The UGA Extension Jackson County 4-H Office held a fundraiser at Art in the Park September 18-19, 2021. Amy Ahonen, Jackson County 4-H VISTA, assisted the 4-H staff with organizing, advertising, and securing additional grant funds to support the fundraiser. Amy created three social media advertisements. Amy collaborated with the 4-H Educator to secure an ALDI and Kroger grant to support concession stand products totaling $800. Collaborators managed 4-H Members, volunteers, and staff to run a concession stand and a putt-putt course totaling over 15 hours of volunteer work. The Art in the Park fundraiser raised $1,303 to support the 20 beneficiaries in the 4-H Teen Leadership program. Amy enjoyed serving her community and working with the 4-H youth.
Emanuel County competed in the Forestry Judging Competition for the first time in several years! While the team did not win, 4-H'ers had a great time and learned a lot. A Junior member placed 5th overall! This month, the Tech Team got off the ground. The former is a new opportunity and educational opportunity reaching four members currently! As part of the Tech Change Makers program, the Emanuel Tech Team will learn about new technology while serving their community with technology. Emily coordinated Tech Team workshops for students, including a meeting with a video game streamer and a participant video competition. Several students have attended additional training on graphic design and communication through design. Youth are excited for the first 4-H workshop in October to teach adults how to use Google Drive and check student grades. The students seem excited for the opportunity to teach adults something new! They have also begun learning about the wide world of technology and available career paths that utilize technology.
Nine youth members attended the first 4-H Horse Club meeting for the 2022 4-H year. The meeting was virtual and led by the Lead 4-H Volunteer and 4-H AmeriCorps VISTA in Clayton County, Michelle. The 4-H Horse Club members learned about the club plan and upcoming rides.
Learning with Video
Toni Hunlen, State 4-H Office VISTA
September 2021

Toni, State 4-H Office VISTA, extended his hand to the UGA Extension 4-H Military Partnership, which provides programs to help Georgia military families find positive ways to cope with military life and connect to 4-H programming. Toni partnered with the 4-H Military Liaison, Laura Goss, to create a new layout for virtual learning videos to teach teens professional skills. Toni and Laura used one of the four face-to-face Preparing to Be a Profession 4-H lesson plans written by two Georgia 4-H Agents. Toni and Laura learned new skills in animation, video editing, and scriptwriting. As a result of the training and collaboration, they created a video lesson on professional communication and released the final product for local use. The intent is to reach a national audience through Military OneSource; however, due to time restraints and limited resources and supplies, Toni and Laura have chosen to obtain an outside vendor to support video creation. The Georgia 4-H State Leader agreed to support the project financially. A meeting with the 4-H Agents, VISTA member, 4-H Military Liaison, and Military One Source staff will occur in November to determine the next steps for the project.