

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:

Cloverleaf 4-H Member – (CL) – This term refers to a 4-H member in the (starting at 9 years old) 5th or 6th grade.

Junior 4-H Member – (JR) – This term refers to a 4-H member in the 7th or 8th grade.

Senior 4-H Member – (SR) – This term refers to a 4-H member in high school.

Savvy Shopper – (CL, JR, & SR) – This is an annual district and state 4-H competition. Participants are involved in a series of training sessions designed to provide subject matter knowledge and develop the skills needed for the contest. Participants learn information about popular consumer goods for the purposes of being able to compare and contrast like items. An example might be cell phone plans. During the contest 4-H'ers have several sets of different items to judge and determine the best selections. Participants must also define their decision to a contest judge.

Cloverleaf Public Speaking Competition - Cloverleaf 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 – (CL, JR, & SR) – 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 – (CL, JR, & SR) – 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.

December Classic (formally Fall Forum) – (SR) – This is an annual statewide conference for Senior 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 senior 4-H members), 4-H 4K road race, meeting new and old friends from all over Georgia, and most of all . . . FUN!

Envirothon – (SR) – The Georgia Envirothon is an annual competition for high school-aged students. The program consists of one-day regional competitions held in March and a two-day state competition held in late March or early April. The number of teams participating at the regional competitions is unlimited. The top four scoring teams in each region compete at the state competition to represent Georgia at the North American Envirothon, a 5-day competition held in July or August. The North American Envirothon hosts teams from participating states and Canadian provinces who have won their state or provincial event. Teams at the North American Envirothon compete for recognition and scholarships by demonstrating their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management.

Georgia National Fair (GNF) – (JR & SR) – 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 – (CL, JR & SR) – 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 – (JR) – 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 (JR) – 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!!!

Junior/Senior Public Speaking Competition - In order to compete at District Project Achievement, Juniors and Seniors 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. High School Seniors 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.

Junk Drawer Robotics- (CL, JR, & SR) - This club meets once a month at the 4-H Office in Jonesboro from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The goal is to make science, engineering, and technology engaging and meaningful for 4-Hers. The central themes in this club include robotic design, use, construction, and control.

Project Achievement . . . Public Speaking Competition – (JR & SR) – 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. Junior and Senior 4-Hers must complete and submit a portfolio/resume in addition to the presentation.

Senior Camp – (SR) – This is an annual week-long summer camp session held at either the Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonga 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 senior 4-H members from around the state.

State Congress – (SR) – This is a four-day event held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Dunwoody. Senior 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-Hers presenting their demonstrations as well as being interviewed about the information in their 4-H portfolio. 4-Hers 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 Council – (SR) – 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.

Teen Volunteer – (SR . . . sometimes JR) – 4-H members give back to other 4-Hers as well as our community as a whole through various volunteer opportunities. Teens may assist adult volunteers at events such as County or District Project Achievement, summer camp, fund-raisers and other 4-H activities. 4-H supports other community events and organizations with our teen volunteers.

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