**A Letter From Your State 4-H Program Leader**

**TO:** All 4-H'ers  

**SUBJECT:** Weeklong State 4-H and Environmental Camp

I am pleased to send you a registration form for the 2018 State 4-H Camps. For those not familiar with 4-H camp, we invite you to join us for learning, making new friends, and having fun.

**Weeklong STATE 4-H CAMP (9-19 years old):**

- **The date for WEEK ONE is June 11-16 and WEEK TWO is June 18-23.** This camp officially starts with lunch on Monday and ends after breakfast on Saturday.
- **State 4-H Camps (Week 1 and Week 2) are held at Camp Barnes located in southeast Sussex County on beautiful Miller’s Creek.**
- **You will be assigned to a people group for afternoon and campfire activities.**
- **Bus transportation will be available for New Castle and Kent County campers.**
- **The camp fee for this year will be $310.00.**

**Environmental Camp (8-12 years old):**

- **This is an experience you won’t want to miss that allows you to explore basic soil and environmental science information. Getting your hands dirty, exploring the forest, and looking for critters was never so much fun.**
- **The date for this camp is July 5-7. The camp officially starts at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, and ends at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7.**
- **This camp will be held at Mallard Lodge in Smyrna this year.**
- **A variety of classes related to the environment will be available for your participation, and classes are taught by University of Delaware undergraduate and graduate students. Previous camp classes have included topics such as “Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants” and “What’s All the Ribbit About.” New classes are added each year. Each afternoon provides time for recreation. You will be assigned to a group for afternoon and campfire activities.**
- **The camp fee is $110.00.**

**How to Register for Camp:**

Registration opens MARCH 1 for “ACTIVE” 4-H MEMBERS and APRIL 1 for ALL OTHERS. There are two ways to register for camp—online (www.extension.udel.edu/4h) or paper form. If registering online, you may pay the full amount by an online check or credit card. If paying by paper form, a $25 deposit per camper is required to accompany your application, and final payment is due by May 15. A health form is mandatory for this camp. 4-H members are required to update their health form at 4-H Online.

If you have any additional questions about State 4-H Camp, contact your local county 4-H office (New Castle: 302-831-8965, Kent: 302-730-4000, Sussex: 302-856-7303) or the State 4-H Office at 302-831-2509. Camp scholarships are available through your county 4-H office.

Please consider making one of the State 4-H Camps part of your busy summer.

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4-H Youth Development
Camp Policy

Attendance

All 4-H’ers age 9 by June 1, 2018, and older will be eligible to attend week-long State 4-H Camp.

Code of Conduct Violations

Anyone breaking the Code of Conduct during the 4-H year will not be put in a leadership role at State 4-H Camp. If the offense is severe enough, the 4-H’er will not be allowed to attend State 4-H Camp.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are not permitted at camp. The use of cell phones has become a distraction and takes away from the ability of campers to stay focused on camp. Any camper that brings a cell phone to camp will be required to turn in their phone on Monday morning at registration, and it will be returned on Saturday morning at dismissal.

Voice and Echo Selection

The selection of the Voices and Echoes for State 4-H Camp will be the responsibility of the One Voice. The One Voice will provide an opportunity for the County and State Staff to provide input. The selection will be made on the basis of what will be best for that particular State 4-H Camp weeklong educational program.

Scholarships

Each county will collect camp scholarship applications beginning on January 1. All scholarships will be awarded prior to March 1 and recipients notified. Each club and county is encouraged to obtain local funds to make participation in the overnight State 4-H Camps a possibility for every 4-H member.

So you were wondering...

What if camp is full?

If the week of camp you have chosen is full when you apply, you will be given the opportunity to go to the other week, space permitting. If both weeks are full, you may go on the waiting list.

What does the camp fee cover?

The registration fee includes the camp photo, class costs, snacks, meals, and lodging.

What is the early dismissal policy?

Normal dismissal time for weeklong camp is 10 a.m. No one may leave camp until 5 a.m. on Saturday morning. Any exception must have prior approval of the camp director.

May I have a friend visit?

Please do not invite anyone to visit you at any time during camp. Our camp is closed to all visitors during the week.

Where will I stay?

You will sleep in cabins of 10-12 people, including a counselor. A central bath facility is nearby. All meals are served family style, and there is also a canteen for snacks. A variety of classes are available for your participation. Each afternoon provides time for recreation, such as swimming and canoeing. You will be assigned to a group for afternoon and campfire activities.

May I leave camp?

You must attend camp full time. The exception is a family emergency.

What is the refund policy?

Cancellations for a verified emergency will receive a refund (less the $25 deposit) up to Friday, June 1. No refunds will be issued after this date.

DELAWARE 4-H FOUNDATION

The Delaware 4-H Foundation offers one $25.00 scholarship per family with two or more children attending overnight 4-H camp.

In addition, the Delaware 4-H Foundation provides $3000 in scholarships to the counties to support attendance.
Come and make a memory at State 4-H Camp!

Questions about camp may be directed to your local county 4-H office or the State office.