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News Release

Summer Is Coming! **Do Your Kids Have Something To Do?**

Warmer weather is here and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. Here at the Extension office we are eagerly awaiting summer so that we can begin our 4-H Clover Classroom. We are making plans for our second annual summer workshop series for youth ages 9-14. We had such fun last year that we have decided to make this an annual event. We will be bringing back some favorites from last year like Kids Cooking Camp and the GPS Scavenger Hunt as well as adding some new workshops.

These are one day workshops that last from 9 am until 2-3 pm. During that time the kids will be able to get small group instruction as well as one on one if needed and be able to put that new knowledge to work. Kids Cooking Camp will be expanded this year into two sessions, a beginner's class and an advanced class. To attend the advanced class the youth must first attend the beginner or have attended the class last year. The beginner class will cover the basics of kitchen safety, reading a recipe, measuring, setting the table and cake decorating. The advanced class will move into bread making and some basic canning skills. The kids always enjoy eating their creations! The GPS Scavenger Hunt will be back again this year with a new twist. Along with learning to use a compass and the basics of GPS, the kids will experience Geocaching. Geocaching is a new "treasure hunt" hobby which relies on the Internet, GPS, and a willingness to get outside into the open air. It works a lot like an old fashioned scavenger hunt, but the clues are given in the form of longitude and latitude coordinates. The sport of Geocaching has become very popular for people of all ages.

Some new workshops that we are also working on include Sportfishing for Kids, Fit to Ride ATV Safety, and Knitting. In Sportfishing, kids will learn to tie knots, cast, and ultimately catch a fish. Fit To Ride ATV Safety is a course set up to teach kids that even following the rules of safe ATV riding can be fun. Kids will not be riding at this workshop. Old fashioned knitting gets a new twist with new knitting looms that help even beginners create something wonderful.

St. Clair County Extension and 4-H are always looking for volunteers to help with activities and projects. It takes a team of willing adults and teen leaders to make these

workshops successful for the kids. The workshops will begin on July 10 and run through the end of the month. If you would like to volunteer to help with our workshops or would like to be on the mailing list for workshop information, please call Tonya Tomlin, 4-H Agent Assistant at 205-338-9416 or email tomlita@auburn.edu .

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