



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
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College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences & Family and Consumer Sciences



Georgia 4-H Base Programming

Georgia 4-H Summer Camping

Description of Learning Experience:

Georgia's 4-H summer camping program, administered through the county offices of University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, offers a 4-H summer camping experience unparalleled in the nation. Over 8,000 children annually attend camp at one of Georgia's unique 4-H centers, which open their doors to campers looking for an exciting summer experience. Enthusiastic and well-trained camp counselors, Extension employees, certified volunteers and teen leaders work together to provide campers with unforgettable memories to last a lifetime. Every camp offers adventure, friendship and fun, in a safe and natural environment, and promotes involvement in other opportunities offered by Georgia 4-H. Science and social science are the basis for most classes, but the greatest learning experience may be the self-discovery and group dynamics offered by a week away from home in a residential camping setting.

Learning Outcomes:

- Develop positive relationships among students and adult leaders
- Develop self-confidence and experience self-discovery
- Promote individual responsibility as part of a successful collective effort
- Practice good habits leading to healthier lifestyles
- Cultivate curiosity about and develop awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the environment
- Develop appreciation for the local and natural history of an area

Georgia Performance Standards:

Pending implementation of GPS in health and physical education and character education, we offer these examples of QCC standards in these two areas relevant to the summer camp setting:

Physical Education - 5.4, Physical Fitness; and, 5.10, Self-Management

Character Education - 5.12, Respect for Others; and, 5.14, Respect for Self

Essential Elements:

Primary: Independence and Belonging; Secondary: Generosity and Mastery

Mission Mandates:

Citizenship; Healthy Lifestyles; Science, Engineering and Technology

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4-H helps young people experience: An increased desire to make a difference in their communities - High levels of leadership, self esteem, public speaking, communication and planning skills - Improved School Performance - Motivation to help others - Overall improvement in civic identity and civic engagement.