

We are so excited that you plan to audition for Clovers & Co.! It's hard to believe that we are about to begin the 41st year of this Georgia 4-H Performing Arts group. During this time, Clovers & Co. has established itself as the top 4-H performing group in the nation. The excellence of the program is a direct result of the outstanding young people who audition for the group each year!

Important Dates at a Glance:

Monday, May 1: Clovers & Co. applications due by 11:59 PM in Qualtrics survey.

Saturday, May 6: Auditions held at Houston County Extension Office from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Saturday, May 20: Auditions held at Fortson 4-H Center from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Saturday, June 3: Auditions held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Application:

All 4-Hers (4th-12th grades) are eligible to audition. 4-H'ers who have graduated from high school or will graduate in 2023 are ineligible to audition. Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Monday, May 1, 2023. **This is a firm deadline.** All applicants must complete the Qualtrics Clovers & Co. application, which can be found at the link below. County Extension Staff will receive a copy of the completed application.

<https://tinyurl.com/23-24Clovers>

In addition to the application, a signature page must be submitted by the applicant's County Extension office. This signature page requires a signature from the 4-H'er that is applying, their parent/guardian, and their county 4-H leader, with all parties agreeing that they have met and discussed the responsibilities required of Clovers & Co. cast members.

Preparing for the Audition:

Participation in Clovers & Co. is limited. **All auditions are limited to two minutes.** Group auditions are not accepted. Important: if you plan to audition for more than one area (such as band and dance), please split your audition and use approximately one minute for each talent.

In person auditions are required for both new and returning cast members. These 4-H'ers may choose to audition in-person on the following dates and locations:

Houston Co Extension Office

Multipurpose Room
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Must arrive by 2:30 PM

Fortson 4-H Center

Dining Hall
Saturday, May 20, 2023
9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Must arrive by 2:30 PM

Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Talmadge Auditorium
Saturday, June 3, 2023
9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Must arrive by 2:30 PM

In-person auditions are conducted on a first come, first serve basis. There may be a long wait depending on the time you arrive. 4-H'ers and their families are responsible for their expenses and travel arrangements for auditions.

Suggestions to help you prepare for your audition:

- **Vocalists:** Pick your very best performance song. Use a vocal track or sing a cappella. Do not sing along with the original artist. Pick a song that is within your vocal range. Select a song that you can stay on key and maintain pitch with. It is good to have a back-up copy of your performance track on CD or jump drive with you at auditions.
- **Instrumentalists:** Pick a performance piece that you play well. All instruments are welcome to audition. Clovers & Co. will have pianists, percussionists, guitarists, string instruments, horns, and other instruments that work well with the planned show. Seek to demonstrate skill and variety. A piano is furnished, but you will need to bring any other instruments you wish to audition with.
- **Dancers:** Select a routine that you perform well. Make sure it illustrates your technique, performance quality, and the styles of dance that you have proficiency in. Seek to demonstrate skill and variety.
- **Production Crew:** No interview/live audition is necessary. Please answer each question from the application with 3-5 sentences. *Stage hands are expected to arrive early and stay late for shows to load/unload the truck or Clovers storage room. They also prepare the set at each show, move risers and props onstage during the show, as well as pack up after the performance. Some of the job is behind the scenes and includes assisting with lighting as well as numerous other duties. You will also assist with moving props on and off stage during the performance.*

Your Commitment:

Cost to cover Clovers & Co. membership and rehearsal dates will be approximately \$250.00 per cast member, payable at the first rehearsal weekend. There is also a \$55.00 fee for Clovers & Co. costumes. Financial assistance is available.

All 4-H'ers selected will be asked to sign a commitment form for the shows scheduled for the year.

Full cast rehearsals will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center on August 11-13, 2023 and August 26-27, 2023. Selected participants are required to be at these rehearsals. There will also be a one-day band rehearsal (date TBD) prior to the full cast rehearsals in August.

Travel arrangements to and from rehearsals and shows is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and not the responsibility of the County Extension staff.

Clovers & Co. conducts annual auditions for all performers and Tech Crew. Special recruitment beyond the audition process may be required to complete a show's cast.



For more information, contact your local UGA Extension office at 1-800-ASK-UGA1.

The University of Georgia 4-H program is the largest youth leadership organization in the state.

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