

4-H CAMP

Family Letter



CAMP DATES: JULY 22-25

WELCOME TO CAMP!

I'm so excited that you're joining us at 4-H Camp Ohio for Hardin County 4-H Camp this month!

Please be sure to read all the information in this letter

carefully. Campers and their parents should sit down together and review all of this information prior to arriving at camp. This will ensure you are prepared for the best week ever!

If you have any questions before camp, make sure to call or email me! - Amanda Raines

IMPORTANT

PRE-CAMP ZOOM

I will hold a pre-camp ZOOM meeting for parents and campers to cover camp information and answer questions on **Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m.** This is an optional meeting, but we encourage all first year campers to join.

Join the meeting at <http://go.osu.edu/hardincampmeeting>.

CAMP PHOTOS

Our adult staff will be taking photos of camp throughout the week and will share them on our Facebook page during camp.
<http://facebook.com/hardinco4h>.

ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION

Campers will arrive the morning of July 22nd. Arrival times are assigned by CIT, First Year Camper, and Returning Camper. If you have multiple categories in your traveling party, please arrive at the **earliest** assigned time.

- CITs and First Year Campers -9:00 to 9:30
- Returning Campers - 9:30 to 10:00

Campers will be required to complete the standard health screening upon arrival at camp. Once you arrive at camp, please remain in your vehicle and follow the signs to the Campbell Lodge porch where you will complete the health screening and temperature check. Campers with a temperature over 100.4 will not be permitted to stay at camp.

After the initial screening, you will be directed to the correct parking/check-in point, where campers will receive their cabin assignments, name tags, and unload their belongings. A camp nurse will be there to talk with parents and collect medication. Camp counselors will be there to help your camper move into their cabin.

You will be asked to turn in the camper check out form at the check-in point. **This form is available on the camp website <http://u.osu.edu/hardincamp> to complete in advance.** Only adults listed on this form will be permitted to take your child home on July 25.



DEPARTURE/PICK-UP

Campers will be picked up the morning of July 25th. All families invited to join us for the Magic Penny Service celebrating our first year campers and last year counselors at 9:30 a.m. Park your car and meet us at the flag pole. We will depart for Vespers at 9:15.

We will begin check-out directly following Magic Penny Service (approximately 10:00). **An adult must come to the check-out station and sign the checkout form.** Only adults listed on the camper's approved pick-up list will be allowed to check them out. Boys will check out in the rec hall. Girls will check out at the flag pole. All campers must be picked up and checked out by 10:30.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

4-H Camp Ohio is located at 11461
Camp Ohio Road,
St. Louisville, Ohio 43071

Driving Directions are available at
<http://go.osu.edu/kentontocamp>



MAIL CALL!

Families can send mail to their camper at the following address:

4-H Camp Ohio
Hardin County Camp - *camper's name*
11461 Camp Ohio Road
St. Louisville, OH 43071

Remember to send your mail the week before camp to be sure it arrives during our camp!

MEDICATION

In the best interest of camper safety, all prescription and over the counter medications brought to camp will be kept and administered by the camp nurses. **All medications must be in the original bottle/package with the label.** Do not send your child's medication in a weekly pill box. Dosages will be administered as per label instructions by the Nurse Anne. Medication will be turned into the nurse during move in.



MONEY

Your camper will NOT need any money during camp. All activities are included in the camp registration cost and the camp store will only be open during the move-in process. Please do NOT send money with your camper.



TALENT SHOW

Talent Show is a wonderful opportunity for campers to entertain us and share their gifts. We will have a talent show sign up during the move in process. Campers may sign up to perform a solo act or group act with anyone else attending camp. Prepare and practice your talent at home, because there will not be much time to practice at camp! Acts should be 1 to 4 minutes long. Please be sure your act is appropriate for all ages!



OUTPOST

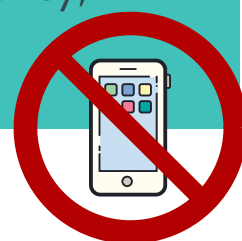
If your camper signed up for Outpost during registration, they will be spending one night sleeping outdoors. Please be sure they pack a sleeping bag and sleepwear that is appropriate for sleeping outside.



CELL PHONE POLICY

Ohio 4-H has a strict NO CELL PHONE policy at all camps.

Campers, CITs, and Counselors are not permitted to have cell phones while at camp. Phones should be left at home or turned into the adult staff during check-in. This policy is for the safety of our campers and will be strictly enforced. **Any youth found with a cell phone or data-enabled device at camp will be sent home immediately without a refund.** In the case of an emergency, parents can call the nurse's station at **740-745-3388**.



FOOTWEAR

Campers need to wear close-toed shoes at all times at camp, including banquet. An extra pair of tennis shoes should be packed for creaking, canoeing, and water games. **Flip flops are Crocs are only permitted to walk to the bathroom or pool.**



CAMP DRESS

Appropriate clothing is important at camp. To make sure everyone is safe and comfortable, please follow these guidelines when packing:

- Close-toed shoes must be worn at all times (except to pool)
- Clothing and Swimwear should be appropriate for all ages
- No crop tops, tube tops, or cut-off shirts
- Please dress modestly and comfortably
- Bring one nice outfit for banquet. Girls typically wear a dress or skirt/blouse. Boys typically wear a collared shirt. Close-toed shoes are required for banquet.

PACKING LIST

- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Jeans
- Sweatshirt
- Underclothes
- Dress up outfit for banquet
- 2 pairs of close-toed shoes
- Sandals or crocs for pool and bathroom trips only
- Towels (bath & pool)
- Comb/brush
- Toothbrush & paste
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Deodorant
- Pillow
- Twin-sized sheets or sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Small rug
- Flashlight
- Jacket and/or raincoat
- Swimwear
- Laundry bag
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Medication (see section above)



DO NOT BRING

- Cell Phone
- Electronics
- Money
- Electric fans (counselors will provide fans for cabin)
- Duct Tape
- Valuables
- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Tobacco products
- Vapes
- Fireworks

Items on the list above could result in dismissal from camp. Please leave them at home!

PACKING PRO TIP:

Packing in a rubbermaid tub or footlocker helps campers keep items more organized than in a regular suitcase.

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Bathrooms are not connected to cabins. Pack your bathroom items in a shower caddy or basket for easy carrying!

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Camp is hot! Sheets are often more comfortable than sleeping bags.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Questions about 4-H Camp can be directed to Amanda Raines, Hardin County 4-H Educator.

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COUNSELOR CALLS

Camp counselors will receive their camper lists early next week. You can expect one of your cabin counselors to give you a call by Tuesday, July 18. This is a chance to get to know your counselor before camp and tell them anything you'd like them to know about you.

Counselors should speak to the camper AND the parent during this call to introduce themselves and answer any questions.

CAMP PHOTO

This year we will NOT be printing a camp photo for campers to take home after camp. Instead, we will be emailing a digital copy of the photo to all campers. These photos will be taken by cabin groups before banquet, when our campers are looking their best!

