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Celebrating a Season of Growth and Fun!

As the warm summer sun sets on another unforgettable season, we reflect on the incredible memories, friendships forged, and skills mastered at 4-H Camp Ohio. From thrilling adventures in the great outdoors to heartwarming moments around the campfire, this summer has been nothing short of magical.

Throughout June and July, campers have immersed themselves in a diverse pick and choosing of activities. From the joyous squeals and laughter echoing across the valley from the adventure tower to the artistic creations blossoming in our craft hall, each moment has been a testament to the spirit of camaraderie and exploration that defines 4-H Camp Ohio.

Experiencing, Learning and Growing Together

Beyond the excitement, our campers have delved into a journey of personal growth and discovery. Whether conquering new challenges on our high ropes course or learning the value of teamwork in group games and tribe challenges, every experience has been an opportunity to cultivate skills that extend far beyond the camp gates.

Expressing Gratitude

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our amazing 4-H Educators, Camp Counselors, Volunteers and the 4-H Camp Ohio Staff. Their tireless efforts and never-ending enthusiasm have created an environment where every child feels supported, encouraged, and inspired to reach new heights. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each member of our camp family for their unwavering commitment to making this summer truly unforgettable.

Looking Ahead

As we bid farewell to the summer season of 2024, we eagerly anticipate the adventures that await in the seasons to come. The friendships made and lessons learned will forever be cherished as we carry on the spirit of 4-H Camp Ohio and continue striving to make the best better.

Stay Connected

Remember, we operate year round! Stay connected with 4-H Camp Ohio through our social media channels and website for updates on upcoming events, how you can stay involved and support us throughout the year.

From the team at 4-H Camp Ohio, thank you for a remarkable summer filled with laughter, learning, and endless sunshine. Here's to many more adventures ahead (and hopefully some much needed rain)!

2024 BOARD MEMBERS :

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

FACILITY UPDATES

Maintaining facilities at camp during the summer involves regular inspections and prompt repairs to address wear and tear from heavy use. Staff regularly inspect common areas, check plumbing and electrical systems, and ensure safety equipment is in top shape. Proper upkeep also includes managing waste, replenishing supplies, and preparing the grounds for various activities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for campers.

Anthony, Barry and the rest of the Camp Ohio Staff do a fantastic job year after year, delving into each of these areas to achieve the ultimate goal of a smooth and successful camp experience for our campers. Volunteers will also be busy this Fall working on some exciting projects. Stay tuned!

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Kitchen Staff: Heather and her team yet again served up some fantastic meals this summer! Heather was joined again by Donna, Zachary, Nate, Melissa (MEX) and Maya. New to the team this year and from Mexico, were Diego and Fer! Thank you all for your tirelessly hard work and dedication to camp this summer.

Program Staff: 2024's program instructors included Ohioans Mason, Ivy and Violet who each brought with them some fantastic camp experience, passion for working with youth and knowledge in program areas. Making the journey to join us at camp this year was Naya (DK), Elisha (UK), Heidi (AUS) and Sam (UK). This group received great feedback and did a fantastic job getting involved with groups all summer long. We wish everyone safe travels back home, to college and around the world!

SUMMER BY THE NUMBERS

Outside of the all-time camp favorites of Crafts and Outdoor Rec, the most popular programs this summer were: Stream Studies (1201), Canoe & Kayak (1111), Flying Squirrel (964), Line Dancing (887), Zipline (791) and Archery (787).

Summer at 4-H Camp Ohio looked a little different this year without a pool. This offered a unique opportunity for campers to explore a variety of other engaging activities and natural experiences. With no pool to focus on, campers could immerse themselves in outdoor adventures such as hiking, canoeing, or exploring the stream. The absence of a pool encouraged creative alternatives, like setting up water games with sprinklers or splash pads, or organizing team-building games and nature-based activities. These fostered a deeper connection with nature and promoted skills like teamwork and problem-solving, ensuring that camp remained an exciting and enriching experience for all participants.



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!

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 2024 Wish List on Amazon by using the following link: <https://a.co/6VCqJOH>

Our TOP 3 FACILITY NEEDS for this Fall include:

- 2 x 2.5 Gallon Shop-Vacuum Cleaner
- Large Indoor/Outdoor Wall Clocks
- Brooms and dustpans

Our TOP 3 PROGRAM NEEDS for this Fall include:

- Volunteers to teach classes
- AAA batteries
- Heavy Duty Utility Wagon

Our TOP 3 KITCHEN NEEDS for this Fall include:

- 50 x Roasting sticks
- 40 QT Stainless Steel Stock Pot (NSF Certified)
- Salad serving tongs

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:

We are heartbroken to announce that our Annual Labor Day Weekend Family Camp has been **cancelled** for 2024. With many families who have joined us for up to three generations now outgrowing the experience, we received insufficient registrations needed for a successful weekend. THANK YOU to those that volunteer their time and skills for Family Camp year after year, and to those that did register — we appreciate your support of and love for camp and hope to see you at another upcoming event.



HALLOWEEN CAMP:

Join us for a NEW weekend opportunity at 4-H Camp Ohio this year. Open to anyone from anywhere, experience the ultimate family adventure at our Halloween Camp, where festive fun and outdoor excitement combine for a *spooktacular* getaway! Enjoy a range of activities like pumpkin painting, costume contests, and haunted hikes that are perfect for all ages. Our campgrounds will come alive with themed decorations and eerie yet family-friendly events, creating a memorable experience for both kids and adults. Embrace the Fall spirit, bond with loved ones, and make lasting memories as you delve into a Halloween adventure like no other! Registration opens 8/23 on our website: 4hcampohio.org/halloween-camp



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

There is always an opportunity to volunteer at 4-H Camp Ohio—we certainly can't do all we do 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. October is an incredibly busy month!

If you're interested in helping out around the grounds with general maintenance and repairs, please contact Ken (Camp Volunteer) at klafontaine@twc.com for more information about when and how you can get involved!



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 9, 2024 in your calendars for a day of FUN(draising) at 4-H Camp Ohio! We are also actively looking for sponsors!



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