May 1, 2016

Dear Registered and/or Potential Camper:

Teen Camp is just around the corner and we hope you are looking forward to having a great camp again this year. Registration for Teen Camp will be held on **Friday, June 24th, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and will dismiss at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 27th.** The cost for camp is $140 for 4-H Members and $145 for Non-4-H Members and includes a camp picture. **Please feel free to invite friends that are not in 4-H.** This is a great time to introduce them to camp!

Teen camp will feature an excellent program this year. Here are a few of the highlights:

- This year’s camp will offer a traditional theme with a variety of activities offered. Each evening will feature a dance and special activities that will provide opportunities for campers to be creative and have fun. Some of this year’s fun events will feature exciting evening activities, fun-filled campfires and other spirited activities.
- Again this year…we have an exciting water challenge activity called **Key Log Rolling!** You need to come to camp to check out this fun new opportunity! Check it out at [www.keylogrolling.com](http://www.keylogrolling.com)
- **High Ropes, Cliff Rappelling, Flying Squirrel and a Canoe Trip down Salt Creek** are some of the activities that will be available for campers who wish to experience a challenge. This is included in the camp fee.
- The Shooting Sports program will feature trap shooting, rifle and/or archery. Some of these optional programs will involve a small fee. Trap Shooting is available for a cost of **$5 per round** and rifle is available for **$3 per person** for each session.
- Optional craft sessions will offer reverse tie-dying and other crafts. **Please bring a colored shirt or other item (plain or print) that you would like to do a Reverse Tie-Dye (bleaching) craft.** There is no charge for this activity. Other crafts will be available to purchase during camp ranging from approximately **$2-7.**
- All of these items are optional and campers will able to choose from a number of items during the weekend that are available for no charge.
- An 8”x10” camp photo is included in your camp fee.
- There will be a dance every night along with many other special activities that are being planned by the counselors and staff.

In addition to these many outstanding programs we will continue to have the traditional Teen Camp activities, including swimming, nature programs, recreation, crafts, paddleboating, canoe trips, campfires, and evening dancing. **I would also like to remind you of the camp rules that everyone will need to observe.**

1. **NO alcoholic beverages**
2. **No firearms or knives**
3. **No tobacco products**
4. **No harmful or illegal drugs**
5. **No fireworks**
6. **ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE LEFT IN YOUR CAR OR CHECKED IN!!!**
7. **No laptops/tablets**
8. **No bottled drinks**

**Reminder of Swimsuit Rules**

One piece swimming suits are preferred for girls; however, two piece suits are acceptable as long as modesty of the wearer is observed. No string bikinis or suits that fasten only with a tie will be allowed. If the Camp Program Director deems a suit to be unacceptable, a T-shirt will be required for swimming.

**Please remember that no visitors (except parents) will be allowed without prior permission from the camp director.** It is important that you share this information with anyone who may be planning to visit you during camp, as we will require them to leave. If you need to leave during camp for any reason, you will need to complete an early release form, sign out when you leave and sign back in with a staff member when you return.
Health Concerns - Please help us keep our camp safe and the camping experience enjoyable for all campers! All health forms should be turned in to your home county. Please indicate any special dietary needs or other special accommodations on these forms so that your Educator can notify Camp Program Director in advance. For the health of camp, temperatures of all campers, counselors and staff will be checked upon arrival. Anyone found to have a temperature will be rechecked by the camp nurse and if found to have a fever will not be allowed to stay at Camp. (They may return to Camp if their temperature returns to normal for 24 hours. However, they will be rechecked upon arrival.) Persons found to have head lice will also not be allowed to remain at Camp and will be sent home. Please note we will also be watching bedding and bags for bed bugs as there is an increase in the number of bed bug infestation reports in Ohio. Should your camper become ill or injured we will make every attempt to contact you by phone immediately. Please make sure the phone numbers you provide on your health forms are current, and please provide us with cell phone numbers and a back-up emergency contact number of another family member.

What to Bring
Medication – must be original labelling and turned in to the Camp Nurse upon arrival, Pillow, sleeping bag/bedding for twin beds, dirty clothes bag. Personal items (soap, toothpaste/brush, shampoo, bath towels, shower shoes, deodorant, etc.) outdoor clothes, swimsuit, beach towels, suntan lotion, small flash light, small fan, insect repellent, water boots/shoes or old tennis shoes, (flip flops are not allowed on trails), camera, jacket or sweat shirt, jeans or sweat pants and fishing or sports equipment (with your name on them).

What NOT to Bring
- NO Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, knives or firearms or other weapons, refrigerators, computer equipment, i-pods, cell phones, video games, tablets or Wi Fi devices, non-prescription drugs, explosives, fireworks, lighters or candles, may be brought to camp. The Camp Director may inspect or search possessions if there is a reasonable cause to suspect a camper may possess items which could cause harm. Strongly Discouraged Items:
Lots of extra food in the cabins (food brings the wildlife indoors,) anything of high value. (Camp is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings.)

Camp Departure ~ 9:30 am, Monday, June 27th
Youth will sign out with their cabin counselors if driving or be signed out by a parent/ driver. Belongings will be stored on the Basketball Court (or Main Lodge in case of weather issues.) Any medications must be picked up from the Nurse’s Station in the Main Lodge. All campers must sign out campers before leaving. Please make sure you have filled out the early/restricted release form if there are release restrictions or a need for early release. For RESTRICTED RELEASE, please make sure you bring ID and that the person picking up is listed.

In Case of Emergency - You may call 740-286-4058 and ask for Erin Dailey or Jo Williams
If you know of individuals who are interested in attending camp, we still have spots available, so please encourage them to come. Contact your County Extension Office immediately for more information. We are looking forward to Teen Camp this year and hope you are too!

See you on Friday, June 24th!!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Health and Release Forms, Cell Phone Policy, Early/Restricted Release Forms Available Upon Request