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TO: All 4-H Extension Agents, Extension Educators, and Program Assistants

FROM: Laura Goss, GA 4-H Military Liaison

DATE: December 17, 2021

RE: Military Resilient Speakers: Georgia 4-H Military Partnership Club

Georgia 4-H is providing this exciting club for 14-18-year-olds military dependents to engage in the design process, critical thinking, military reflection, and positive youth development as it relates to public speaking! This club will include live virtual workshops, as well as an opportunity to showcase skills gained at a face-to-face event at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. To celebrate military-dependent teens resiliency the public speaking club will focus on youth stories to showcase their personal resilience.

Dates at a Glance

Club Registration, Virtual form, and Code of Conduct Deadline: Friday, February 11th

Club Meeting Dates: Feb. 19th, Feb. 26th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th

Club Meeting Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Youth Showcase: Tentatively planned for April 16th

Registration cost(s) and fees: FREE

Registration fees are covered by the Department of the Air Force 4-H Military Partnership Program, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 4-H National Headquarters; U.S. Department of the Air Force Child and Youth Programs; and the Cooperative Extension 4-H Program through grant funding at Kansas State University.

The grant covers refreshments and supplies for the showcase event. Additionally, it covers insurance for club participants.

Registration for Military Resilient Speakers is open to any 14-18-year-old military dependents. Registration is now open and will remain open until Friday February 11, 2022, (at 5:00 pm). Contact Laura Goss at laurwalt@uga.edu with questions.

Registration Link: https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5uKOAARug7Qoya2



4-H Enrollment Link: [4-H Enrollment](#)

- Includes demographic information (Required)
- Code of Conduct Form (Required) & Virtual Consent Form (Required)
- Email for consent will be sent to the primary parent email address listed in GA 4-H Enrollment

Club Format: The virtual club will take place on Zoom. Meetings will begin at 10:00 AM and will conclude at 11:00 AM on the following Saturdays: Feb. 19th, Feb. 26th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th. The Zoom link for the club will be shared with registered club members.

Forms: Participants are required to electronically complete the 4-H Code of Conduct and virtual form prior to event using the electronic system in 4-H Enrollment. The former was included in the registration form, but parents did not review and confirm their child cannot participate. Finally, a Medical Information and Release Form (MIRF) should be completed for each youth participant. The Medical Information and Release Form should be sent to Laura Goss at laurwalt@uga.edu. Details about the Georgia 4-H Medical Information and Release Form [can be found here](#) along with the official [medication form](#), which is due one-day prior to the first club meeting.

Georgia 4-H Statement of Illnesses/Communicable Diseases:

The following statement is relevant for the club showcase event that will occur in April.

The goal of Georgia 4-H is for participants to arrive at events and activities healthy. Georgia 4-H reserves the right to not admit those who are ill or pose a communicable disease risk. If participants arrive at a 4-H event/activity ill or pose a communicable disease risk, parent/guardian will be required to pick them up immediately. Similarly, if symptoms develop while at the event/activity, parent/guardian will also be responsible for timely pick up.

Some events may include a pre-screening process. When that requirement is in place, it will be communicated with other event details.

Communicable illnesses* include, but are not limited to head lice, pink eye, mononucleosis, strep throat, flu, or ring worm.

*Specific procedures exist in response to COVID-19 and are communicated within individual events and activities.



Adult Volunteer Requirements & Responsibilities

Georgia 4-H Club leaders follow the UGA Minors on Campus and Georgia 4-H policies to ensure the safety of youth and educators. Volunteers/staff working with youth must complete a background investigation with positive results including to positive references and participate in a risk management training prior to engaging with youth. These measures help us fulfill our duty to safeguard the youth we serve. Failure to follow these procedures risks violating the Minors on Campus and Georgia 4-H policies with potentially severe consequences. All Risk Management related forms may be found at:

<http://www.georgia4h.org/riskmanagement>. Georgia 4-H encourages parents and community members to participate in youth programming. If you are interested in volunteering contact Laura Goss at laurwalt@uga.edu.

Accommodations

If an individual with a disability may require assistance or accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Laura Goss (laurwalt@uga.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event.

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The following items can be found on the 4-H Military Resilient Speakers Club page

Promotional Materials –2 flyers, Facebook image, Instagram Image

4-H [Medication Form](#) (Required by April)

[Registration Link](#) (required)

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Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Goss, 4-H Military Liaison

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