

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW: This year Laney Bledsoe, Emily Hamilton, and Shelby Copeland represented Pickens County 4-H at the state 4-H horse show in Perry. Emily was 3rd place in poles, and 5th in arena race. She ended up being 8th overall in her division. Laney was 2nd place in in ranch roping and 7th in ranch trail. She ended up with 9th overall in ranch division.



SUMMER CAMP: Pickens County 4-H took a group of 5th & 6th graders to Rock Eagle this summer for cloverleaf camp. 4-H'ers had the opportunity to attended classes on archery, canoeing, sailing, herpetology to name a few while enjoying camp festivities with 4-H'ers from all over the state of Georgia.



TASTES OF 4-H EVENT: On July 27, Pickens County 4-H hosted a "taste of 4-H" event at the Pickens County Community Center. This was an opportunity for the community to explore 4-H and it's many opportunities.

STATE COUNCIL: 3 Pickens County 4-H'ers & 1 volunteered attended State Council Rock Eagle. 4-H'ers



learned about the election process as well as the importance of citizenship. They also had the chance to visit with Rep. Rick Jasperse.



Our 4-H Family.....



Pickens County 4-H Summer 2013



Learning Through Service

S.A.F.E. Team Challenge

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Awards Banquet, Poultry Judging, Relay for Life, Fishing Days for the Handicapped & Elderly, State Shotgun, Farmer's Market Events, North GA Homeschool Fair, State Horse Show, and "Taste of 4-H"

S.A.F.E. TEAM CHALLENGE @ NOON: On July 13 the S.A.F.E. team hosted a challenge against the DNR, City of Jasper Police, Pickens County Sheriff's Dept, GA State Patrol, and the Nelson City Police. After a great afternoon of fun, the Pickens County 4-H team came out with a 1st place team win. 4-H'er, Luke Chastain was the top high shooter in the competition.

AWARDS BANQUET: On, May 28, Pickens County 4-H hosted the 83rd Annual Awards Banquet. This year's event was held at Chattahoochee Technical College. Many 4-H'ers were recognized for their hardwork for the year.



Volunteers and donors were also recognized during the evening. Our donor of the year went to Dr. Chester. The volunteer of the year was Mrs. Laura Adams. \$5,900 in scholarships were awarded during the festivities.

POULTRY JUDGING: 12 Pickens County 4-H'ers competed in Poultry Judging at the Ogelthorpe County Ag Center in Crawford. 4-H'ers judged classes of interior, exterior, and broken out eggs, live production hens, ready to cook poultry, and parts ID. They also had to give oral reasons on the live production hens. After the competition was complete the junior team placed 5th with Alice Kirby being the 1st high individual junior in the contest. Our senior team was 1st with Clay Wilkie being the 2nd high, Justin Fellenbaum placing 6th high, and Courtney Chapman winning 7th high ind. The senior team traveled to the State contest & came in 7th.



RELAY FOR LIFE: 4-H'ers once again this year, was responsible for the luminaries. We put them together, placed them around the track and got to light them for the ceremony.

FISHING DAYS: Each year the Pickens County Sportsman Club invites Pickens County 4-H to help with the Fishing Days for the Elderly and Handicapped. This is one of our most favorite events. It is a great experience for the residents and 4-H'ers alike. They get to hear some "fishing stories" while helping with baiting hooks, reeling in fish, untangling lines, and cooking lunch.



We even got to carry fish to the creek in buckets this year. This year was no exception...the weather was great and the FUN was in the atmosphere. We can't wait until next year!

STATE SHOTGUN: Sixteen 4-H'ers represented Pickens County at this year's State S.A.F.E. shotgun competition.

There were 986 shooters at this year's event. Our Jr and Sr teams both came home in the top 10 place. Levie Sellers shot a perfect score and went into an elimination round where he also ended up in the top 10 shooters in the state.



FARMER'S MARKET: This year 4-H'ers have been busy helping the Master Gardeners at the Farmer's Market with



youth activities. On one occasion they helped with Mother's Day pots. Kids got to choose a pot, decorate it to their liking, and then plant a flower in it. This pot was used as Mother's Day gifts that they could take home and give to their own mothers for this special day.

NORTH GA HOMESCHOOL FAIR: 4-H manned a booth at this year's homeschool fair that was held at Reinhardt. We gave out info and answered questions about 4-H.

