

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Georgia 4-H programs empower young people to be well-informed and engaged citizens by teaching the importance of social responsibility, respect, and compassion for others. Through hands-on action and activities with adult mentors, 4-H'ers learn leadership, empathy, communication, and organization while expanding decision-making and interpersonal skills. 4-H youth are taught the importance of giving back in order to improve our communities, building a solid foundation of generosity that supports life-long community service. Regardless of the activity or project, personal leadership is the common denominator within all 4-H programming.



" 4-H has put me ahead of the game for my future. I have had the opportunity to learn many different things like how to become a better leader, communicate with others, and work hard! "

- Jordan Daniels, Tift County

186,548

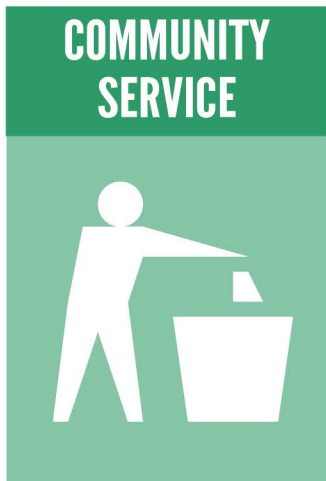
GEORGIA YOUTH GAINED LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SKILLS THROUGH GEORGIA 4-H IN THE 2019-20 PROGRAM YEAR

58,325 LEADERSHIP PARTICIPANTS

49,131 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPANTS

79,092 COMMUNICATION PARTICIPANTS

94% HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY 4-H TO VOLUNTEER IN THEIR COMMUNITY



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Project Achievement Topics

- Communications
- History
- Historic Places and Events
- Historic People
- International
- Recreation
- Outdoor Survival Skills
- Performing Arts
- Public Speaking
- Workforce Preparation and Career Development



Activities & Competitions

- 4-H Day at the Capitol
- 4-H Issue Ambassadors
- Certified Teen Leader
- Clovers & Co. Performing Arts Group
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- Communications and Technology Team
- Cooperative Youth Conference
- Dean's Awards: Citizenship, Communication & the Arts, & Leadership
- District Conferences, Camps, & Workshops
- Fairs and Festivals: Talent Contests, Challenge Bowl, Mini Exhibits, & Speech Contests
- Fall Forum
- State Congress
- Global Programs
- Junior & Senior Conferences
- Leadership in Action
- Military Programs
- Music Education Matters Summit
- National 4-H Conference
- National Youth Summit Series
- Officers/Officer Trainings (Local/County, District, State)
- Photo Contests
- Senior Camp
- Southern Regional Teen Leadership Conference
- State Council
- Step Up and Lead
- Washington, DC Intern Program
- Weekend in the Classic City—Collegiate Previews

Leadership in Action

The 4-H Leadership in Action program recognizes the work of 4-H'ers as leaders in their communities. Applicants identify local issues or needs and develop plans to make a positive difference. The Leadership in Action program seeks to reward youth for the leadership and civic engagement they demonstrate while putting their plans into action. Some examples of these outstanding youth-led service projects include:

Kate Vaughn, Bulloch County 4-H'er, helped develop and present 4-H programming with a local middle school special education teacher to connect typical curriculum with unique hands-on learning experiences. Her established lesson archive of effective plans and resources created a framework for continued 4-H engagement with this and other special education classes after her graduation.

Mitchell County 4-H'er Stephanie Lopez decided to educate others on healthy and effective ways of coping with stress and anxiety. She has impacted over 1,700 people by sharing her "HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS" presentation, hanging informational posters at Pelham Middle and High School, creating and distributing stress management brochures at local libraries, and sharing her story on social media.

Neely McCommons from Oconee County began the "Sea Turtle Saviors" project and collected hundreds of plastic bags for upcycling projects such as making friendship bracelets or sleeping pads for the homeless. She educated others on plastic waste reduction, raised awareness on the environmental hazards of disposable plastic bags, and helped reduce her community's reliance on them.