

Forsyth 4-H Forestry Team Competes at Nationals

Seth Junkin of Alabama received the high point individual award. Second place high individual award was given to Clint Moss of Alabama and third place high individual award was given to Adele Keiderling of New York. Forsyth County team member, Jacob Kline placed 6th overall.

The Joe Yeager “Spirit of the Invitational” award was given to Amy Burkhalter of Oklahoma. This award recognizes an outstanding 4-H contestant at the Invitational. It is presented to the individual who takes initiative, is enthusiastic, and is eager to lead academic and social situations.

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.

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