

News Article
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Students Win Awards at Winter 4-H Roundup

A great group of 4-H club member participated in the Coosa County 4-H Winter Roundup which was held at the 4-H Club House in Hanover on February 5, 2007. The club members had the opportunity to participate in a total of six different contests including: wildlife art, blocks rock, extreme birdhouse, freestyle exhibit, wooden toy and public speaking. Several of the participants entered more than one contest and took home some nice awards.

Samantha Wood had a great night; she entered a total of four contests and earned three first place awards and one second place award. She was awarded a check for \$37 dollars. Brandon Merced also entered four contests and won one first place award, one second place and two third place awards. He was presented with check for \$27 for all his awards. Anna Vines entered three contests and earned \$30 dollars in awards. Gwen Howell was the next big winner, she entered two contests and won first place in both of them, netting her a total of \$20 in awards. Khaliah Ashley earned second place in public speaking and was awarded \$7. Cameron Merced entered two contests and earned second place and \$7 in the extreme birdhouse event. Codie Compton participated in two contests and placed second in the free style exhibit and won \$7 in awards. Tanner Fielding entered two contests and placed third in the extreme birdhouse contest and was awarded \$5. Jalisa Richardson won second place in the wildlife art and \$7.

A special thanks to Probate Judge Terry Mitchell for sponsoring the public speaking event. He believes strongly in this event and has sponsored the contest for the past several years. Also thanks to the parents and teachers who encourage the students to participate in these events. We especially want to thank our after school volunteer club leaders who meet with the club members once per month to teach them about various topics, such as meats judging, livestock, cooking, natural resources, leadership, money management and more. Last but not least, we thank Mr. Todd Wingard and the Coosa County School System for supporting 4-H and allowing us to have a 4-H Club House next to the school.

Our monthly 4-H Club meetings will be continuing until the end of the school year and it's not too late to get involved. We will also have a Spring 4-H Roundup next May. The contests at that event will include: riding lawn mower, bicycle, chicken-que, photography, foods demonstration, freestyle demonstration, and electric demonstration. Also, the 4-H forestry and wildlife teams will begin practicing soon. So get involved - you'll have fun, learn some new things, win some awards and get to go places you've never been. For more information, contact Roger Vines at the Coosa County Extension Office in Rockford.