

# Hancock County 4-H Camp - 2024

## Camp Theme: Tune into 4-H Camp Ohio

Hello Hancock County, 4-H Families and Friends,

Hancock County 4-H Camp is quickly approaching! Camp begins Tuesday, June 25 and runs through Saturday, June 29 at 4-H Camp Ohio near St. Louisville, Ohio. Anyone 8 years old (and completing 3rd grade) through 14 years old (or completing 8th grade) are invited to attend.

### 4-H CAMP OHIO

The 4-H Camp Ohio program is designed to use the resources of the camp to the maximum. The program areas are nature study, creative arts (crafts), Adventure Programming (Tower, High Ropes, and Team Challenge), Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Recreation (indoor and outdoor), and Living History (pioneer life, Native American life studies and farm studies).



### REGISTRATION

Camp registration begins May 1 and will continue through June 5 or until all beds are full. To register your camper(s), please complete the following paperwork and return to the Hancock County OSU Extension Office. Registration includes:

- Camper Registration Form (contact, birthdate etc.)
- Cabinmate Request (on registration form)
- Health Form
- Immunization Exemption Form (if applicable)
- Dietary Restriction Form (as needed)
- Emergency Medical and Informed Consent/Camp/Program Release
- Photo and Video Release
- Permission to Participate
- Bus Transportation Waiver (optional)
- Payment (via check or cash at the office)
  - Camp Check to: **OSU Extension**
  - Bus Check to: **4-H Advisory Council of Hancock County**

## COST

The camp fee will be \$150 per camper for Hancock County 4-H Members who register between May 1 and May 24. Camp registration between May 25 and June 5, will be \$250. For those campers joining us and are not enrolled in Hancock County 4-H, the cost will be \$250 from May 1 until June 5.

Please be aware. We only have so many beds. Once all beds are full for a gender, you will be added to the waitlist. Do not wait until the last minute to register to ensure your spot at camp.

## TRANSPORTATION

Campers are responsible for their own transportation to and from camp. We will offer bus transportation as an option for campers this year. Campers must ride the bus to and from camp for a \$25 registration fee. Payment is required to reserve and hold the camper's seat on the bus. Bus registration forms and money are due May 24.



## IDENTIFICATION CARD AGREEMENT

Back for 2024, we will again use the ID Cards to pick up your camper(s) from camp. These ID Cards will have your child's name, cabin, and pick up information listed. The parent dropping their camper off at the bus or at camp will receive this ID Card. The ID Card is **REQUIRED** to be present when picking your camper up from camp or the OSU Extension Office. This is camp staff's way of making sure your child is safe with a family approved adult when leaving camp.

## HEALTH FORMS

**Please make sure to fill out your camper's health form in its entirety, which also includes a picture of your camper.** Our staff and specifically our camp nurses utilize this information daily to ensure the proper care of your camper.

### **A special note regarding personal information about your child...**

You will notice that our health form contains several areas for you to provide personal information regarding your child. We would like to take a moment to talk to you about this.

Some parents hesitate to provide camps with personal information about their child's behavior or past experience(s). Some fear the information may be misused, while others are concerned about their child being labeled, singled-out or treated differently. All parents want to see their child have a strong, fresh start at camp, unencumbered by past challenges.

As camp director, I appreciate these concerns. I also know how invaluable such information can be in assisting us in helping your child make a smooth and happy adjustment to camp - something we all know parents want, too! Having prior knowledge about a learning difficulty, ADHD, a bed-wetting problem, a recent loss or major change in the family or child's life makes a tremendous difference in helping us be sensitive to your child's need for patience, understanding and reassurance- especially in the first few days of camp! This is particularly true for children who have an attention deficit or who are nervous about new situations. Many parents fear that a camp will not accept their child if they are completely forthcoming about these situations, yet children need us to be partners with you in planning for a safe and successful week.

Furthermore, children often use their behavior rather than words to tell us something might be bothering them. Having advance knowledge of areas that might be difficult for your child helps us understand the message in his or her actions. The better we understand your child, the more we can assure you of a better camp experience for him or her.

***Our commitment is to use such information only to help your child adjust to camp. It will never be used at camp unless necessary, and then only with the greatest of discretion and your prior knowledge.***

Remember, when faced with challenges, we can help your child have great success if you help us. We encourage you to make us a full partner in planning for your child's 4-H camp week. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any challenges or concerns, please call me at 419-422-3851. We want your child to have the best week at camp!

### **PHOTO RELEASE**

Located on the health form is a statement regarding the photography of campers involved in Hancock County 4-H Camp. As many of our 4-H families are aware, the 4-H staff actively captures pictures at numerous youth events throughout the year. These photos are used at Celebration of 4-H, Volunteer Recognition Night, in Camp Promotional Videos, 4-H Promotion on Facebook, OSU Extension- Hancock County 4-H web pages, Hancock County 4-H Focus Newsletter, and Hancock County Fair booth display.

In addition, an end of camp slide show (a PowerPoint computer generated show) and a camp photo will be available online to all campers. Not only do we try to incorporate as many smiling faces as possible, but it is our hope that all campers and staff will be able to participate in the overall camp photo. However, we need your approval to use pictures of your child or to have them involved in the large group photo.

These photographs are not intended to be used in any manner other than for the purposes stated above. By signing the bottom on your child's health form, you are allowing your child's picture(s) to be used; however, rest assured we will abide by your wishes. If you wish to not have your child's photograph used, please indicate this on their health form.

### **CAMP OHIO**

Nestled along the Rocky Fork Stream approximately ten miles east of Utica, Ohio. Camp is situated on more than 500 acres in northern Licking County. 4-H Camp Ohio includes woodlands, Rocky Fork Stream, wetlands, a tree farm, and beautiful rolling hills.

### **WHERE DO I SLEEP?**

Camper's bunk-down in rustic cabins where each camper has his/her own bunk and area for personal belongings. Each cabin sleeps 8-13 campers plus 2 counselors. Boys and girls bunk on separate sides of camp. Located on each side of camp are shower houses and toilet facilities.



### **CABIN BUDDY**

Each camper may choose a friend to bunk with at camp. You will have the opportunity to list your cabin buddy as a portion of the registration.

### **FOOD**

Family-style meals are served everyday in the camp dining hall at 8:30am, 12pm (noon) and 5pm. Three family-style meals and evening snack are the tradition of camp. We ask that campers **DO NOT** bring any additional food as it hinders them from eating the meals you have already paid for, and it allows for the possibility of animals to enter the cabins in search of the food.

### **OUTPOST**

Spend a night under the stars next to the 4-H Camp Ohio Pond. An adult member of the camp staff and two counselors will lead a group to the Camp Ohio Pond for the night to stargaze, night zip, cook on an open fire, and enjoy the sounds of nature. Campers that

are interested in outpost, will have the opportunity to sign up at camp. Outpost is a free opportunity for campers to experience.

## **HIGH ROPES**

The new High Ropes course as of 2023 will be open for the 2024 season. The cost is \$20, and sign-up is on a first come first serve basis. Campers must be 12 years old as of January 1, to participate and must wear jeans and tennis shoes on the course.

## **ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT CAMP**

- Flag Raising & Lowering
- Morning Activities
  - Jogging
  - Dancing
  - Stretch
  - Swimming
  - Singing
  - Knockout
- Fishing
- Canoe/Kayak
- Creeking
- Flying Squirrel
- Kickball
- Buttermaking
- Crafts
- STEM
- Team Challenge
- Tower/Zip Line
- Campfire
- Night Hike
- Ice Cream Making
- Shooting Sports
- Vespers
- Bottle Rockets
- Volleyball
- 9-Square
- Gaga Ball

## **COUNSELORS**

This year, Hancock County is bringing 31 camp counselors who have attended a minimum of 24 hours of training plus extra time planning and preparing for a wide range of camp activities and events. Counselors are in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the local schools and are currently enrolled in Hancock County 4-H program. Our counselors are all excited to have an amazing camp!

## **STAFFING**

In addition to the permanent staff at 4-H Camp Ohio, the following individuals will be on staff from Hancock County.

### **Camp Director**

Lauren Burner-Kitzler, 4-H Extension  
Educator

### **Assistant Camp Director**

Edy Gierke, 4-H Program Assistant

### **Camp Nurses**

Ian Heitkamp, RN  
Miranda "Annie" Mowrey, RN

### **Adult Staff**

Mimi Burner  
Mary Ellen "Mel" Gray  
Jenna Livingston  
Karen McDougall  
Keith Russell  
Mitch Wilson

## WORDS FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

We are excited for another great camping year and cannot wait to see everyone at Camp Ohio for a year of growing leaders, building lifelong skills, fueling adventures, and inspiring curiosity!

If there are any questions you may have before camp, please feel free to reach out to me by phone at 419-422-3851 or email me at [burner-kitzler.1@osu.edu](mailto:burner-kitzler.1@osu.edu).

Your Camp Director,

Lauren Burner-Kitzler