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Newsletter of the Georgia 4-H Foundation

GEORGIA 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

When G.C. Adams started his Newton County corn contest in 1904, he probably wasn't expecting it to ever reach places like Japan or Ukraine. But out of those seeds grew Georgia 4-H, and its horizons have been stretching for 100 years. Now 4-H International Exchange is a major part of the Georgia 4-H Program, and it continues to broaden 4-H'ers view of the world through its many programs.



Georgia 4-H's largest exchange program is the inbound

LABO program, where usually around 30 Japanese students come to spend a month in the summer with Georgia 4-H families. The majority of the students are in middle school. They aren't just here to be tourists – the purpose of the program is to experience real American culture. Host families are asked to do their normal summer activities like swimming, playing sports, shopping or going to the mountains or the beach.

“We try to make the best match possible,” says Jessica Garris Miller, Extension 4-H Specialist and State Coordinator for International Programs, as she explains the requirements for host families. The Japanese student has to be the same gender and within two years of a hosting sibling, and the family has to somehow be involved in Georgia 4-H.

LABO also has two other exchange programs: a year-long program for



Japanese exchange students in Madison Co. show a 4-H host sibling (2nd from left) and her friends how to make origami birds. The summer LABO program usually runs about a month from late July to August.

Japanese students to attend high school in Georgia, and an outbound exchange where Georgia 4-H'ers can visit Japan for the summer. 4-H'ers who hosted a Japanese student in the U.S. can often stay with that student's family while in Japan.

The other exchange program is FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange). FLEX students are from former Soviet Union countries, and they come to experience democracy in action and develop leadership skills. They are high school students who stay for the school year in Georgia. Host



families for FLEX students do not need to have siblings of similar ages like the LABO program.

If you are interested in hosting an international student or adult chaperone, please contact your county 4-H agent or Jessica Garris Miller at jgm4h@uga.edu or 706/542-4H4H.

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JUNIOR CONFERENCE



Above: Junior 4-H'ers collected over 5,400 lbs. of “pop-tops,” which amounted to a donation of \$1,907 for the Ronald McDonald House.

Below: A 4-H'er participates in the making of a new promotional video for Georgia 4-H.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN GEORGIA 4-H?

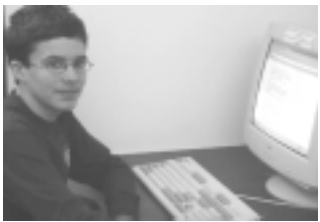
GEORGIA 4-H YOUTH TECHNOLOGY

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Twenty 4-H'ers from across Georgia received a computer over the holiday season through the Need-a-Computer program, a service project offered by the Georgia 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team.

The 25 members of the "TechTeam" met earlier this fall to refurbish 20 computers donated by George Walton Academy in Monroe. This included cleaning the computers thoroughly, restoring the hard drives of the computers and testing each computer and monitor to insure they worked properly. The team also developed the Need-a-Computer application, reference form, application letter, and promotional aids for the project.

All 5th – 8th grade 4-H'ers in Georgia were eligible to apply. First preference was given to 4-H'ers who did not have regular access to a quality computer. Fifty Georgia 4-H'ers submitted applications for the program.



A 4-H'er uses the computer he received from the Need-a-Computer program.

The Tech Team hopes the recipients will use the computers to excel in their schoolwork as well as to enhance their 4-H participation. Their goal is to increase the use of computer technology including videography, graphic design, photography, writing, web development, web program delivery, wireless technology, GIS/ GPS systems, computer programming



Members of the Georgia 4-H "Tech Team" gathered at Rock Eagle to refurbish 20 donated computers. They later distributed the computers to 4-H'ers who were in need of one.

and training 4-H'ers and adults to better the Georgia 4-H Program.

The team plans to continue the project for next year. If you are interested in assisting with the project through equipment or cash donations, contact the team at ga4h@uga.edu.

GEORGIA 4-H SENIOR WALL



4-H'ers graduating in the Class of 2004 have a new opportunity to leave a lasting mark on 4-H. Their class will be the first to have a plaque on the new Georgia 4-H Senior Wall at Rock Eagle. Graduating seniors can have their name engraved on the plaque by making a \$25 donation to the Georgia 4-H Foundation's Annual Fund. For more information, contact Jill Walton at jwalton@uga.edu.

FOUNDATION NEWS

The following 4-H projects and events do not have a donor.* If you or your company are interested in becoming a 4-H project sponsor, please contact Jill Walton at 706/542-9238 or jwalton@uga.edu. We need your support!

- Bread (\$1,200)
- Companion Animals (\$1,000)
- Fruits, Vegetables and Nuts (\$1,500)
- Housing and Environment (\$1,800)
- Kitchen Fun (\$300)
- Poultry and Egg Science (\$1,800)
- Quick Meals (\$300)
- Dean's Award - Citizenship (\$800)
- Dean's Award - Family and Consumer Sciences (\$800)
- Livestock Judging (\$1,500)
- Poultry Judging (\$2,500)
- Peanutrition (\$3,000)
- Milk Make (\$3,000)
- National 4-H Conference (\$1,000)
- Congressional Intern Program (\$1,000)

*List as of 2/3/04

2004 G4-HVLA OFFICERS

- Pres.- Doug Kimble, Newton
- Pres. Elect- Susie Greer, Whitfield
- Vice Pres.- Mary Kurtz, Clarke
- Sec.- Karen Beatenbough, Coweta
- Treas.- Faye Belflower, Turner
- Past Pres.- Mark Dzikowski, Gwinnett

District Reps

- SE- Donna Durrance, Evans
- SW- Sandra Spradley, Turner
- NW- Donna Varnadoe, Spalding
- NE- Kris Khlifi, Hall

To find out how you can get involved with the Georgia 4-H Volunteers Leaders Association, contact Jenny Jordan at jwj4h@uga.edu.

Justine Boyd

One of Justine Boyd's favorite 4-H memories is meeting "Miss Lillian" Carter, mother of Jimmy Carter, on stage at State 4-H Council. Their picture was later in Justine's hometown newspaper. During her speech, Mrs. Carter said "Do your own thing, but do it right." It was a message that stuck with Justine.

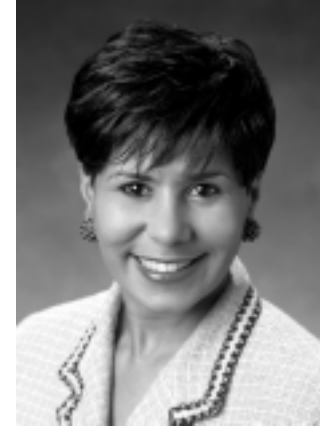
The former Lincoln Co. 4-H'er sits on seven Boards, including the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, has one of the most important jobs at MARTA, is a member of the Atlanta Business League and the Jr. League of Atlanta and was selected as one of 63 emerging U.S. leaders to participate in the 2003 German Marshall Memorial Fellowship in Europe. It's no wonder she was named by the

Atlanta Business Journal as one of 100 Most Influential African American Women and *Georgia Trend Magazine's* "Top 40 Under 40," among several others.

In 4-H, Justine was a Central District Officer and State Vice President. She said that three things were very important to her: family, church and 4-H.

"They all share the same philosophy of giving back and taking care of the community," Justine said.

Justine has lived in Atlanta since earning her bachelor's degree in English from Georgia State University. She is the Assistant General Manager for External Affairs for MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority). Overseeing 300 employees and five



offices, Justine describes her work as "taking care of people, politics, and perception."

Justine is married to Marvin Boyd and a member of Cascade United Methodist Church. She recently helped publish a book called *Atlanta Women Speak*, a collection of speeches by some of Atlanta's most prominent women.

If you are interested in catching up with Justine, you can reach her at jboyd@itsmarta.com

2003-2004 GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND

\$275,000

\$201,000



*As of 1/2004

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$275,000
CAMPAIGN STATUS: \$201,000

CENTENNIAL GALA UPDATE

Saturday, August 14, 2004

The Westin Buckhead, Atlanta

Individual tickets are \$100 and ON SALE NOW! Order by mailing a check to the Georgia 4-H Foundation; Hoke Smith Annex; Athens, GA 30602 or by visiting the Foundation's website at www.georgia4hfoundation.org.



A special room rate of \$129 on the night of the event is available at the hotel if you specify that you are with Georgia 4-H. You can reach the hotel at 404/365-0065.



The Gala will be hosted by Walter Reeves, the Georgia Gardener, with entertainment by Clovers & Co.

Questions? Contact the 4-H Foundation office at 4hfdntn@uga.edu or 706/542-9238.



Can you or your business help us with these needs for the Centennial Gala? These in-kind gifts can help us keep costs low and raise more money for Georgia 4-H:

- Printing of the Gala invitation (approx. 6,000)
- Postage to mail Gala invitation
- Signs for the night of the event
- Centerpieces for 50 tables
- Items for the Silent Auction.

We're looking for experiences, vacation homes, weekend stays and other big ticket items. If you have items that you would like to donate, contact Dessa Morris (mdmorris@monroeaccess.net) or Jane Walk (jane.walk@georgiaemc.com).

