



National 4-H Forestry Invitational

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NEWS RELEASE

Georgia Team Earns Top Honors in National 4-H Forestry Invitational

Georgia placed first among nine states that competed in the National 4-H Forestry Invitational from July 26 through July 28, 2021. Teams from Tennessee and Louisiana placed second and third, respectively. Florida, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia also competed in this year's Invitational.

4-H members competed for overall team and individual awards in several categories. Events included tree identification, tree measurement, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, and a forestry knowledge exam.

The Georgia team members were Sasha Morgan, Bethany Craven, Gabriel Craven, and Gus Federico. The team coach was Paul Pugliese.

Gabriel Craven from Georgia and Luke Arrowood from North Carolina tied for the highest individual score award. The second-place individual was Bethany Craven from Georgia and the third-place high individual was Josh Griffith from Tennessee.

4-H is a youth education program operated by the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the state land grant universities. More than six million youth, 540,000 volunteers, and 3,500 professionals participate in 4-H nationwide, and nearly 100,000 are part of the 4-H Forestry Program.

The 2021 National 4-H Forestry Invitational was sponsored by Farm Credit. Farm Credit supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. Farm Credit has been helping areas grow and thrive for a century by providing farmers with capital and by financing infrastructure and communication services.

For more information on the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, go to: <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/>.

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Georgia Team



Pictured from left to right: Paul Pugliese (team coach), Sasha Morgan, Bethany Craven, Gabriel Craven, and Gus Federico.