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Greetings GAE4-HA! Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to represent UGA Extension on the campus of my alma mater for a career fair. Much had changed since I last visited campus, but as I stared at the Plant Science building in the distance, my mind drifted back to wonderful experiences, friendships, countless hours of studies and lab work. Those experiences, in part, have helped shape me into who I am today. You see, as we move forward, it is always important to remember where we came from.

Years ago, I read the quote "Everything in my life to this point has prepared me for where I am today." Everything in our life does prepare us for the future. This last year for my family has been filled with experiences I pray no one ever has to go through. Although times were tough at times, our faith in God saw us through. I, nor my family, will ever be the same. We are changed for the better.

As I apply this thought to our professional organization, I want to encourage you, as professionals, to use opportunities to your advantage. Embrace challenges. Look for new opportunities. Break the mold. Allow your past experiences to allow you to thrive today!

Thank you for your service to the youth of Georgia!

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4-H Innovative Programing

Beating the Summer Program Blues

Terri Kimble Fullerton

Raise your hand if you've ever planned the most amazing summer program... but then only 2 kids registered. So you cancelled (disappointing 2 kids), only to have 7 kids call the day before the program.

We occasionally plan an event like a movie & lunch date where the office pays for the cost of the 2 chaperones' movie tickets, and everyone else pays their own way so that we don't have to cancel even if only one or two children register... but that just doesn't work most of the time.

So, here are a few creative tips we've used to plan programs that don't get cancelled:

- (1) Include Georgia 4-H programs like Clovers & Company auditions, the photography contest, and the pumpkin & watermelon contests. Some years we have a local incentive (the corn maze offered cash prizes for the top local pumpkin).
- (2) Advertise your first meeting for next fall! If kids turn in the summer program registration, we offer to mail them an invitation to the first County Council the next fall.
- (3) Let rising 4th graders attend day camp or some other event. Our day camp was doing pretty well, but slightly higher numbers would help make it more cost efficient... so we invited rising 4th graders. When we see these kids at schools later they are our best advocates!
- (4) A volunteer leader and teen leaders choose the day camp theme – because they're willing to run it! 4-H staff provides support like managing the budget, registration, advertising, and discipline/injury reports.
- (5) Offer lessons to other community programs or camps!

This started with offering our STEAM lessons from day camp at an at-risk children's day camp. We had 32 guaranteed contacts each visit, and could offer something as simple as roller coasters made from recycled materials and tape. It was a huge hit with the community center, great contacts for us, and excellent experience for the teen leaders before day camp. Best of all, we didn't have to handle any registration or discipline, or wait on parent pick ups!

I also offered 4-H yoga lessons to the same camp. I can't do every day of the 3-week camp, but they call me first and then schedule the other days as needed. A local golf course decided to add science afternoons to their camps, and I teamed up with Keep Covington Newton Beautiful to offer water and soil quality and trash/recycling lessons on two afternoons each during the three camps. The numbers are smaller for these, but the camp donates money to 4-H which pays for the re-usable materials I can then re-use with other activities (like materials for eBob weather stations). It was also great practice with the eBobs with a smaller group before attempting it with a larger class or club.

Beat the summer program blues by trying out one of these tips!



Summer Fun Military Adventure Camp



KASEY LYNN BOZEMAN

Searching for dolphins, identifying fishes, and dissecting squid ... these are a few of the fun activities at the Coastal Georgia 4-H Military Adventure Camp held at UGA Marine Extension this summer! This is the second year we have hosted the weekend camp, funded by the 4-H/Air Force Youth Camp Grant.

The Coastal Georgia Military Adventure Camp was collaboratively coordinated with the UGA Marine Extension Service on Skidaway Island. UGA Marine Extension Service faculty members taught two core workshops: (a) marine mammals; and (b) fish and macroinvertebrates. During the marine mammals' class, youth learned about marine mammalian taxonomy, whale/dolphin anatomy, and animal physiology and behaviors. Participants rode skiffs on the Skidaway River, searching for and identifying different species of dolphins and coastal migratory birds. During the fish and macroinvertebrate class, youth learned fish characteristics and fish taxonomy. Using a dichotomous key, participants identified approximately fifteen preserved fish specimen native to coastal Georgia waters. Youth also learned about different classes of mollusks, including univalves, bivalves, and cephalopods. Participants also toured the aquarium behind the scenes and held macroinvertebrate species from multiple touch tanks.

UGA Extension/4-H faculty, adult volunteers, and teen leaders and staff taught evening educational and recreational activities, including squid dissection, martime forest hiking, arts & crafts, and sports & games. Thirty-two youth from four Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia enjoyed the weekend along the banks of the Skidaway River, under the live oaks and Spanish moss. At the end of the camp, campers completed a short evaluation. One youth commented [sic], "my favorite part was the squid dicection because I learned the parts of fried kalamari."



Dexter's Laboratory: 4-H STEM Day Camp

Dougherty County 4-H Summer Programming

By: Ashley Carroll

Each summer, Dougherty County 4-H offers a variety of educational day camps to their nearly 1,800 members. The themes of these day camps are as wide as the interests of the youth who attend them. The most popular this summer was “Dexter’s Laboratory” which gave 5th-12th grade students the opportunity to learn about several exciting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Principles. This event was coordinated and executed by Ashley Carroll, 4-H Educator, Jazmin Thomas, 4-H Agent and Darena Shackelford, AmeriCorps Member with partnership from the Flint RiverQuarium in Albany, Georgia.

Participants started the day out with a Lego Icebreaker that challenged them to use Legos to engineer a creation that represented them in some way. They were then tasked with introducing themselves to the group using the item they had constructed. After the icebreaker, 4-H members traveled to the Flint RiverQuarium for a dissection experience. Mallory Lanier, Education Curator began the experience by demonstrating a lesson on animal classification as well as anatomy. She also taught the important safety precautions that accompany using dissection equipment such as scalpels and pins. Youth were then divided into pairs and given instructions to dissect perch. In the dissection process, Dougherty County 4-H’ers learned the functions of different organs and characteristics of the fish.

When the youth arrived back to the Dougherty County 4-H Classroom, they were divided into groups and given another Lego challenge. This time, groups were responsible for reading scenarios on “Lego Challenge Cards” and utilizing the blocks to build the scene. Through this, youth continued practicing their STEM skills as well as their public speaking and demonstration skills when it came time to present to the full group. During the break for lunch, 4-H members got to enjoy some of the original episodes of Dexter’s Laboratory.

After lunch, the students began building robotic arms using tongue depressors, hot glue, bottle caps and scissors. In order to encourage their creativity, they were only provided with the basic ideas of how each supply fit into the finished product. Once the robotic arms were functional, teams competed to see which of the products were durably built. The competition consisted of picking up strangely shaped objects with varying weights. In the reflection time for this activity, youth discussed several STEM principles including gravity, laws of motion and friction.

The final activity of the day tasked 4-H’ers with creating an electric car. The end goal was to engineer a car that would be propelled forward using the electricity from a 9 volt battery connected to a DC motor and makeshift propeller. In addition to these items, youth were also given recycled plastic water bottles, straws, skewers, a hot glue gun, tape and bottle caps. Step by step, participants went through the building process as a group. Although the electric cars were very similar, they each had unique characteristics in their design. After the first round of testing, youth engaged in the experiential learning method and were given time to reflect and revise their creations based on performance. While reflecting on the performance of their final products, youth brought up theories on weight distribution, friction, speed, aerodynamics and wind resistance.

4-H Day Camps give county programs the ability to reach their members and impact youth in unique ways. By offering specialized topics and materials, staff can reach an audience that might not be as easily captured during in-school 4-H Club Meetings. For this reason, Dougherty County offers day camps that appeal to all interests. In addition to “Dexter’s Laboratory,” opportunities included “Theater Thursday,” “Relationship Smarts,” “Kid Chef Nation,” “Perfecting Project Achievement,” and the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site experience. For more information, contact the Dougherty County Extension Office at (229) 436-7216.



GAE4-HA State Meeting Review



Starting a New S.A.F.E. Shotgun Program

(With No Prior Experience) – Bill Hammond

Bill Hammond, Wayne County 4-H Agent, presented a Program Showcase at the 2017 Annual GAE4-HA conference at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. He discussed how he implemented a new 4-H Shotgun Team in Wayne County from scratch. He discussed the successes and revisions he has had to make through the two years of the team's existence. The startup costs were discussed as well as the avenues Mr. Hammond pursued to secure a shooting range at the Wayne County 4-H office. The team has experienced growth in both participants as well as shooting skills. Community involvement and sponsorship has also increased because of the 4-H Shotgun Team. If you want more information on starting a S.A.F.E. Shooting Sports Team in your county, contact Bill Hammond at the Wayne County 4-H office.



Life 101 (Teaching 4-H'ers Skills to Last a Lifetime) – Julia Steed



Julia Steed, Lanier County 4-H Agent, presented a Program Showcase at the annual GAE4-HA conference held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. She explained how she was able to provide a daylong series of classes for seventh thru twelfth graders and taught them skills to last a lifetime. Topics covered in the course are You and Money; Financial Aid 101; Ironing, Laundry, and Sewing Basics; Basic Car Care; The High Cost of Crime and Probation; Legal Contracts; Map Reading; Taxes; Job Interview Skills, and Table Manners. Through the course, Ms. Steed was able to involve a number of volunteers and community members to teach the various topics. For more information on how to start a Life 101 program in your county, contact Julia Steed at the Lanier County Extension office.

Round Tables

Terri Kimble Fullerton

While attending the GAE4-HA annual state meeting at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center, members had the opportunity to participate in several Roundtable Discussions. On each table were cards indicating the topic of conversation for that particular group. Topics ranged from livestock programs to volunteer recruitment. One table was led by Brennan Jackson, 4-H Agent from Jones County, and Marcus Eason, 4-H Agent from Oglethorpe County. Brennan and Marcus guided new and experienced Agents through an open discussion about 4-H Awards Programs. Everyone gathered in that cozy clutch was given the opportunity to share their accomplishments and failures when it came to awards programs. Ideas were exchanged and there were several times when a participant would utter, "Hmm, I hadn't thought about that." Hopefully, each member was able to take away information that will make their next Awards Program that much better.



GAE4-HA Conference Ignite Sessions

This year at the Annual GAE4-HA conference held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, a rapid-fire session of short presentations called the "Ignite Session." Presenting this year were Allie Griner with her session titled Pencil (Type?) It in with Google Calendar, Brandi McGonagill and Trish West with their session 4-H Grows Volunteers, Brittany Teets with her session 4-H Night: One Stop Shop, Sonya Jones with her session Starting with the Basics to Build a Healthy Future, and Andy Haygood with his session Retaining 4-H'ers from year to year. Each presenter had only five minutes to present their slides and answer any questions. It was an effective way to cover a wide range of topics in a short amount of time.



Putting Your Best Foot Forward with Georgia Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences

By: Megan Powell, Southwest District 4-H VISTA

GAE4-HA's Annual Meeting presented numerous educational opportunities for 4-H staff to dive into. *Putting Your Best Foot Forward* offered advice and lesson resources for effectively utilizing Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) teachers in your area. This seminar was presented by Melinda Miller, Southwest District 4-H Program Development Coordinator, Kate Whiting, Peach County 4-H Agent, Allie Griner, Gordon County 4-H Agent, Cindy Sheram, Washington County 4-H Agent, and Megan Powell, Southwest District 4-H VISTA member. As a 4-H professional, it is important to build partnerships in counties and school systems. 4-H lessons offer enhancements to curriculum in all ages of school in English Language Arts, Science and STEM. During 2016 and early 2017, Georgia 4-H faculty led this lesson for more than 125 middle and high school students as well as taught the material for over 25 FCS teachers from across the state. This workshop helps students prepare for their future by appropriately dressing for different occasions and make thorough decisions. Participants learned guidelines to casual, business casual and professional dress. They played a short game to identify which level of professional dress different outfits were. The decision making process used in Georgia 4-H's Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging contest was taught at the end of this lesson. The participants used their knowledge of appropriate dress and decision making skills to judge classes of women's blouses, women's shoes, men's pants, and men's ties. Teaching youth decision making steps will allow them to make sound decisions no matter what the situation is. By partnering with your local FCS teachers, you will be able to utilize different ways to teach youth and role model important life skills. Working with a new youth audience can also be used as a tool to recruit new 4-H'ers. Now it's time to go *Put Your Best Foot Forward* and begin making connections with FCS professionals in your area.



Winning with What's in YOUR 4-H toolbox

By: Casey Hobbs

Are you part of the approximately 75% of our association membership that does not apply for awards!?? Perhaps this would be the class for you! The GAE4-HA Member Recognition Committee presented an informative meeting on tips and advice on association awards application process. Allow me to bullet some of the highlights for you that I feel may change your mind for the 2018 awards season:

- Quality not Quantity – The committee isn't necessarily impressed by your long list, the same as we feel with portfolios. Highlight the quality of the program.
- Paint a picture for the judges. Let them know what your award application is about, don't just give the cold hard facts; showcase your amazing work. Remember, you do things that not every other county does.
- Do not alter the state application forms, this is an automatic disqualification. In fact, forgetting parts of an application also means disqualification. The most disappointing part is having what would be a great program not be awarded due to not reading the facts.
- Do not forget that awards are for the work you have done in the previous calendar year. So next year's awards should be for things you have done in 2017. (not including service awards)
- Plan your programming with the end in mind. Have an award you would like to have? Start planning a program for it now! Look at the rubric and award application and plan the program with your evaluations and recommendations already in mind so you don't have to figure it out later.
- For Communicator Awards, put your name on the abstract so it doesn't get lost or mixed up. For some things, like Feature Story, many members often forget that you have to include the original copy (Word document) along with the published copy. Promotional can be things like flyers and PowerPoints and Camping can including day camps and overnight educational camps.



4-H Project Achievement Enhancement

Pam Bloch

I had an opportunity to attend the 4-H Project Achievement Enhancement program seminar taught by Kate Whiting, Sherry Waller, Muqita Lumumb, Brenda Welch, and Joan Rogers. This session was a great time that and gave lots of new ideas to shake things up in preparing kids for project achievement. The speakers shared about having a 4-H staff portfolio competition to give everyone a new perspective on assisting their 4-H members with their portfolios. It also helped the staff were just a little competitive and really got into writing their activity pages and creating their pictures pages. The speakers also shared about their 1/2 way to DPA event as well as a DPA lock-in. The 1/2 Way to DPA gave kids a chance to prepare their project speeches and present to Receive feedback and scores as well as have their portfolios judged given them a full picture while offering time to make changes and adjustments with 6 months left to go! Also offered at this event were community service activities to build into the portfolios. The DPA lock-in focuses on an opportunity to prepare portfolios including offering community service activities led by 4-H members. While at the lock-in the speakers talked about dividing the kids into portfolio work groups based on their project areas that allowed them to brainstorm with each other. This was a wonderful session that I along with the other attendees enjoyed and are eager to use many of their handouts in incorporate into our programs.

GAE4-HA NATIONAL AWARDS SPRING 2017

Communicator Awards

Educational Package– Individual

Adrienne Cox

Educational Package–Team

Laurie Murrah Hanson, Mandy Marable,
Jennifer Cantwell, Jeff Buckley, Megan Westbrook

Educational Piece– Team

Allie Griner, Joan Sutherland, Laurie Murrah Hanson,
Mandy Marable, Jennifer Cantwell, Jeff Buckley,
Megan Westbrook

Exhibit

Caitlin Bennett

Feature Story

Brennan Jackson

Media Presentation

Jared Crapps

Amber Bishop

Periodical Publication– Individual

Jeri Gilleland

Promotional Package– Team

Abbie Salmon & Keith Mickler

Promotional Piece– Individual

Trish West

Promotional Piece– Team

Philip Petway, Leslie Weaver, Jeffrey Brothers & Woodie Hughes, Jr.

Published Photo

Trish West

Radio Program

Jeremy Cheney, Kathryn Tackett, Jacob Townsend & Cheryl
Varnadoe

Video Program

Victoria Tillery

News Story

Specialty Awards

Beyond Youth Leadership

Stephanie Myers

Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator

Rebecca Thomas & Dinah Rowe

Educational Technology -Team

Kasey Hobbs & Lauren Pike

Excellence in 4-H Club Support - Team

Terri Fullerton, Kim Lawrence, Jackie Harris, Vianne Peay,
Lavender Harris, CJ Harris

Excellence in 4-H Volunteerism

Ali Merk

Excellence in Animal Science Programming

Brennan Jackson

Excellence in Camping Award - Individual

Chesley Davis

Excellence in Camping Award– Team

Trish West, Amber Bishop, Jeffrey Burke, Lee Anna Deal,
Sergia Gableman, Rebekah Greene, Leigha Kirkley,
Jackie Nunn, Tammy Tyre, Bill Tyson, Jakyn Tyson,
Stephanie Williams, & Cindy Woodcock

Excellence In Communication & Expressive Arts - Team

Jackie Nunn, Tatum Sikes, Kaye Lynn Hataway, Jakyn Tyson,

Faye Miller, Ashley Mesa, Kevin Tatum, Bonnie Boone, Jared
Crapps, Donna Lloyd-Whitney, Liz Batten, Alyse Hall, Chalanda
Woods, Laura Goss, Lynn Hall, Trey Walker

Excellence in Geospatial Programming

Kasey Bozeman

Excellence In Healthy Living Programming - Team

Jackie Nunn, Joe Slusher & Tatum Sikes

Excellence in Teamwork

Caitlin Bennett, Bob Waldorf, Cara Perry, Julie Jackson &
Ann Gordon

Excellence in Urban Programming

Lori Purcell Bledsoe & Laurie Murrah-Hanson

First Timer Scholarship

Bill Hammond

Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership

Adrienne Cox

Interactive 4-H Educational Website

Pamela Bloch, Kaitlyn Turner, Barbara Larson & Brian Wilkerson

Search for Excellence in Teen Programming– Individual

Brittani Kelley

Search for Excellence in Teen Programming– Team

Tonira Bacon, Trish West & Bill Collins

Service Awards

Achievement in Service Award

Jeri Gilleland

April McDaniel

Laurie Murrah-Hanson

Distinguished Service Award

Lauren Dye

Robbie Jones

Dinah Rowe

Meritorious Service Award

Lynn Davis

STATE AWARDS SPRING 2017



Continuing Excellence

State Winner

Angie Daughtry

GAE4-HA Scholarship

State Winner Jakyn Tyson

Innovative Work in School Relations

Northeast

Robbie Jones

Northwest

Stephanie Skojac

Southeast & State Winner

Tammy Tyre

Southwest

Zona Medley

New Extension Professional

Northeast

Brennan Jackson

Northwest & State

Allie Griner

Southeast

Jackie Nunn

Southwest

Crystal Perry

Outstanding Individual Volunteer Leader

Northeast

Joey Eller

Northwest & State Winner

Ricky Rivers

Southeast

Vicki Kuhbander

Outstanding Program Assistant

Northeast & State Winner

Winifred Garrett

Northwest

Kurt Sutherland

Southeast

Leigha Kirkley

Outstanding Secretary

Northeast & State Winner

PJ Herren

Northwest

Starr Hawkins

Southeast

Elaine Thornton

Southwest

Keisha Wise

Outstanding Support by a Retiree

State Winner

Ginny Atkins

Outstanding Support by ANR/FACS Agent

Northeast & State Winner

Bob Waldorf

Southeast

Joe Slusher

Southwest

Blake Crabtree

Support by Public Media State Winner

Brantley Beacon

Outstanding Volunteer Leader Program State Winner

Marie Trice

Peach of a Profession Scholarship

State Winner

Laurie Murrah Hanson

Caitlin Bennett

1st Place Teaching Generosity Through the Concrete

Cowboys Project

Cyndy M. Wynn

2nd Place Spreading the SPAM:

Sharing the Magic of the Ultimate, Spectacular Great Wahsega Challenge

Kasey Bozeman, Casey Mull

Zoonotic Disease Detectives” Day Camp

Jazmin Thomas, Lauren Burdine, Kayla Wall

Poster Winners

3rd Place Impact of “Edzoocation: