

# THOMAS 4-H NEWS!

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015



## PARENTS OF MERIT STUDENTS - WHAT CAN THOMAS COUNTY 4-H DO FOR YOU?

Enrolling in the Thomas County 4-H Program is a huge plus in many ways. Besides being a part of one of the largest youth development programs in our nation, Georgia 4-H provides educational opportunities and life skill development experiences throughout the state.

*Thomas County 4-H assists MERIT students in several ways!*

- ✿ Becoming a member of Thomas County 4-H satisfies the requirement for an extracurricular activity. We typically meet once per month during exploratory time
- ✿ There are no club dues to join
- ✿ We do several community service projects throughout the year
- ✿ We have many competitions that satisfy the requirement for an academic competition
- ✿ In addition to being a part of a great organization and being able to compete in academic competitions, Thomas 4-H has many other activities that students can become involved in including;

**Thomas County 4-H Horse Program** – Meet once per month after school at the 4-H office (227 West Jefferson), you do not need to own a horse to join, activity fee \$20

**Thomas County Livestock Program** – Age requirements for the different species – hogs, steers, heifers, lambs and goats. Contact the 4-H office for age requirements and tagging deadlines

**Thomas County 4-H Shooting Sports Program** – For 7<sup>th</sup> graders and above only! Other requirements to join including Hunter's Safety Course, sponsorship required, contact the 4-H office for more info

**Summer Camping Program** - Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be camping at Camp Fortson in Hampton, GA June 27 through July 1. We have easy payment plans! In fact you can begin making payments now! We also have fundraisers in the spring to assist!

**And Much More** – We have many other exciting opportunities throughout the year!

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**State 4-H Horse Show** - Congratulations to the 11 Thomas County 4-H Member who attended the State 4-H Horse Show. In addition to having 9 members invited to attend the Southern Regional Championship Horse Show, we had 1 Sr Ranch Horse Division Champion (Hope Nelson), one Jr Hunt Seat Division Champion (Anna Lane Turner) and one Jr Ranch Horse Division Reserve Champion (Allie Ann Wheeler)

**State Council** – Thomas County had 1 adult volunteer and 3 Thomas County 4-H'ers attend State Council at Rock Eagle. Volunteer Sunnie Wynn was awarded the Bill Bassett Memorial Scholarship. Voting delegates from Thomas County included; Chloe Pickens, Katelyn Hancock and Cannon Wheeler.

**Summer Camp** – Cloverleaf campers spent a week on Tybee Island while our Junior campers went to the Forston 4-H Center in Hampton!

**State 4-H Congress** – Thomas County had 2 delegates; Hayes Nelson competed in the Companion Animal Sciences division and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hailey Parrish competed in Textile, Interiors and Merchandising and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope Nelson was recognized as a Special Event's Winner. This event was held in Atlanta!

**Southern Regional Championship 4-H Horse Show** – This show featured the top 50 riders from the 13 states from Texas back east. Congrats to the Thomas County members who qualified to compete on TEAM GEORGIA! All 9 of these members placed in the top 10 in their perspective divisions! Hope Nelson, Chloe Pickens, Allie Ann Wheeler, Morgan Warr, Hailey Parrish, Vallie Smith, Anna Lane Turner, Michaela Falconer and Allison VanLandingham.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES:

- ✿ **AUGUST** (All month) – The month of August is the time to join or re-enroll in 4-H. It's super easy, just fill out the membership card! There are no club dues!
- ✿ **AUGUST 29** – Miss Sunbelt Rodeo Queen Pageant for ages 6 to 26, hosted by Thomas County 4-H and held at the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie, GA. Pageant will begin at 9 am and the public is invited to attend
- ✿ **SEPTEMBER** (All month) – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade signup for Cloverleaf Project Achievement. This academic competition will be held in November 21 in Moultrie, GA. There is no cost involved. We will pay for your child's registration fee, lunch and provide transportation to and from Moultrie!
- ✿ **SEPTEMBER 1** – Junior Portfolio Workshop for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members who will be participating in District Project Achievement February 5 – 7 at Rock Eagle! Please RSVP by calling 225-6955 and ask to be placed on the Portfolio Workshop list
- ✿ **OCTOBER 4 – 10** – National 4-H Week!
- ✿ **OCTOBER** – Thomasville Exchange Club's Deep South Fair – 4-H members will have many opportunities to compete in; Mini Booth Competition, Arts & Crafts, Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Baked Goods Contest. More details coming soon!
- ✿ **NOVEMBER 21** – Cloverleaf Project Achievement – Moultrie, GA. Must be pre-registered by 9/30

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