

What does all this mean???

Clayton County 4-H Overview

4-H does have a language of its own. Use this guide to gain a better understanding of a few of the 4-H terms.

4-H Grade Levels and Terms:

4-H Members — This term refers to 4-H members who are either in grades 4th- 12th or are at least 9 years old.

4th-6th Grade Public Speaking Competition - 4-H members compete with their projects on the county level in order to qualify for district level competition. Students' complete posters and a 4 to 6 minute illustrated speech with visual aids; the exception is performing arts, vocal and instrumental, and public speaking where posters are not needed.

County Council Meeting – (4th-12th graders) – This is a monthly meeting that takes place on every second Tuesday of the month at the 4-H Office in Jonesboro from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 4-H'ers will have the chance to meet other 4-H'ers from across the county, learn about other 4-H events, educational opportunities and of course have fun.

Cooking Club – (4th-12th graders) – This is a once a month meeting that takes place at the 4-H Office in Jonesboro from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 4-H'ers learn how to cook different foods, proper cooking methods, and etiquette.

Fall Forum – This is an annual statewide conference for Highschool 4-H members. It is held at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center. It includes: The Hard Rock Eagle Café, Clovers & Company performance, winter lakeside dance, recreation, workshops (taught by HS age 4-H members), 4-H 4K road race, meeting new and old friends from all over Georgia, and most of all . . . FUN!

Georgia National Fair (GNF) – (7th-12th graders) – This is held each year in Perry – located just south of Macon. If you've never been . . . this is a "must see". You are eligible to take a trip to the fair by submitting an entry in certain fair categories.

Horse Club – (4th-8th graders) – This specialty club is comprised of 4-H members who meet once a month on a Saturday. Club members participate in open discussions as well as participate in educational subject matter lessons. Bi-monthly club members will have an opportunity to ride and groom horses as well as clean stalls at a local horse farm.

Junior Camp – (6th-8th graders) – Junior Camp is held each summer. The location alternates between the Burton 4-H Center and the Fortson 4-H Center. 4-H'ers from all parts of the state attend Junior Camp.

Junior Conference (7th-8th graders) – Junior Conference is held each fall at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton. It is a statewide event 4-H'ers from all areas of Georgia attend this event. It includes fun educational sessions led by senior 4-H members. There are several service activities. Best of all . . . tons of fun at recreational activities and the Saturday night dance!!!

7th-12th Grade Public Speaking Competition - In order to compete at District Public Speaking Competition, 7th-12th graders must submit a portfolio (that's just a fancy word for a list of all the activities you completed in an entire year). A portfolio year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. In addition they must complete a project. – A 4-H project can be one of several presentations. It may be an illustrated speech which includes posters and other visual aids. It may be a persuasive speech in which the presenter uses only his or her words, voice inflection, facial expressions, and mannerisms to persuade the listener. A 4-H demonstration could be a timed food lab in which the presenter is judged on his/her ability to prepare a food dish or even a meal. Still other 4-H demonstrations include singing, or dancing, or playing an instrument, or some combination of these. High School participants who win first place or sweepstakes will go on to compete at State Congress. The state contest is supported by corporate donors. Winners on the state level represent Georgia at national 4-H Congress, an educational conference attended by delegates from across the state.

Senior Camp – This is an annual week-long summer camp session held at either the Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega or one of the 4-H centers on the Georgia coast. The week includes great activities as well as community service opportunities. It is open to Highschool 4-H members from around the state.

State Congress – This is a four-day event held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Dunwoody. Highschool 4-H members must earn the opportunity to compete on this level. They may do so by placing first at District Project Achievement. The event includes 4-H'ers presenting their demonstrations as well as being interviewed about the information in their 4-H portfolio. 4-H'ers who win on the state level achieve the status of "Master 4-H Member" which is the highest honor available through Georgia 4-H.

State 4-H Council – State 4-H Council is the annual statewide business meeting for senior 4-H members. Hold on . . . keep reading . . . it's a really great weekend. It is usually held on Friday through Sunday in late June at Rock Eagle. In addition to the traditional workshop sessions and the annual Iron Clover competition, delegates elect State 4-H Officers and participate in the 4-H Citizenship Ceremony.

Certified Teen Volunteer – (Grades 9-12 sometimes 8th) – Teens must participate in a mandatory teen leadership training. Upon completion, 4-H volunteers participate in volunteer opportunities which give them an opportunity to give back to other 4-H'ers, as well as our community as a whole, through various volunteer opportunities. Teens may assist adult volunteers at events such as County or District Public Speaking Competition, summer camp, fund-raisers and other 4-H activities. 4-H supports many community events and organizations with our teen volunteers.

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