

Pictures From Cloverleaf Camp and Junior Camp @ Jekyll



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Ten Junior 4-H'ers attended
summer camp on Jekyll Island.

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- ☆ This month was busy for 4-H members – summer camps, summer day camp, and state competition.
- ☆ Sixty-six attended summer camp – Sixty-five 5th and 6th grade members spent a week of summer camp at Rock Eagle. Throughout the week campers experienced canoeing, sailing, challenge course initiatives and just having fun. For several it was a return to Rock Eagle and gaining new skills. Special thanks to the adults who made it possible: Nathan Gerrells, Marcie Forrester, Nancy Vollbeer and Kim Grizzle. These volunteers helped with cabin supervision, chaperoning on and off site sessions. Also during that same week, Senior member Kathleen Crocker went to Wahsega 4-H Center for camp with high schoolers across Georgia. She experienced rafting, helping with a carnival and other leadership building activities.
- ☆ Sixth grade members completed their day camp with a fun day canoeing and hiking on the reservoir. Thanks to Roger Greer and Appalachian Outfitters for the canoes and coaching throughout the day. The last day were completing high elements at the middle school Challenge Course. Everyone climbed the wall and flew through the air on the zipline.
- ☆ Seniors Ben Mayfield and Trey Greer competed at Georgia State 4-H Congress held in Atlanta. Ben placed 2nd in the Photography Project while Trey placed 1st in the Outdoor Recreation Project. Both boys presented a 12 minute demonstration about their subject area. This state-level competition involves more than 350 competitors. Other highlights of the four day event were recognition of state scholarship winners (Ben received the Taylor scholarship), an award trip to Six Flags, tours of 4-H sponsoring agencies and companies.
- ☆ 4-H Officer Training – Jr. Board of Directors Drew Bodney completed Georgia Officer Training with other board members from across the state. Drew learned about his duties as a board member. He was elected by his peers back in March to serve on the district board. This year board members will organize various district events, involve other young people in 4-H and compete at district contests.



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- ☆ Began collecting leaf petioles samples and soil samples from several commercial vineyards as part of a new applied research project. This research project initiated by Dr. David Lockwood of the University of Tennessee is seeking to develop more accurate fertilization recommendations for commercial vineyards based upon the results of plant tissue testing.
- ☆ Greg participated in two on-line conferences with specialists at the University of Georgia regarding programming needs and support for Extension agricultural programs.
- ☆ Met with executive board members of the Georgia Mountains Master Gardener Association to discuss upcoming programs and topics of interest to Master Gardeners.
- ☆ Participated in a meeting of the Coosa North Georgia Water Planning Council. Greg serves as a representative for the UGA Extension Service to the planning council. The council delegates are working in partnership with state agencies to develop a state-wide water use plan.
- ☆ Conducted numerous home and farm troubleshooting visits throughout the month.
- ☆ The summer weather has taken a toll on plants across the county. Greg had many requests to evaluate potentially hazardous trees and to troubleshoot lawn and vegetable garden problems.



Congratulations



Trey Greer placed 1st in the Outdoor Recreation Project. at State Congress.



Ben received a 4-H scholarship and placed 2nd in the Photography Project at State Congress.

Upcoming Events

- 🌀 **August 11th—First Day of School!**
- 🌀 **August 10th—Lumpkin Area Livestock meeting.**
- 🌀 **August—Throughout the month practice for Forestry Judging to be held September 9th.**



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