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This Summer at 4-H Camp Ohio; A Summer-y:

- This summer, we hosted 1,975 4-H campers and an additional 645 4-H camp counselors, Educators and adult volunteers.
- Our largest group had a total of 294 people.
- The biggest Polar Bear Club was 81 campers!
- Outside of the all-time camp favorites of Crafts, Recreation and Pool classes, the most popular programs this summer were: Line Dancing (930), Canoe & Kayak (912), Flying Squirrel (854) and Archery (768).
- Heather and her team prepared approximately 165 meals in 8 weeks for 2000 people!
- 180 hours was spent mowing this summer.
- 100+ toilets were plunged...
- The new High Ropes course had 16 instructors trained and 395 participants in it's first summer.
- We had 6 Summer Program Staff: Mason and Dustin from the US, Maddie from New Zealand, Julia from Germany, Antonio from Mexico and Joyce from Brazil.
- We had 10 Kitchen Staff: Donna, Lexi, Zachary, Sabian, Mason, Maya and Tyler from the US, Melissa and Juan from Mexico and Petek from Turkey.

The summer flew by—which is a good sign—and we are already hard at work thinking of and planning ways that we can make next year even better! Now it's time to take a "break" and reset before our busy Fall season starts with schools and weekend groups in September.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING**RECOGNITIONS:****HIGH ROPES: IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN FARK**

On May 13, 2023, donors and supporters of the new High Ropes course were invited to join us at Camp to recognize John Fark. 4-H Camp Ohio honors John's vision and leadership in helping build and sustain our outstanding adventure program. His insight into the value of adventure programming was an early catalyst in the initial pursuit to build the first high ropes course and climbing wall/zip line tower and the ASE (team challenge) course. The multitude of campers and adults who have participated in adventure programming over the past half century thank John for all he has done to provide these outstanding experiential learning experiences. Future participants also thank John for the opportunities his work will provide to them.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE: LICKING COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

On May 9, 2023, 90 students, staff, and volunteers from LCCA travelled to Camp and spent the day cleaning and generally preparing the camp for the summer camp season as part of their Work-a-thon fundraiser.

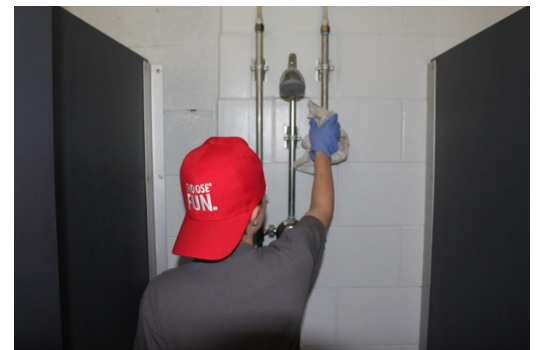
The Work-a-thon is a donation-based fundraiser where Friends of LCCA families sponsor students for the work day. Donations go to Licking County Christian Academy to help with various improvements in and around the school and assist in providing a better education for their students.

We are so thankful to have LCCA come out each May to help us get ready for the summer and in turn, providing them an opportunity to raise funds for their school.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE: PURITY ANTI-CAN'TS 4-H CLUB**

On May 7, 2023, the Purity Anti-Can'ts 4-H Club of Licking County volunteered their time and resources to mulch the garden beds around main camp. It is *amazing* the difference some mulch can make to the overall look of camp—we are very grateful to have this 4-H Club return each year.

If your 4-H Club would like to come to 4-H Camp Ohio to complete a day of community service, please reach out to Jaymie at programs.campohio@gmail.com



HOW TO SUPPORT CAMP

Kroger Community Rewards

Each quarter, we see a return of more than

\$1,000 from the Kroger Community

Rewards program. Every purchase makes a difference!

To **sign up** in Kroger rewards, log onto the Kroger website www.kroger.com and search for 4-H Camp Ohio under the Community Rewards tab. Enter in the access code **BC060**. Every time you use your Kroger card, Camp receives money back! Simple!

REMINDER: The Amazon Smile program has been discontinued

We are disappointed to report that the Amazon Smile program has been discontinued. To continue to support 4-H Camp Ohio on Amazon, jump over to our Wish List and have items shipped direct to Camp!

Please find our 2023 Wish List on Amazon by using the following link: <https://a.co/6VCqJOH>

Our TOP 3 **FACILITY NEEDS** for this Fall include:

- 36" Bolt Cutter
- 15 gallons fibered aluminum roof coating
- 200 feet 12/2 W/GRND wire

Our TOP 3 **PROGRAM NEEDS** for this Fall include:

- Volunteers to teach classes
- Alarm clocks for cabins
- 50lb case of Paraffin wax for candle making

Our TOP 3 **KITCHEN NEEDS** for this Fall include:

- KitchenAid 8-Quart Commercial Countertop Mixer
- KitchenAid 13 Cup Food Processor
- Kitchen Hand Dish Cloths for cleaning tables

Please contact the 4-H Camp Ohio Office if you are interested in donating any of these items.

The 4-H Camp Ohio Staff, Board and Corporation members, camp counselors and most importantly our campers THANK YOU for any and all contributions made to 4-H Camp Ohio to assist in always improving the camp experience for all!



WHAT'S TO COME**FAMILY CAMP:**

Registration has just closed for this year's Labor Day Weekend Family Camp! We will have around 130 attendees and a wonderful team of volunteers and "Family Camp Staff" who do more than help us pull this weekend off!

This year we are excited to offer three High Ropes classes, more Rifle/Air Rifle classes and as many Adventure Tower spots as physically possible. We also have volunteers joining us to offer something a little different—we will have Frontier Living, Leather Craft, Camp Skits 101 and Camp Songs to ready us for Campfire, as well as Fireside Treats and Stargazing.

**ONLINE CAMP STORE:**

Keep your eyes peeled this Fall and Winter for an opportunity or two to order some warm and snuggly 4-H Camp Ohio merch. Our best sellers have been the Hoodie and Sweatshirt—but I'm looking forward to ordering some sweatpants and a beanie! You can find more information about our Online Camp Store at:

www.4hcampohio.org/online-camp-store

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

There is always an opportunity to volunteer at 4-H Camp Ohio—we certainly can't do this without our supporters, our camp community! And Fall is the perfect season to join in the fun.

If you would like to give back by teaching classes or assisting with end of season pack up, please contact Jaymie (Camp Manager) at programs.campohio@gmail.com or keep a look out on social media for volunteer call-outs.

If you're interested in helping out around the grounds with general maintenance and repairs, please contact Ken (Facilities Chair Person) at klafontaine@twc.com for more information about when and how you can help.

**CAMP OHIO ADVENTURE 5K**

We are in the very early stages of putting a volunteer team together to get things moving on announcing this fundraising event—please mark Saturday November 11, 2023 in your calendars for a day of FUN(draising) at 4-H Camp Ohio!



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