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Dear Parents and Campers:

Get ready – you are going to camp! Clackamas County 4-H Summer Camp is not too far away, and preparations are well under way. Camp life is always full of new experiences, adventures, and potential new friends. We are ready and waiting for the opportunity to help our 2011 campers enjoy a successful camp experience during the fourth week of July. To help you prepare, we have included with this letter directions to 4-H Camp at the 4-H Youth Conference and Education Center just outside of Salem, as well as a suggested checklist for campers. You will want to prepare for all kinds of weather and activities.

Balance Due

If there is an outstanding balance on the camp fee, this needs to be brought to camp registration. Checks should be made out to the **Clackamas County 4-H Camp Committee**.

Transportation

All campers are expected to provide their own transportation to and from the 4-H Youth Conference and Education Center (directions are enclosed) **unless they have made bus transportation arrangements with our OSU Extension Service office**.

Personal Transportation

If you are driving your camper to and from the 4-H Youth Conference and Education Center, you may register your camper **beginning** at 2:00 pm, Monday, July 25. Please do not bring your camper earlier as the counselors and adult staff will be unavailable to provide supervision. Any information which you feel would help the camp staff in working with your son or daughter will be appreciated and should be given to the staff at time of check-in at camp.

You may pick up your camper between 1:00 and 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 30. Please make special arrangements with the camp staff during registration on Monday of camp if you cannot pick your child up by 2:00 pm. A map to the 4-H Youth Conference and Education Center is enclosed.

Bus Transportation

Free bus transportation is provided one-way and round trip between the OSU Extension office in Oregon City and the 4-H Youth Conference and Education Center. Campers wishing to ride the bus must RSVP to the OSU Extension office by **July 22**. You can reserve your camper's space by returning the enclosed "Bus Transportation Request Form" by mail. You can also RSVP by contacting Kelly at the Extension office by phone, fax, or e-mail, but an original signed form is needed before your camper can board the bus. See the enclosure for bus schedule and directions to the Extension office in Oregon City.

We will be handling most of camp registration before boarding the bus. Bring any additional paperwork or camp fees with you. It is a good idea to have a parent or legal guardian drop off the camper in case any forms need to be signed.

Official 4-H Health Form / Medical Issues

Parents should carefully read, complete, and sign the Official 4-H Health Form. If you did not already turn in this form, please **bring it with you to camp registration**. If there are any changes in a camper's medical record or medication(s), his or her parents must list the changes in writing and give to camp staff when the camper checks in.

If the camper is taking any medication (prescription or non-prescription), the following information is mandatory:

- List of medications, both prescription and non-prescription
- Reason for drug
- If prescription, date it was last filled
- When to take medication

Medications must be clearly labeled with the contents and the camper's name and given to the camp nurse.

Your camper will be under the guidance of selected, older, specially trained 4-H members. Adult guidance is provided through resource people, a trained nurse, and recreation leaders who are always present. If any camper runs a temperature of over 99.9°F, the parents will be notified and arrangements made to send the camper home.

Evaluation.

Oregon State University is currently conducting a study to evaluate 4-H camping programs statewide. Youth participation in this brief survey is anonymous and voluntary, and parental consent is required. A letter with response area is enclosed with this packet. It is important that parents complete the response to indicate if their camper may or may not participate in the survey. Please **bring it with you to camp registration**.

Visitors and Camp Mail

Since camp lasts less than a week, we have a "no visitors at camp" rule. Visits often cause problems for the homesick child as well as for the child who receives no visitors. There is a daily mail service, except for weekends, so please write your camper often. The address is: **4-H Youth Conference and Education Center, 5390 4-H Youth Road NW, Salem, OR 97304**. The phone number at the 4-H Youth Conference and Education Center is 1-503-371-7920. This is for emergency use only. If you need to reach Diane Broehl, our Camp Director, you may call her cell phone at 503-803-9876.

Money

We strongly discourage the bringing of money to camp. There is no place to spend money, and cash tends to be easily lost or misplaced.

Snacks and Food Items

We have a particularly talented kitchen staff, which prepares plentiful, nutritious meals. We therefore ask that **NO** candy, gum, or other food be brought to camp. A variety of small animals, including skunks, are drawn to food items in the cabins, leading to various problems.

Phones and Electronics

Please leave cell phones, video games, and music players at home. They distract from the camp experience.

Challenge

Campers who have completed the 7th and 8th grades will participate in a special leadership program called Challenge. Challenge campers will experience a variety team building and leadership activities and a special overnight activity at the 4-H Center.

Horse Program

This year we will again offer campers the opportunity to ride a horse. Campers complete a safety instruction orientation and are guided by 4-H horse club volunteers.

Lost and Found

In the case of items lost, the Extension 4-H office will make every effort to locate the item, but will not be able to replace or reimburse the camper for the item.

Sincerely,



Jan Williams
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