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## **President's Report**

*By: Sherry Carlson*

Hello, everybody! I hope you are all well this spring. It's a busy time, but it's definitely a wonderful time. It's a wonderful time for Master 4-H, too, as we plan and prepare for the year.

The 74th Annual Planning Meeting of the Georgia Master 4-H Club Board of Directors was held on January 24, 2009 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry. We have a lot ahead of us this year...our annual meeting and awards banquet, master camps, and much more! We hope to see each of you at these activities in the up-coming year. In addition to the Master Club activities, I hope you will join the effort to support your local 4-H club as a volunteer leader and represent the Master Club at other 4-H events. I also hope you will help us reconnect with lost members and recruit new members in this up-coming year!

Since we last updated you, we had an annual business meeting and awards banquet, where we elected some new board members and officers, and welcomed several new members into our club! There is more about that inside this newsletter. I also had the opportunity to represent the club at State Congress last year. We presented our four Master Club scholarships to four very worthy recipients. I was also able to spend an entire morning with the Fashion Revue participants. Since the Master Club sponsors this project, I had the opportunity to take the participants on a "sponsor tour" for a few hours where we visited a multitude of designer stores and boutiques. Here the girls not only saw some pretty spectacular fashion design, but also heard some fantastic stories of hardship turned into success through hard work, determination, and a little imagination! After a tasty lunch and a few hours of girl bonding, we headed back to the hotel, where later that evening we enjoyed the awards banquet. On Friday morning, the new state winners and, thus, newly eligible masters, got to hear a little bit more about our club, what we do, and why they should be a part. We gained a little over 30 new members that day. We hope to see all of our new members at many 4-H and Master Club activities this year! We also had two wonderful master camp weekends last summer that you will read more about inside. And we can't wait to see you all at master camp this year as well!

Circumstances as they are with the economy and all, most of us have had to prioritize and be a little more cautious with how we are spending our money. That goes for the Master Club, too. Your board is doing its best to move forward with caution, but still accomplish our goals and commitments for the year. With a 10% budget cut across extension, the 4-H program needs us now more than ever to continue to support and promote the program, not only with our finances, but also with our time and resources. So, again, I want to encourage you all to take inventory, set priorities, and make time for the things that are important. In doing so, I hope you will make the 4-H program that we all know and love one of those priorities. All of us can give a little more time if nothing else. So, get out there and give back! Make it a great year for the Master Club and the Georgia 4-H program. Thanks for all you already do and all that you will do this year!

*Sherry Carlson*

## Master Nominations

We need your input in identifying nominees for additional and honorary Master 4-Hers. Do you know a person who has made outstanding contributions to Georgia 4-H but never mastered? Now is your chance to show them how much they mean to you and Georgia 4-H. Nominate them as an additional or honorary Master 4-H Clubmember. An Additional Master Member Nominee must be a former 4-Her who had an outstanding 4-H career but was never a state contest winner. An Honorary Master Member Nominee must be someone who is not a former 4-Her but has contributed to the success of the 4-H program at the county, district, or state level.

Outstanding Master 4-H Member Award recognizes a current Master 4-H Club member who has made significant contributions to the Master 4-H Club program and projects.

You may pick up nomination form at your local extension office or print it online at:

<http://www.gamaster4h.org/nominations.htm>.

Nominations should be sent by May 15, 2009, to:

Dr. Julia Lucas, Master Awards Committee  
193 South Twelfth Street  
Cochran, GA 31014

## About Georgia 4-H

4-H, as a unit of Cooperative Extension in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and part of the University of Georgia, is education and positive youth development. Our purpose—our mission—our mandate is to reach out to the youth of Georgia providing unbiased, research-based education.

4-H provides “hands on” learning experiences with practical application. We take the University to the people in a manner that communicates education in common terms with relevance in their daily lives. 4-H reaches six times the number of students reached in academic classes on campus. One hundred sixty five thousand youth learn and grow in 4-H each year.

The focus areas of 4-H are Science-Engineering & Technology, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. The work we do in and with schools enhances the Georgia Performance Standards. We bring science and technology to life by engaging kids in experiential learning at 4-H Centers using the laboratories and ecosystems at the centers to truly immerse the young people in science education.

Also, in the tough economic times, 4-H provides opportunities for families at low cost. 4-H requires no dues. 4-H'ers do not need uniforms. We extend opportunities with scholarships. All 4-H programs include positive youth development based on research and education that respond to the needs of our state.

## Scholarship and Awards Recipients

Georgia Master 4-H Club exists to promote 4-H programs by supporting projects, funding scholarships for deserving students, and recognizing outstanding service. During the last year, recognition and funding was given to these exceptional people.

The 2008 Master 4-H Scholarship recipients were as follows: Brittani Kelley of Rockdale County received the Bess Cabannis Scholarship. Jami Lyn Medley of Colquitt County received the Pinckney Scholarship. Kasey Bozeman of Pike County received the Martha Harrison Jones Scholarship. Samantha Tankersley of Tift County received the Master 4-H Scholarship. These scholarships were each \$1,000.

At the annual meeting held at Rock Eagle on June 21, 2008, Additional, Honorary, and Outstanding Masters were recognized. A nomination and selection process determined the recipients.

Additional Master Member recognition goes to someone who had an outstanding 4-H career but was never a state contest winner. The recipients and their county when a 4-Her were Judy Bland of Taylor County, Vanessa Bolden of Bleckley County, Matt Christopher of Cherokee County, Kathy Floyd of Bartow County, Henry Hibbs of Bulloch County, and Nancy Grace of Bibb County.

Honorary Master Member recognition goes to someone who is not a former 4-Her but has contributed to the success of the 4-H program at the county, district, or state level. The recipients and their current positions were Mike Dollar, Evans County Extension Coordinator; Elaine Kimble, Technology Paraprofessional Newton County High School; Matthew Permar, The Islander Newspaper Co-Owner/Editor of Brunswick; and Jim Retter with Ace Hardware in Social Circle.

Outstanding Master 4-H Member recognition goes to someone who has made significant contributions to the Master 4-H Club program. The 2008 recipient was June Bentley Hagin of Buena Vista.

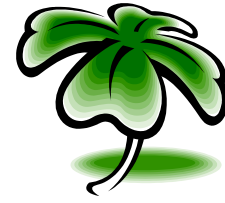


New Masters Awarded at Master Banquet



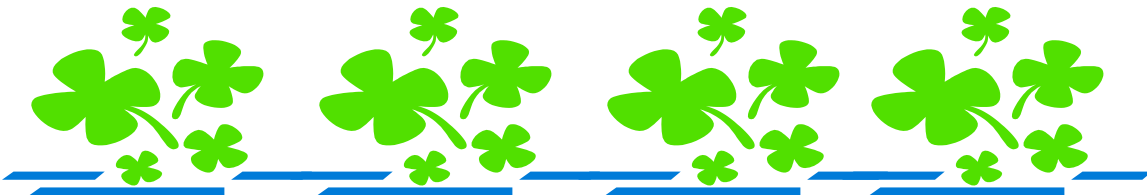
## 4-H Update

Dr Bo Ryles,  
Director of 4-H / State 4-H Leader



It is inspiring and exciting to see the excellent leadership and commitment found in our master 4-H club. We appreciate the continued support of programs and facilities and most importantly the excellent cooperation of all 4-H partners enabling the work we do. Georgia 4-H is having a very prosperous year in very challenging economic times. I consider the year prosperous because young people are showing up at events, activities, and programs in large numbers. Agents and leaders are working hard and finding ways to keep programs going strong while working with little resource support. The annual report will show that enrollment will be slightly up this year, our progress at 4-H Centers with facilities has been historic, and our recruitment of outstanding agents, specialists, instructors and counselors has been encouraging. Specifically, we have dedicated the beautiful new dining hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, we will soon open the new staff housing unit at Burton 4-H Center, and we are aggressively pursuing plans to add restrooms on cabins at Wahsega. We have expanded our Science Engineering and Technology Education and Healthy Living programs. We have begun a world citizenship and environmental experience. We are finishing our second semester with 4-H opportunities inside the youth development center. Our Foundation Board, Master 4-H Board, 4-H Advisory Committee, 4-H Counselor Alumni Board, 4-H Counselor Association, Clovers and Co Alumni, Environmental Education Alumni, and 4-H Agents Association leadership came together for the first 4-H Roundtable meeting to share ideas and plan for the future. We have an alumni and friends picnic scheduled for August, a white glove dinner scheduled for May, and our next Gala is August 2010. Stay involved, we need you.

Bo Ryles



## Jekyll Master Camp 2008 Another Huge Success

Ninety four Master 4-H members, their families, and friends gathered for the 17<sup>th</sup> Master 4-H Camp at Jekyll 4-H Center Labor Day weekend, August 29 – Sept 1. Highlights of the holiday weekend included a marine life session led by Donna Stuart, Jekyll 4-H Center Director; a sand castle contest, coordinated by Terri and Elaine Kimble; and evenings filled with square dancing under the direction of Don Shamp: Those watching had as much fun as the dancers. Children of all ages rode bikes, played at the beach, toured the island, and made wonderful memories. Everyone knew what they could do on the island thanks to Candy Bentley who provided copies of a really nice book of the area. There were vespers around the campfire, special music, roasted marshmallows, and Sunday Schools for both adults and children all thanks to Amy Hicks, Lori Jeter, Carla Carlson, Bonnie Turner, Candy Hull, Lana Heidel, Amy Jamison, Alton Ayers, and Harold Scott. Jason Kimble captured the many and varied activities and presented a great photo show.

Ask anyone who attended and they'll tell you that 'good eats' are the best part of the weekend. Ms Lucy, Joyce, Roosevelt, and Winston prepared a fabulous Low Country Boil; we devoured boiled peanuts thanks to Sherry and Scott Carlson and Hardy Farms; and Connie McCarthy's homemade cookies were a delicious incentive to participate in afternoon game time. Outdoor games included volleyball: Thanks to Marcy Shamp and Robin and Mike Perry.

Master Camp was a fun weekend at the beach with optional activities for everyone and plenty of time to visit with friends for those who just wanted to sit a spell. Thanks to Sherry Carlson, Jim McCarthy, and Sonny Turner for serving on the camp committee. They helped to make Master Camp very special for everyone.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Camp will be held next Labor Day weekend so go ahead and mark your calendar. Details will be announced in the spring newsletter and on the Master 4-H Club web-site. Come join us!

Sandra Williams - Jekyll Camp Coordinator



The Scott Family enjoying Low Country Boil at Jekyll

# 18<sup>th</sup> Master Camp at Jekyll Island

## September 4 - 7, 2009

*Sandra Williams, Coordinator*

There's no time like Labor Day weekend to head to the beach for some relaxation! This will be our 18<sup>th</sup> Master Camp at Jekyll! Camp includes three nights of lodging (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) and seven meals (Saturday breakfast through Monday breakfast. No meals on Friday.)

Pre-registration is very important. Space is available to all members who have paid their dues, life members, and their guests, but is only guaranteed by pre-registration and payment. Please pre-register as early as possible.

Check-in for Master Camp will be in the dining hall on Saturday, September 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Direct questions to Sandra Williams at [dscm@pstel.net](mailto:dscm@pstel.net), or (478) 836-4249 Home (478) 361-0405 Cell

### **Pre-Registration Deadline – August 21, 2009**

**Make checks payable to: Georgia Master 4-H Club  
Mail to Ted Jenkins, P.O. Box 4721, Eatonton, GA 31024**

----- Cut form below, complete it, and mail it with payment -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments & Rooming Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full-Time Pre-Registration:** *(includes lodging and Low Country Boil)*

Adults (Ages 10 & up)..... \_\_\_\_ M + \_\_\_\_ F = \_\_\_\_ People x \$110.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Ages 3 to 9)..... \_\_\_\_ M + \_\_\_\_ F = \_\_\_\_ People x \$62.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 2 and under are free Subtotal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part-Time Registration\*:** *(Includes Low Country Boil, but does not include lodging)*

Adults (Ages 10 & up)..... \_\_\_\_ M + \_\_\_\_ F = \_\_\_\_ People x \$73.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Ages 3 to 9)..... \_\_\_\_ M + \_\_\_\_ F = \_\_\_\_ People x \$48.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 2 and under are free Subtotal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Part-time is a day visit and includes meals, refreshments, activities, and security. Lodging is available to part-time registrants for an additional \$15 per night.

**On-Site Registration:** *(Space available basis only)* Above rates plus additional \$20.00 per person

\_\_\_\_ M + \_\_\_\_ F = \_\_\_\_ People x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# Master Camp at Wahsega

July 17 - 19, 2009

June Hagin, Coordinator

Fun, games, food, memories, and meeting new and old friends...describes what goes on at Master 4-H Camp at Wahsega near Dahlonega, Georgia. Last year, approximately 162 4-H friends and family members came together to share in this mountain weekend in North Georgia.

Activities include horseshoes, softball, volleyball, roasting marshmallows around a fire, telling tall tales, swimming, square dancing, crafts, and card playing. Don't forget the watermelon cutting on Saturday afternoon and the ice cream party Saturday night. The big talent show is also Saturday night, so bring along your guitar, singing voice, dancing shoes, and jokes. Don't forget your t-shirts, because tie dying is also a featured event on Saturday afternoon. To participate, bring an item to tie-dye and note the number of people participating and their ages on the form below.

This is a great family weekend, so **mark your calendars and make your reservation to join us at Wahsega.** Space is available to all dues paid members, life members, and their guests but only guaranteed with the receipt of registration and payment. **Please register as early as possible! Payment deadline is July 8, 2009.** Hope to see you at Wahsega!

-----**Cut and Mail**-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people who want to tie-dye and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on participating in the talent show? \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Numbers Men's Cabins 1-8 Women's Cabins 9-16 Handicap Accessible Cabins 15-16
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Please reserve the following:

1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ beds in Women's Cabin # \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ beds in Women's Cabin # \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ beds in Men's Cabin # \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ beds in Men's Cabin # \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Time Registration (inc. lodging)**

Adults (Ages 10 & up).....\$85.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Ages 3 to 9)..... \$45.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 0 to 2 are free.

**Part Time Registration<sup>1</sup> (no lodging)**

Adults (Ages 10 & up).....\$55.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Ages 3 to 9)..... \$35.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages 0 to 2 are free.

**On-Site Registration (if space available)**

Above rates plus \$20.00 / person, registrationX \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Part-time is a day visit and includes registration, meals, refreshments, activities, and security; part-time overnight lodging is an additional \$15 per night.

## **Payment Deadline – July 08, 2009**

Mail to: Ted Jenkins, P.O. Box 4721, Eatonton, GA 31024. Make Checks Payable to the Georgia Master 4-H Club. Questions or more info: [tedjenkins@dishmail.net](mailto:tedjenkins@dishmail.net), (706) 485-5187 H

## Membership Update

### **New 2008 New Masters**

Laura Greenwich  
Jessica Tabb  
Elizabeth Velandia  
Morgan Kelley  
Christin Taylor  
Mark Schleies  
Lila Dowdy  
Clay Miller  
Paul Rice  
Katelyn Pawlowski  
Lydia Brown  
James Stone  
B. Leah Lawson  
P.J. Wilkie  
Sara Hopkins  
Ashleigh Stevens  
Justin Sutton  
Jasmine Williams  
Mary Singleton  
Andy Ethan Smith  
John Payne  
Stephen Payne  
Katie Comer  
Andrea Smith  
Allison Gordy  
Emilee Brinton  
Tristen Dunn  
Kat Thompson  
Brent Hamilton  
Justin Womble  
Sarah Wibell  
Kari Crandall  
Hunter Brock  
Cole Prince  
Caitlyn Cliff  
Matthew Rahn  
Taylor Smith

### **New Lifetime Members**

Deborah Belflower  
Elaine Kimble  
Christine Odom  
Camille Odom  
Andy Smith  
Jayla Freeman  
Grace McCurry  
William Zealy  
Jenny Jordan  
Emily Teatro  
Paul Rosenzweig  
Hillary Thornton  
H. Taylor Ashley

April E. Blackwell  
Matthew Kane  
Thomas T. Wooten  
H. Taylor Ashley  
Anna Hull  
Kayla Morrison  
H. Taylor Ashley  
William Ray II  
Greg Hickey

### **New Contributors**

Mike Perry  
William Ray II  
Wayne Shackelford

### **2009 Annual Member Renewals**

Jody Corry  
Ina Hopkins  
Virgil Adams  
Diane Moore  
Tyler Moore  
Barbara Hundley  
Doug Hargrove  
Shirley Vickery  
Charles Garrett  
Jada Carter  
Becky Stewart  
Miller  
Jimmy Curry, Jr.  
Bobby Jones  
Tammy Gilland  
Rita Haley  
Rose Hall  
Martha Bacon  
Arch Smith  
Dr. H. Kemp Jones  
Jerry Cadle  
Dewey Brown  
Jimmy Carroll  
Susan Patton  
Wayne Brannen  
Willis Godowns  
Jean Rice  
Grace James  
Christine Braski  
Diana Watson  
Jeyneil Deese  
Harold Jarrett  
Kay Cox  
Joel Black  
Emily Farmer  
Latrell Gornto  
Dr. Karen Padgett  
Harold Darden

Buford Pollett  
Joanna Ware  
Alva Bentley  
Connie Dodgen  
Tom Davis  
Joy Jones  
Tracy Edwards  
Fred Jarrell  
Ellen Sires  
Karen Hamilton  
Leah Lawson  
Larry Bryant  
Angie Allen  
Katie Wibell  
Sarah Wibell  
Beth Lynn  
Paul Pugliese  
Connie Potts  
Amanda Gordon  
Allison Gordy  
Julian Copeland  
Patty Veazey  
JoAn Strickland  
Aaron McWhorter  
Christine Schulz  
Taylor Smith  
Judy Hibbs  
Rob Hibbs  
Sherley Selman  
Melissa Jagers  
Mrs. J.D. Wilkins  
Lydia Black  
Ward Black  
Caroline Black  
Margaret K. Johnson  
Katie Comer  
Jeff Culverhouse  
Lew Ayers  
Jamie Hill  
John Conda  
Joy Gaz  
Stephen Tillman  
Anna Daniel  
Stuart McKinney  
Anne Sapp  
Amber Oglesby  
Laura Hamil  
Mollie Broadnax  
Matthew Newberry  
Christopher Stephens  
Ashleigh Day  
Brent Hamilton  
Pete Pebbles

Amanda Maslen  
Cara Maslen  
Darden  
Stewart Thigpen  
Mallard Holliday  
Dan Gunnels  
Lynn Hall  
Zach Hall  
Greg Wall  
Sandra Spradley  
Nancy Vason  
Haley Watkins  
Priscilla Holmes  
Melanie Evans  
Brittani Kelley  
Aaron Reynolds  
Shannon Stephens  
Dessa Fritz Morris  
Gail Wegscheider  
Andrea Smith  
Jacquelyn Smith  
Cassandra (Sandy) Smith  
Carol Upson  
Matthew Rahn  
Janet Rodekohr  
Michael Keck  
Laura Perry  
Johnson  
Patricia Turner  
Bain Griffith  
Mark Schleier  
George Kirkland  
Karia Groce  
Natalie Branch  
Rob Cavis  
Jesse Beatenbough  
Charles Koone  
Martha Sue Koone  
Bob Paul  
B. J. McQuinn  
Jacob Pool  
Matthew Darby  
Leon Alligood  
James Bomar  
James Heidt  
Dana Poole  
Marian Fisher  
Mary Singleton  
Russ Vann  
Donna Ash Suter  
Sarah Singleton  
Kathy Segers  
Hunter Brock



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**2009 MASTER DAY**  
**GEORGIA MASTER 4-H CLUB RECEPTION**  
**June 20, 2009**  
***The New Rock Eagle Dining Hall***  
**5:45 p.m.**

The annual meeting of the Georgia Master 4-H Club will be held in conjunction with Georgia 4-H State Council at Rock Eagle on Saturday evening, June 20, 2009. This year the club will host the banquet in the new dining hall. Please arrive in time to look around and enjoy the new facility. Join us for a delicious buffet, a short business meeting, recognition of 2008 Masters, and the announcement of new Honorary and Additional Masters for 2009. We hope you will take this opportunity to come to Rock Eagle, and welcome these new Masters, and tell them about our lifetime organization. Please RSVP to let us know that you are coming. An accurate count is essential in helping the club make this event be a success.

**SCHEDULE:**

- 3:00 - Board Meeting for officers and directors, Jenkins Conference Room, Hastings Building
- 5:45 - Registration - *The new* Rock Eagle Dining Hall
- 6:15 - Banquet
- 7:00 - Business Meeting
- 7:15 - Recognition of New Masters
  
- 7:45 - State Council Assembly with the performance of Clovers & Company which members are welcome to attend.

**PLEASE RSVP TO TED JENKINS at [tedjenkins@dishmail.net](mailto:tedjenkins@dishmail.net) or 706-485-5187.**

Tickets for the reception are \$15.00. Make your checks payable to Georgia Master 4-H Club and mail to Ted Jenkins, P.O. Box 4721, Eatonton, Georgia 31024.

----- CUT AND MAIL to TED JENKINS-----

Reservations for Annual Master Reception - June 20, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ reception tickets at \$15.00 each. Enclosed is my check payable to Georgia Master 4-H Club in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:     Ted Jenkins  
              P.O. Box 4721  
              Eatonton, Georgia 31024



2008 Georgia Master 4-H Club Officers and Directors pose for a picture at the annual meeting and banquet

(from left – June Hagin, Rachael Torrance, George Lee, Jim Davis, Joy Dutton, Karol Gaines, Julia Lucas, Anne Trulock and Sherry Carlson)

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