



THE SKIMMER

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Jekyll Island
4-H Center

Jekyll Island 4-H Center Celebrates 20 Years of Environmental Education and 25 years as a Summer Camping Facility

As Jekyll 4-H celebrates its silver anniversary during the 2006-07 school year, we also celebrate the incredible history of the property before it was 4-H. Originally built in the late 1950's as an African American hotel, the Dolphin Club and Motor Hotel was open from 1959 until 1966. The Dolphin Club Lounge and Restaurant was located across from the hotel and was an entertainment mecca bringing in such popular artists as B.B. King, Clarence Carter, Tyrone Davis, and Percy Sledge. The auditorium located near the hotel was originally built to maintain "separate but equal" facilities and was used for dances and reunions, and it even housed an Otis Redding concert. The Beach House was built as a pavilion for beachgoers even before the hotel was built. Of course, each of these facilities would later become the Jekyll Island 4-H Center. The Georgia 4-H Program first leased the property in the summer of 1983 to expand its summer camping program. School year environmental education programs were added in 1987, and as they say, "the rest is history." Since its inception as a 4-H Center, Jekyll has served over 165,000 people through both the summer 4-H camping program and the environmental education program. As we reflect upon the last 25 years and celebrate the accomplishments of the 4-H Center, it is a perfect time to revisit the Georgia 4-H mission, vision, and environmental education objectives. Join us at the Jekyll Island 4-H Center where we continue to fulfill the mission, vision, and objectives every day. We'll see you at the beach!

Georgia 4-H Mission Statement: To assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing citizens.

Georgia 4-H Vision: A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Objectives:

- To develop an awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the environment
- To cultivate curiosity, critical reasoning and evaluation
- To develop positive relationships among students and teachers
- To make the school program more meaningful by applying knowledge & skills acquired in the classroom to real life situations
- To provide experiences in using scientific processes, such as observing, measuring, and classifying
- To develop self-confidence and physical fitness
- To develop appreciation for the local and natural history of an area



Historical photos of hotel, dining hall, and pavilion are courtesy of the Jekyll Island Museum.

WAVES OF INFORMATION

Project WET Opportunities

Jekyll Island 4-H Center Staff



The Georgia Environmental Protection Division and Georgia 4-H are pleased to announce their partnership in bringing Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) into the more rural areas of the state. Project WET is an interdisciplinary, international water education program for formal and nonformal educators of students aged 5 through 18. This exciting program facilitates and promotes awareness and stewardship of water resources through the dissemination of hands-on classroom ready teaching aids. All workshops will be lead on-site at your school with PLUs given for a 10-hour workshop.



The partnership is brought forth through a federal 319(h) grant with a goal of reaching at least 400 educators by the summer of

2007. If you are interested in Project WET training for your school please contact Michelle McClendon at (706) 484-2830 or wetcoord@uga.edu.



Jekyll's 2005-06 EE Staff from front to back:

Angela Ripa (Rhode Island), Grace Livingston (Georgia), Pam Marcum (Arizona), Amy Rachkowski (Pennsylvania), Emily Rupp (Indiana), Megan York (Tennessee), Carrie Anderson (Alabama), Melanie Biersmith (Georgia), Richard Chewning II (Georgia), Geo McCann (Georgia), Dave Suttinger (Georgia), Eva Matthews (South Carolina), Donna Fischetti (Connecticut), Andrew Ogden (North Carolina).

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Jekyll Island 4-H Center

www.jekyll4h.org

SouthEast Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence

www.scseagrant.org/se-cosee/

Georgia Association of Marine Education

www.uga.edu/game

Bridge-Ocean Science Teachers Resources

www.vims.edu/bridge

Jekyll's Year Round Staff:

Kitchen - Winston, Roosevelt, Joyce, Robert, & Lucy

Maintenance - James & Aaron

Housekeeping - Kim, Carol, & Linda

Tidelands - Dawn

Office - Sharon, Eva, & Melanie

ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL PROGRAM

Jekyll Island 4-H Center

The Jekyll Island 4-H Center Environmental Education Program invites you to adopt an animal. Adopting an animal from our education facility helps us design and construct new classroom habitats and provides for the daily care of our animals. Individuals or entire classrooms are encouraged to sign up.

Adopt an animal and you (or your classroom) will receive:

- An information sheet full of fun facts about your animal
- A full-color photograph of your animal
- A listing in *The Skimmer* as a "proud parent" of your new animal
- An adoption certificate with information about your adoption

You can choose from:

_____	loggerhead sea turtle	\$75
_____	gopher tortoise	\$50
_____	alligator	\$40
_____	diamondback terrapin	\$30
_____	yellow-bellied slider	\$25
_____	snapping turtle	\$20
_____	snake	\$20
_____	touch tank animals	\$15
_____	marine aquarium	\$10



Please fill out the following with the information as you would like it on your adoption forms.

INDIVIDUAL OR SCHOOL NAME _____

TEACHER'S NAME (if school or classroom adoption) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Mail this completed form along with your check (made out to Jekyll Island 4-H Center) to:

Jekyll Island 4-H Center
Attn: Animal Adoption
201 S. Beachview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Jekyll Island 4-H Center
Jekyll Island, 912-635-4117
www.jekyll4h.org

Burton 4-H Center
Tybee Island, 912-786-5534
www.burton4h.org

Fortson 4-H Center
Hampton, 770-946-3276
www.fortson4h.org

Rock Eagle 4-H Center
Eatonton, 706-484-2800
www.rockeagle4h.org

Wahsega 4-H Center
Dahlonega, 706-864-2050
www.wahsega4h.org



There are five 4-H Centers in the state which provide a network of EE programs from the mountains to the coast. Visit the website to learn more about each center.

Important Updates About Jekyll's EE Program

-  Jekyll 4-H's website (www.jekyll4h.org) is getting a new look. Please check it out and feel free to give us your feedback. Improvements include a trip planner that is accessible as a single document for download or by individual links for particular information.
-  Rates for the 2006-07 school year will increase by \$6. Our basic 3-day, 2-night program will be \$87 per person.
-  Our classes are now aligned with the science GPS. You can access the spreadsheets from our website or by calling or emailing for a faxed or mailed copy.

**The reservation books for the 2007-08 school year will open Wednesday, August 16, 2006. Mark your calendars now and call early for your dates!
912-635-4117**

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