

2013 Extension Impacts in Coosa County



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Our commitment is solidified in our ongoing support of offices in all 67 counties. These offices assure our connection to the local needs and issues of all citizens.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 3.85 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Coosa County**. These professionals deliver educational programs throughout the year. Programs are developed statewide and delivered locally in each county. Extension regularly partners with the people of Alabama to assess the educational needs in all walks of life.

Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources

- 60 landowners in Coosa County **learned about identification and control of invasive plants** at the county's Treasure Forest Dinner.
- 32 Coosa County and nearby farmers **learned about mule nutrition** from an Extension specialist, who spoke to the local Mule Club.

Economic and Community Development

- The first Hatchet Creek Festival attracted more than 80 paddlers from three states and involved more than 50 local volunteers. **Participants learned about the fish and wildlife** found along this scenic waterway.
- As part of a statewide broadband initiative, Coosa County Extension offered **computer training** to a class of 20 homeowners and 30 senior citizens. One senior site has created a computer lab for its members as a result of this training.
- More than 2,000 visitors attended the **Mule Day Festival** in Weogufka to learn about mules and planting sorghum and to enjoy the antique tractor and car show.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- More than 50 homeowners **learned about writing wills and trusts** and managing the transfer of personal property to their heirs at an Extension estate planning training.
- All seniors at Coosa County Central High School participated in the Reality Check program **expanding their knowledge of money management and budgeting**.
- 29 Coosa County residents learned about **healthy eating and the benefits of exercise for good health** through classes in the Just Move and Eat Healthy, Be Active programs.
- The Nutrition Education Program (NEP) conducted the Body Quest program for all third grade students at Coosa Central Elementary to teach young people about **obesity prevention and proper nutrition**.

4-H and Youth Development

- A group of 80 fourth grade students from Coosa Central Elementary learned about **water quality, forestry, wildlife, and soils** during the annual Forestry Adopt-A-School program conducted by the Coosa County Forestry Planning Committee.
- All students in the third and fourth grades at Coosa Central Elementary learned about **new technology and engineering** during a 4-H program on robotics and a summer program on rocketry.