

4-H Wild West Camp PARENT INFORMATION



Thank you for considering sending your child to 4-H Wild West Camp. Here is the information you'll need to maximize your child's experience at camp. We are here to serve you, so please feel free to call (503-434-8913) or email (mike.knutz@oregonstate.edu) me with your questions. Please read the following information carefully and share it with your child. We welcome you to a fun week of learning, sharing, caring and growing through our summer camp program.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS

Your Camp Directors are 4-H faculty members employed respectively as Youth Development Professionals for the OSU Extension Service in Yamhill County, Polk County and Marion County. The 4-H Camp Staff includes both teen and adult volunteers. Participants receive a high degree of small group interaction and personal attention from 4-H staff and volunteer leaders. These people have been chosen for their interest and ability in working with other people, as well as their skills in special areas. They undergo extensive pre-camp training in addition to background checks and screening before taking on this assignment.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of campers are closely monitored. The camp provides nutritious and balanced meals. The site has hot and cold running water, showers, and flush toilets. There are medical personnel on staff to attend to participants' health needs.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

The camp program has limited medical insurance on every participant - coverage extends only to accidents and illnesses originating at camp. The accident limit is \$3000; for sickness, \$1000. Pre-existing illness is not covered. The camp has an infirmary.

AGE LIMITS

This camp is open to boys and girls completing grades 4-7.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Every effort will be made to provide special services or accommodations to participants on an as-needed basis, pending availability. Please let us know your special needs four weeks in advance by indicating so in the appropriate section on the registration form.

REGISTRATION COSTS

Final payment of all camp fees must be received by July 28, 2011. A \$35 late fee is assessed for payment received after June 28th. Mail to 4-H Camp, OSU Extension Service, 2050 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, OR 97128 with checks payable to: 4-H Camp. Your camp fees include:

- Lodging
- Camp T-shirt
- Camp group photo
- Meals
- Program activities & classes

NO CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP UNTIL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL!

CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY

100% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation is requested 10 business days before the start of camp or up to the registration day with a note from a doctor. 50% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation occurs within nine business days before the 4-H camp begins. Full registration can be transferrable to a new registering camper.

WITHDRAWALS & DISMISSAL

The Camp Directors reserve the right to dismiss any campers whose influence and conduct becomes detrimental to the best interest of the program. No refunds will be made for dismissed campers or withdrawal due to home sickness.

HOMESICK CAMPERS

If your child becomes homesick, we will make every attempt to encourage the child to stay. If the child still wishes to leave, the parents will be called. Parents should be prepared to come pick up their child from camp if their child continues to be homesick and upset about being away from home. We have found that having children call home encourages homesickness. It can also become a problem for a cabin group as they learn of someone else being able to make calls outside of camp. It is therefore the policy of our 4 H camp to encourage children to write home, but not call. Helping campers overcome homesickness is part of their camp experience. Speaking to your child in advance can alleviate many feelings of homesickness once they arrive.

CABIN MATES

We will make every reasonable effort to assign campers with friends they request. However, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored.

TEEN COUNSELORS AND ADULT STAFF

Trained teen counselors will be assigned 5-8 campers each during the 5 days of camp. It is their responsibility to be with the campers from sun up to sundown. In addition to our teen counselors, a staff of 8-10 adults will also be on-site. Adult staff consists of professional youth development faculty and trained 4-H Volunteers who have undergone background checks. Their role is to provide leadership and supervision to the entire camp program.

CAMP MAIL

We strongly encourage you to write your child. We can take your letters during registration day and distribute them to your camper over the course of the week. The 4-H Center has daily mail service at camp. To ensure your letter arrives during the camp, we suggest mailing letters or cards before the camp begins.

Oregon 4-H Center

<http://www.oregon4hcenter.org/>

c/o 4-H Wild West Camp

5390 4-H Road NW

Salem, OR 97304

CHECK-IN

Camp Check-in begins at 3 pm on Monday. No early arrivals please; the welcoming party won't be ready! If you must arrange a late arrival, please check-in no later than 5 pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER!

In order for your application to be complete please send the following items to the Yamhill County Office of the OSU Extension Service.

- Camp youth application
- Camp fee balance

Forms are available at:

WILD WEST 4-H CAMP:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/yamhill/4-h-youth/camps>

CHECK-OUT

Check-out will be immediately following the closing program on Saturday (see camp schedule).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:

In case of an emergency during our week at camp, parents can contact camp staff at:

(503) 371-7920

(971) 241-7775.