# AL-LSO CAMP

# Educating Today's Youth on Georgia's Water Resources

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# WHAT IS 4-H<sub>2</sub>O CAMP?

**4-H<sub>2</sub>O Camp is a three-day camp** for Southwest Georgia 4-H members that teaches the importance of irrigation and water conservation for agriculture, as well as the importance of a clean water supply for recreational purposes.

Participating counties have included Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Lanier, Tift, Mitchell, Randolph, Sumter, and Terrell.

### **Activities include:**

- Educational and fun hands-on activities presented by scientists, researchers, and field-related personnel focusing on water quality, water conservation, water usage, and global water issues.
- **Visits to relevant locations** like Flint RiverQuarium (Albany, GA), George Andrews Lock and Dam (Jakin, GA), Water World (Dothan, AL), and Stripling Irrigation Research Park (Camilla, GA).

## WHY 4-H<sub>2</sub>O CAMP?

Water plays a vital role in South Georgia agricultural production. With the ongoing water wars between the states of Florida and Georgia, it is critical to educate our youth about the importance of water conservation and quality.

### IMPACT of 4-H<sub>2</sub>O CAMP

**4-H₂0 Camp began in 2008** as a collaboration between Mitchell County 4-H and C.M. Stripling Irrigation Research Park in Camilla, Georgia.



>\$54,000
funding secured
(grants/donations/fees)

### **Point of Pride:**

Several participants
have gone on to careers
in agriculture and/or
water-related fields.

>2000
youth & adult
participants since 2008





