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2024 BOARD

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As the warm breeze whispers through the trees and the sun paints the sky with its golden hues, we emerge from Winter and a wet and wild start to Spring! We're thrilled to kick off another exciting season of adventure, friendship, and endless fun here at 4-H Camp Ohio!

With each passing year, our camp community grows stronger, bonds deepen, and our memories become more cherished. This year promises to be no exception as we prepare to embark on a journey filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable experiences.

From campfire sing-alongs to thrilling outdoor adventures, whether you're a firsttime camper or a returning veteran, there is something for everyone at camp. But beyond the thrill of adventure, 4-H Camp Ohio is a place where friendships blossom and confidence soars. Our dedicated team of staff is committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive environment where campers can be themselves, try new things, and discover their full potential.

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of summer, we invite you to join us in embracing the spirit of exploration and discovery so that together, we can experience, learn and grow. Together, let's make this camping season the best one yet, filled with laughter, learning, and lifelong memories.

We continue to work on some very exciting things behind the scenes, all with the common goal to provide a solid foundation for our future as a leading youth development facility.

Looking forward to another year of the magic that is camp, here at 4-H Camp Ohio!

For the most up-to-date news and announcements, visit our website and follow us on Facebook & Instagram www.4hcampohio.org @4hcampohio

> Yours in camping, Jaymíe



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

WINTER AT CAMP:

Working at camp through the winter is an experience that contrasts the usual bustling activity of summer. As the temperatures drop and the landscape transforms into a winter wonderland, the atmosphere at camp becomes serene, almost ethereal. The stillness of the snowy woods creates a sense of tranquility, broken only by the occasional crunch of footsteps on the snow. Tasks shift from outdoor adventures to staying warm and planning for the upcoming year. Working at camp during the winter fosters a tight-knit community among staff, as they navigate the challenges and rewards of maintaining the camp's spirit year-round. Between 2024 planning, improvements and professional development, we still host groups throughout the winter months. Thank you to Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports, Licking County Teen Winter Retreat, Youth to Youth out of Licking Valley and Hardin County Camp Counselors who choose to camp at 4-H Camp Ohio.

ONLINE CAMP STORE:

The Online Camp Store has been updated and was successful in it's first opening window of the year! Please keep an eye out on social media and our website to see when it will open again (hint: early May). Once open, orders can be placed over a two week period, items are then made to order and shipped out within 2-3 weeks. Visit 4hcampohio.org/online-camp-store for more information and to check out the camp swag.

FACILITY UPDATES:

Our Facility Team is proud to report that they were able to take advantage of the slower season and complete what we call "the littles". So much goes in to a facility of this size and although some tasks are little and might go unnoticed by most, when added up together—make a huge difference to the overall functioning of camp. In addition to this, the Large Retreat Kitchen has been treated to some new paint and is now lighter and brighter than ever before. The Rec Hall has also received some upgrades in the stage area, as well as new siding!

Next time you're at camp, take a moment to notice and observe all the finer details about what contributes to camp looking it's best! Interested in a Work Day at Camp? See PAGE 4 as to how you can get involved.















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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 <u>www.kroger.com</u> and search for 4-H Camp Ohio under the Community Rewards tab. Enter in the access code BC060. Every time you use your Kroger

Making it easier than ever for you to make a difference in your community.

Amazon Wish List

Head over to our Wish List and have items shipped direct to Camp! You can find our updated 2024 Wish List on Amazon by using the following link: <u>https://a.co/6VCqJOH</u>

Our TOP 3 FACILITY NEEDS include:

• 3x 32-gallon BRUTE Heavy-Duty Trash Can

card, Camp receives money back! Simple!

- 3x Large Indoor/Outdoor Clocks
- Diving Board Tower

Our TOP 3 PROGRAM NEEDS include:

- Heavy duty collapsible wagon for transporting Slingshot equipment to range
- AA and AAA batteries
- 50lb case of Paraffin wax for candle making

Our TOP 3 KITCHEN NEEDS include:

- 4x 50 gallon Clear Plastic Storage Bins
- 2x NSF Certified 40QT Stainless Steel Stock Pots
- Dish and Laundry detergent

Please contact the 4-H Camp Ohio Office if you are interested in donating any of these items—not all items can be found on Amazon.

The 4-H Camp Ohio Staff, Board & Corporation members, camp counselors & 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!

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WHAT'S TO COME

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN:

In 2028, 4-H Camp Ohio will celebrate its 100th anniversary of

providing exceptional youth development experiences for countless 4-H members and more recently school students. Now serving its 4th generation of 4-H campers it continues to be a place where young people come, learn, and grow in a most unique learning environment. A five year major fundraising campaign titled the "*Second Century Campaign*" kicked off in December. Donations will help "*Renew the Vision*" of those who started camp in 1928. The fundraiser will provide funding for enhanced programming, facility maintenance and a variety of capital projects at camp. For more information and to make a donation, visit the campaign website at; <u>campohio.gives</u>

4-H CAMP OHIO'S "OPEN SEASON" DAY:

Join us on Sunday April 21st between 10am and 4pm for open-house-style fun at camp. We want to welcome all campers, whether it's your first year or not, and their families, alumni, donors, the wider community and prospective groups! Let's spread the word about (what we think) is the best kept secret in Licking County. There will be some programs on offering, opportunities to take a short tour around main camp to hear about some of the history of camp (both old and new), we will have information in the Leadership Hall about different ways you can support camp and a light lunch will be available for a donation between 12-2pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

There is always an opportunity to volunteer at 4-H Camp Ohio we certainly can't do this without you; our supporters, our camp community!

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

If you're interested in helping out around the grounds with general maintenance and repairs or joining in on a Work Day, please contact Ken (Facilities Volunteer) at

<u>klafontaine@twc.com</u> for more information about when and how you can help.

April 21	4-H Camp Ohio Open House
May 3-4	Adventure Training
Aug 31- Sept 2	Labor Day Weekend Family Camp
Sept 21	Volunteer Appreciation Event
Oct 26- 27	Family Halloween Overnight
Nov 9	Camp Ohio Adventure 5K
Nov 16	Holiday Markets
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4-H Camp Ohio 2ND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

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