as a key component to the success of our state's 4-H program. Advocacy, service, and astute advice are qualities the Advisory Committee offers as advisors to the professional 4-H program staff. Since its inception in 1946, the committee has taken a dynamic role in communicating the value and accomplishments of Georgia 4-H.

The Georgia 4-H Advisory Committee has benefited from outstanding leaders who devote tremendous time and effort to lead the committee. Past chairs include former Monroe County Assistant Superintendent, Priscilla Doster; Gale Cutler, retired senior public relations coordinator for Georgia Electric Membership Corporation; Dennis Duncan, Director of the School of Agriculture at Tennessee Tech; Jenna Williams Black, retired Director of City Schools of Decatur Frasier Center; and Charles Hall, founder and former CEO of the Association Services Group, now serving in a consultant role. These dedicated professionals attended countless 4-H events and led their fellow committee members by example.

Tonya Black Woody joins this distinguished list as she completes her role as chair. Tonya is a 4-H alumna from Lowndes County and had an active 4-H career competing and mastering in the Veterinary Science project, receiving a Georgia 4-H Foundation Scholarship, and serving for four summers in the 4-H Camping program with a leadership role as Shawnee Princess in the summer of 1989. In addition to her time as a 4-H Camp Counselor, her collegiate 4-H involvement also included serving as the Georgia 4-H Washington Intern for Senator Sam Nunn.

In her role as chair, Tonya focused her energy on committee engagement and sought ways for committee members to contribute through serving. She has been a true champion for 4-H youth, often sharing with stakeholders the value of 4-H in her own life experiences and the compelling reasons to support Georgia 4-H with their time and resources. While serving as Chair



of the Advisory Committee, Tonya also co-chaired the biennial, Twilight at the Lake, a friend and fund raising event for Georgia 4-H. She will continue serving the committee as past chair through September of 2024. Her contributions as chair have left a high bar for advocacy and promotion of 4-H.

State 4-H Advisory Liaisons Mandy Marable and Jenna Daniel shared, "Tonya's enthusiasm and love for Georgia 4-H is contagious! She is a connector and has been a strong encourager of committee engagement. Her desire to see the program continue to serve youth is compelling and moves people to action."

BY MANDY MARABLE

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4 - H F O U N D A T I O N



According to Webster's Dictionary, the word home is defined as "the place in which one's affections are centered." Those "affections" are different for every person. For some, the word "home" may conjure smells of their mother's cooking. For others, it might evoke an image of family members gathered around a TV cheering on the Dawgs. For millions of people around our great state, "home" is synonymous with clovers, green and white, summers at camp, and late nights preparing for project demonstrations. Our clearest affections and memories of home are tied to transformational life events, and Georgia 4-H has been that special place for many over the decades.

The enduring support of the Georgia 4-H Foundation donors continues to create and sustain life-changing opportunities, leadership advancement, and professional development programs for the next generation of Georgia leaders. The proven mission and programs of Georgia 4-H are as relevant today as they were at any other point in our storied history. Your thoughtful investment is reaffirming that millions of future Georgia 4-H'ers will find a home in Georgia 4-H.

As the world around Georgia's largest youth development organization has changed significantly since 1904, Georgia 4-H's commitment to the youth of our state is unwavering. Today's youth have lived through challenges, turmoil, and uncertainty that few other generations have experienced; the timeless and

universal principles of Georgia 4-H have withstood societal difficulties and hardships to remain a safe place for our students.

For many of us, Georgia 4-H was the first place we found our confidence as a speaker, made connections that would last a lifetime, and learned about the past while equipping ourselves with the tools that would lead us toward success in the future. With your support, Georgia 4-H will remain a constant standard bearer of excellence and achievement. Thank you for your continued support of Georgia's youth as we strive to "make the best better" in all that we do!

With gratitude,

Adam Hammond

Interim Executive Director, Georgia 4-H Foundation



Greetings to all from the Georgia 4-H Foundation! Fall is such a great time of year with the return of our in-school 4-H programming and for those of us UGA types, the return of our beloved National Champion DAWGs to the gridiron.

One notable feature of the fall is the changing color of the leaves and in that vein, since our last Cloverleaf publication, we have seen some significant changes in 4-H leadership. Our new and interim leaders are truly fabulous and well-qualified individuals who will ensure we continue to make the best better everyday.

While change is inevitable, I know that 4-H will never change its mission to be the leading youth development organization in the state of Georgia. My role as Chair of the 4-H Foundation has afforded me a special connection with 4-H, and so many moments have occurred that remind me just how impactful and important our work is. Our state staff, county extension agents, program assistants and volunteers are creating remarkable learning experiences every day for 4-H'ers across the entire state. Their awesome work culminated in this year's State Congress, which served as a testament to all that is good with so many of our Georgia youth. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to judge *Performing Arts - Piano* at a district contest and was inspired by the dedication, commitment and creativity of the winners in this project.

I will note that participation in 4-H is quickly returning to pre-pandemic levels. But, as the old Nationwide insurance commercials highlighted in their "life comes at you fast" commercials, 4-H continues to respond to many different changes, challenges, and opportunities. The Georgia 4-H Foundation stands ready to continue our efforts to ensure that 4-H has the financial resources necessary to thrive. I would ask that you be on the look-out for information regarding our upcoming 4-H Gala in August of 2023. This is our key fundraising event, and we would welcome your participation and financial support.

All the best,

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Seth Turner, Walton County 4-H Alumnus



Seth Turner understands the importance of paying it forward. Seth grew up in Monroe and participated in Walton County 4-H activities. Like so many lifelong 4-H'ers, dedicated volunteers and 4-H professionals inspired Seth's involvement in 4-H. Of all these volunteers and professionals, it was his father, Howard Turner, who truly inspired him to be involved and to give back.

Seth had a very active 4-H career spanning many different project areas and activities. He mastered in the Horse Project and placed as High Individual in the State Wildlife Judging Competition. He competed in horse, poultry, and consumer judging while also serving as a member of Clovers and Company. Following in the footsteps of his father, he served as a counselor at Rock Eagle 4-H Center for two summers.

After nearly 15 years as a residential real estate agent in Washington, DC, he still flashes back to his days at Project Achievement when giving a presentation to prospective clients.

To this day, Seth traces a direct line from Georgia 4-H to his current success. He aims to continue providing support so that youth of today can experience the same opportunities for growth, adventure, and advancement. As an Evergreen donor, Seth makes monthly donations so that various Georgia 4-H programs can "stay green year-round". With the assistance of generous donors like Seth, 4-H will continue providing top-notch skills for Georgians to succeed socially and professionally.

Tom and Frances Cochran, UGA Retirees

WRITTEN BY RYAN ROSE

No one truly knows what might occur from simple interactions with people we meet in our lives. For Tom and Frances Cochran, a simple connection with a passionate 4-H'er led to a lifetime of giving to Georgia 4-H. The Cochrans, natives of Watkinsville, did not have the 4-H upbringing that many of our donors typically have. Their introduction to the program came through their careers at UGA. Frances worked in Business Services before spending 22 years in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Tom worked in the Department of Student Activities and worked his way up to the position of Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Tom accomplished many wonderful things during his time at UGA, including the establishment of the highly prestigious Arch Society. Of all his duties and responsibilities, Tom loved building relationships with student leaders around campus.

In 1993, Tom met and began forming a relationship with a young leader on campus named Arch Smith. Arch, like so many 4-H'ers, served as an excellent ambassador for the program, sharing insight into how 4-H operated in the state. One day, Arch shared a

story involving a 4-H'er not being able to attend a national event due to lack of monetary support. After this simple conversation, Tom and Frances decided to give their first donation to ensure this 4-H'er would have the backing to attend the event.

The rest is history as the Cochran's have continued to be excellent supporters of Georgia 4-H Programming.

Although they did not know much about 4-H at first, the Cochran's quickly learned more, leading them to become highly engaged. They saw the doors that 4-H programming could open for young people. During Arch Society candidate interviews, Tom could easily identify which candidates were former 4-H'ers, which speaks volumes



of the leadership development that takes place in Georgia 4-H. As their relationship with 4-H has deepened over the years, so has their commitment to our programming. The Cochran's continue to help 4-H youth expand their horizons, experience opportunities, and explore their interests.

Twilight 2022: Laid Back at the Lake

WRITTEN BY RYAN ROSE

The Georgia 4-H Foundation hosted the biennial Twilight on the Lake event on August 13, 2022. Alumni from across the state gathered at Rock Eagle 4-H Center to connect, reminisce, and have fun.

There is nothing better than fondly remembering old times at one of the most sentimental locations to Georgia 4-H'ers.

This year's theme was "Laid Back at the Lake," and Georgia 4-H alumni and guests made the most of an eventful weekend, including Rock Eagle recreation options and opportunities to reconnect with old friends. Patrons were able to look back on their days as a camper or counselor, and guests were encouraged to bring scrapbooks and old photos to share with the

group alongside countless stories of the past. Like all great 4-H events, Twilight would not be complete without a proper dance party. 4-H alumni danced their way through the night, and karaoke singers serenaded guests.

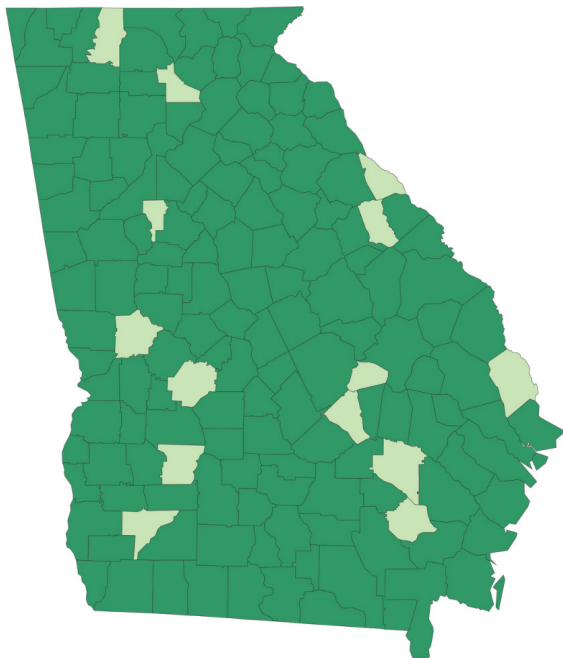
Twilight on the Lake serves as a wonderful reunion for alumni to reconnect with their 4-H roots, and we would like to thank the Twilight on the Lake Dinner Sponsor, Georgia Crown, and Entertainment Sponsor, Vic McCarty and Family. If you are a former 4-H'er looking to revitalize your 4-H connection, restore old friendships, or enjoy Rock Eagle 4-H Center again, we greatly encourage you to attend this exciting event. We hope to see you for Twilight on the Lake in 2024!



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\$4 FOR 4-H

On April 4, 2022, Georgia 4-H hosted the fourth annual "\$4 for 4-H" online giving day. We set out to have a 100% county involvement rate and reach a new fundraising goal of \$44,000. Georgia 4-H knocked that goal out of the park and raised \$53,480 with more than 1,200 individual donors participating. Counties highlighted dark green in this graphic received at least 4 donations each. Light green counties received at least one donation.

\$4 for 4-H is designed to encourage supporters to celebrate the day by giving in increments of \$4. Donors can choose a county to designate their gift. In 2022, 80% of all gifts designated for each county went directly back to county 4-H programming, totaling \$43,000 going straight to county programs. Oconee, Gwinnett, and Emanuel received the highest donation volume this year. The remaining \$11,000 was designated to help underwrite the cost of State Congress.

4-H youth and donors from every corner of the state have gone above and beyond to support this unique fundraiser at the county level. Get ready to give \$4 on April 4, 2023!

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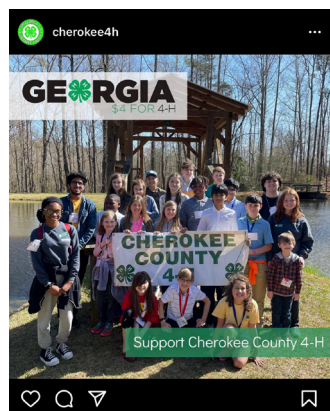
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CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,306,189
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	\$1,947,517
REALIZED/UNREALIZED	(\$1,498,807)
INTEREST & DIVIDEND	(\$86,604)

TOTAL INCOME	\$3,001,630
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EXPENSES

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS	\$52,987
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$2,959,785
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$116,264
FOUNDATION OPERATING	\$704,473

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,833,419
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BEGINNING NET ASSETS	\$7,566,284
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