

# CloverNews

Georgia 4-H Summer/Fall 2020 Newsletter

Summer is usually the busiest time of year for Georgia 4-H as we fill our facilities with smiling children from across the state. This year our centers were forced to remain empty as Georgia 4-H worked to curb the dangerous effects of an unprecedented pandemic. However, our state and county faculty and staff have been busy creating and innovating programs to ensure 4-H'ers still have opportunities to participate through virtual formats.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation thanks you for supporting Georgia 4-H during the great time of need. We may not have operated as normal this year, but Georgia 4-H has efficiently and responsibly used your gifts to continue our impact in the lives of children. Included in this newsletter are several examples of those newly created and implemented virtual programs.

## MAKING "THE BEST BETTER" VIRTUALLY

Summer plans changed for 9,000+ Georgia 4-H'ers that would've gone to camp, but a cruise-themed online series provided youth with entertaining and educational lessons and adventures.

Georgia 4-H faculty and staff members worked hard to create the "Set Sail with Georgia 4-H" online programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. These activities include cooking contests, dance parties, virtual road trips across the USA, outdoor scavenger hunts, and much more.

To take a look at the "Set Sail with Georgia 4-H" and experience its programs visit:

<https://georgia4h.org/setsail>

To better align with the changing of the seasons, this theme is transitioning to "Blast Off with Georgia 4-H."

## SET SAIL

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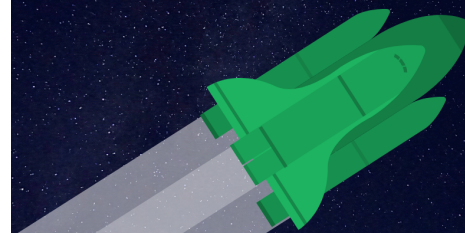
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## BLAST OFF

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# GEORGIA<sub>4-H</sub>

## FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA:

**Mondays at the Mound**

**Tuesdays on Tybee**

**Wahsega Wednesdays**

**Thursdays with  
Camp Jekyll/Tidelands**

**Fortson Farm Fridays**

## BRINGING THE 4-H CENTERS TO GEORGIA'S YOUTH

Since March, Georgia 4-H's "From The Mountains To The Sea" series has reached more than 240K people! The series consists of 50 entertaining and educational videos to engage children while at home. The series was hosted each weekday by the Georgia 4-H Centers. These online, environmental educational sessions highlight many of the programs available at the 4-H Centers. All videos are available in our archive,

<https://georgia4h.org/ee>

## VIRTUAL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT SERIES

Georgia 4-H hosted a virtual series to announce and honor youth winners in replacement of its annual State 4-H Congress, normally a four-day competition and celebration in Atlanta. During this online event, 50 of the 250 youth competing in state-level Senior Project Achievement were selected as the winner in their project areas and received Master 4-H'er status.

## State Achievement Series

**GEORGIA 4-H STATE OFFICERS  
JULY 23, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

Two Leadership in Action winners who received Master 4-H'er status were also announced.

Thank you to our generous donors who support Project Achievement and Leadership in Action to help make this programming available to Georgia 4-H'ers.



To learn more about the series held in July click here:

<https://newswire.caes.uga.edu/story.html?storyid=8430&story=4-H-State-Achievement-Series>

Watch the State Project Achievement Announcement here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BclZ91RV-4U&t=458s>



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## WELCOME 2020-2021 STATE OFFICERS

Through the virtual "State Achievement Series" held from July 21-23, 27 4-H'ers competed for selection to a position on the State Board of Directors.

In the first of three nights candidates gave their campaign appeals live on YouTube. The next day virtual voting took place and the "at-large officers" were announced. On the third night, the state board officers were presented. While we missed the excitement of officer selection at State Council, the virtual format was a big success.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation would like to thank our Leadership & Officers Circle donors for financially supporting the development of the state and district officers throughout the year. If you would like to learn more about becoming a part of the Leadership & Officers Circle, please follow this link:

<https://georgia4hfoundation.org/needs>



We salute our 2019-2020 Officers! (Front, left to right) Deontavious Kitchens, Douglas Hopkins, Madison Clemente, Sarah Isaac, and Hope Stewart (Back, left to right) Arham Shah, Taylor Wells, Kimberly Rios, and Ty Poole

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We congratulate former Georgia 4-H'ers State Rep. Matthew Wilson and Dr. Geary Bush on being selected for UGA's 40 Under 40 List!

If you would like to nominate an alumni to be featured in the newsletter, please email [adam.hammond@uga.edu](mailto:adam.hammond@uga.edu).



Rep. Matthew Wilson



Dr. Geary Bush

## BUSINESS PARTNER PROFILE

Congratulations to Hardy's Peanuts Inc. of Hawkinsville, Georgia!

Hardy's Peanuts Inc.'s co-owner and president Brad Hardy and his wife Danetta are former 4-H'ers and avid supporters of the Georgia 4-H Foundation. This year Brad was recognized as UGA's Entrepreneur of the year award and was named to the Bulldog 100.



Visit Hardy's Peanuts Inc. online at [www.hardyfarmspanuts.com](http://www.hardyfarmspanuts.com)



## 2021 GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION GALA

Please mark your calendars for August 14, 2021. The Georgia 4-H Foundation is planning to host you at the Georgia Aquarium for a night of support and celebration. Look forward to save the dates, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities at the beginning of 2021.

For 2019 Gala pictures visit:

<https://georgia4hfoundation.org/gala>





## Zoom into Science!

**GEORGIA**  
4-H SCIENCE PROGRAM



**Thursday**  
**September 3, 2020**  
**4:00PM**  
**eastern time**



### Learn all about Stormwater

Virtually meet a scientist who will share about stormwater and the importance of protecting our waterways!

Register at: [tinyurl.com/scizoomstormwater](https://tinyurl.com/scizoomstormwater)  
Questions: Kasey Bozeman, Extension 4-H Specialist, [kaseyb@uga.edu](mailto:kaseyb@uga.edu)  
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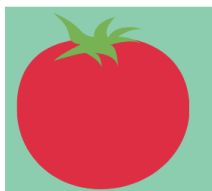
**Thursday**  
**September 17, 2020**  
**4:00PM**  
**eastern time**



### Learn all about produce shapes

Virtually meet UGA researcher Dr. Esther van der Knaap and learn about the shapes of different fruits and vegetables!

Register at: [tinyurl.com/scizoomproduce](https://tinyurl.com/scizoomproduce)  
Questions: Kasey Bozeman, Extension 4-H Specialist, [kaseyb@uga.edu](mailto:kaseyb@uga.edu)  
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## ZOOM INTO SCIENCE

Another example of our innovation is our Georgia 4-H "Zoom into Science" series. This STEM webinar series allows youth to directly engage with natural science experts in their respective fields. Not only do participants learn science content, but they are also exposed to a variety of STEM-related careers during the one-hour sessions.

As of August 2020, the Georgia 4-H's "Zoom into Science" has engaged almost 400 families throughout the United States and Canada. Areas covered in the program include: space, weather, dolphin prosthesis, archeology, water, and plant biotechnology.

To register for sessions and view previous recordings, please visit:

<https://georgia4h.org/zoom-into-science>



Georgia 4-H Ambassadors are expected to complete six learning activities and six teaching activities throughout the year.

To learn more about Georgia 4-H Ambassadors visit: <https://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/citizenship/community-global-affairs/4-h-ambassadors/>

## VIRTUAL AMBASSADOR TRAINING

The Georgia 4-H Ambassador program prepares high-school 4-H members to become knowledgeable in a specific content area so they can return to their counties and teach others about their topic. This year 156 participants from 53 counties studied four different content areas including Healthy Living, Pollinators, Ready 4 Life, and STEM with virtual hands on experiences.

Since 2005, more than 1,000 Georgia 4-H youth have participated in the program.

## FROM THE FOUNDATION

Dear Georgia 4-H Donors:

2020 will go down in the 'record books' as quite a year in many ways; it was one that meant an upheaval in day-to-day life for everyone. Major adjustments had to be made at home, at work, in school, and the term 'the new normal' was a phrase that came to be prevalent in most conversations.

Fortunately, Georgia 4-H has incredibly strong roots that span generations, and our tenacity has shown through the incredible virtual and web-based formats many of you have participated in first-hand and then read about within the pages of this newsletter. That determination to 'Make the Best Better' has certainly shown through in your financial support during these trying times as well; thanks for the generosity and unselfishness that you have shown in 2020.

For those of you looking to lend assistance at this time, we have several areas in which to support; they are listed on the following page. You can make a donation directly online; just follow the link provided under "Ways to Support." Too, you might consider a monthly, recurring gift - which is an easy way to budget your generosity throughout the year. Our website gives that option for donors as well.

Please feel free to contact our office with any inquiries. Libby, Adam, and I are always happy to answer questions you might have and provide more details on the giving opportunities as we strive to continue the Foundation's mission of supporting the programs and facilities of Georgia 4-H.

Appreciatively yours,



Johnathon S. Barrett  
Executive Director



Libby Shepherd  
Development Officer



Adam Hammond  
Development Officer



# WAYS TO SUPPORT

## Annual Fund

By signing up for a one time or a monthly recurring donation you fulfill a great need for unrestricted donations to support facilities and programs for youth across our state.

## Project Achievement

Each year thousands of Georgia 4-H members, from elementary to high school, explore their interests in more than fifty diverse content areas in Project Achievement. Our participants depend on Blue, Red and White Ribbon Sponsors in order to compete.

## Leadership and Officers Circle

Donors to our Leadership & Officers Circle support Georgia youth as they experience leadership and professional development training through our esteemed district and state officer programs.

## Friends of Clovers & Co.

Your sponsorship helps promote leadership and self-confidence through the performing arts, and many cast members have gone on to careers in entertainment. Your generous sponsorship allows this program to operate while keeping costs low for participants.

## Capital Gifts and Rock Eagle Cabin Campaign

Major gifts to support the Georgia 4-H program and 4-H centers are vital as we provide needed support for programs, services, and facilities. The Georgia 4-H Foundation provides a number of opportunities for supporters of 4-H to make a significant gift outside of their annual donation. For a listing of capital needs or to discuss a planned gift, contact Johnathon Barrett at Johnathon.Barrett@uga.edu.

**\*Click here to donate to Georgia 4-H!\***

Or cut along the dotted line to mail in your gift.

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