

Lumpkin County 4-H Summer Activities!



June Highlights Summertime Fun 2010

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- Ten 7th grade members spent a week at Junior Summer Camp at Jekyll Island. Activities included sessions about choosing healthy decisions, marine life and beach ecology. One highlight of the week was a special boating excursion to Raccoon Key Island, a private island in the tidal marsh. Special thanks to Brenda Wasserman who chaperoned the event.
- This month was two weeks of 4-H Summer Day Camp. Thirty-six 5th and 6th grade members were engaged in learning activities. Senior and Junior members served as teen leaders during the ten days. 5th grade members spent their time learning about eating better, making toothpaste, decorating clay pots then planting seeds that had gone to space. They also spent a day on the Challenge Course climbing the rock wall and zipping down the Zip line. 6th grade members performed community service projects, toured the NGCSC and UGA campuses, canoed and hiked around the reservoir, rappelled down a rock face.
- Three high school members attended the annual 4-H State Council conference held at Rock Eagle. Delegates elected the new state board of directors, participated in learning sessions about healthy choices, solving a crime scene and making decisions. Ian Cowie taught three sessions to about 45 high schoolers.
- Senior Ben Mayfield was interviewed as part of the Dean's Award competition.
- Junior members Drew Bodney, Sara and Rachael Wasserman auditioned for the 4-H Clovers and Company performing ensemble. If selected they will be part of the touring group's upcoming season.
- Ian participated in a Family Connection board of director's retreat, new prevention program training and chaperoned the Jekyll Island camp trip.



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- Assisted with the Turf Field Day held in Hall County. Approximately 160 people, including Lumpkin County residents, attended the day long session which was devoted to turf and athletic field management.
- Presented a program on June Chores in the Landscape for the Lumpkin County chapter of the AARP.
- Discussed vineyard management and provided a tour of a local vineyard for a new Extension intern working in Hall County.
- Participated in a Small Farm Workshop conducted by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service at Cane Creek Farms in Forsyth County. The program provided information for small farmers seeking to sell produce a farmer's markets or interested in growing organic produce.
- Hosted a meeting for potential farmer's market vendors regarding the use of WIC funds by customers for produce purchases.
- Participated in a meeting of the Coosa North Georgia Water Planning Council to discuss water planning on the Chattahoochee river basin.
- Helped facilitate the June meeting of the Lumpkin Area Livestock Association. David Gazda, Regional Representative of the American Angus Association was the program speaker.
- Conducted private applicator training for a local producer in order for them to receive their Private Pesticide Applicator's License for applying restricted use pesticides.
- Conducted numerous farm and home troubleshooting visits as requested throughout the month.

Administrative

- Renewed a memorandum of understanding with the Lumpkin County Board of Education to continue partial funding of the 4-H Program Assistant Position.
- Participated in on-line conference sessions with the UGA Horticulture Department & Center for Urban Agriculture to discuss what resources are needed for program support of county Extension offices. Met with County Commissioners to discuss plans to continue Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources programming through the 2011 budget year.

4-H Summer time News



High school members Destiny Segars, Chelsea Dickerson and Amanda Holbrook attended the annual 4-H State Council conference held at Rock Eagle.



Upcoming Events



- Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle July 5th – 9th
- Senior Camp at Camp Wahsega July 5th — 9th
- State Congress July 20— 23rd, Ben Mayfield and Trey Greer will be competing.



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