## What to expect when choosing to participate in JR/SR DPA!!!!

## Senior Objectives:

- To acquire an understanding of subject matter in a given project area.
- To develop skills in researching, assembling and presenting information.
- To stimulate interest in continuing project work through 4-H experiences.
- To provide opportunities for 4-H members to develop and enhance qualities of integrity, sportsmanship, cooperation, poise and self-confidence.
- To help 4-H members develop skills in leadership and communication.

**Purpose:** To give recognition for outstanding accomplishments in 4-H work. 4-H'ers who summit a portfolio will compete with other counties in their district for district honors.

## **Eligibility Rules**

- Participants must be 4-H members during current year.
- Senior 4-H members and parents must sign a <u>JR/SR DPA Participation Contract.</u>
- Participants must be attending classes in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade; must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current 4-H year; must be currently enrolled in and working on a 4-H project or activity.
- Presentations to be given at District Project Achievement Meeting should be related to a 4-H project or activity being worked on by the 4-H member.
- Participants can participate for awards in only one project at the District Project Achievement.
- \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Previous MASTER 4-H Project Achievement Winners may now choose another cluster of projects. Please talk with a 4-H Leader for more details.
- No award will be made unless a club member's achievements are supported by records required (portfolio). If records are not submitted by date due, 4-H members are not eligible to compete.

## **Project Procedure:**

- 1. Enroll in and carry out activities in project selected.
- 2. Submit a portfolio with project and 4-H activities completed following the portfolio format.
  - Rough Draft must be turned in no later than Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and/or November 7, 2017
  - Final Draft is due no later than Jan. 2, 2018
- 3. Once you have submitted the portfolio & point sheet you are signed up for District Project Achievement.
- 3. Plan, prepare and give demonstration or illustrated talk on some phase of a project.

**Illustrated Talk** - A presentation using posters or other props (Showing steps in preparation is not required and not appropriate.)

**Lab** - A specified product must be prepared during a scheduled lab period. (See specific project guidelines for requirements at www.georgia4h.org) No formal presentation is required; however, 4-H'er must be able to answer questions about foods, nutrition and the project during discussion with the judges.

- 4. Participate at District Project Achievement and give a presentation on any phase of project selected. (March 2-4, 2018)
- 5. Ninth-Eleventh Graders may choose to run for North West Senior Board. (For more information 770-288-8421)

What to expect at District Project Achievement:

\*\*Tentative – nothing is final until you arrive. This is strictly an example.