4-H Wildlife Stewards Camp
Information Packet

July 30-August 3, 2019

Check in: Tuesday July 30th 9-10 am
Closing Parent Program: Saturday, August 3rd at 11:00 am
Camper Check out: Saturday, August 3rd at noon
Welcome to 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp! We are happy that you are interested in joining us at our summer at our 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp. This packet will be a valuable aid in helping you decide on this summer camp for your child. Please review these materials carefully and learn more about the safe, fun and active experiences we offer.

If you register for our camp during the five days at our camp your child will be introduced to a wide variety of wildlife programs and activities, and we are your child will come away with some new skills, a heightened enthusiasm for the outdoors and an increased sense of stewardship for our earth’s resources.

The following pieces of information will provide you answers to many of your questions about what to expect at camp:

- a Parent Information Letter
- a list of items to bring to camp
- a map to the 4-H Education Center

We believe you will find this material helpful as you make your decision about camp. Also, be sure to check out our 4-H camp photos to see our camp in action:

**2018 4-H Camp Photo Gallery**

We look forward to having your join us at our camp and for the opportunity to provide you with a meaningful, educational and fun experience to cherish for years to come.

Sincerely,

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CAMP OVERVIEW
For more than 100 years, Oregon State University Extension 4-H camping has been a proven and effective method of teaching youth life skills and providing a safe, engaging and FUN learning experience that provides lifelong friendships and memories for a lifetime. 4-H camping teaches youth to make their own decisions, solve problems, and manage their resources by providing hands-on experiential learning. Through involvement in the 4-H camping program, youth gain a better appreciation of living as a community by learning how to become more responsible and think critically. Please register early to ensure your spot at camp since our camp fills up early.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS
Your Camp Director is Chuck Packard. Chuck is a founder and director of this camp for 18 years. Maureen Hosty is the 4-H Youth Extension Faculty for the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Camp and has provided leadership to 4-H camps for over 30 years. 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. Our camp staff 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 before taking on this assignment as activity instructors and counselors. Lifeguards, archery instructors and horse instructors have all received specialized training and certification in their respective fields. All staff have completed a background check and all our trained staff help provide a safe, caring, and friendly camp community with a low staff/camp ratio to ensure all kids have a safe and highly engaging experience (ratio 1:3).

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. Our medical team includes a nurse, an EMT and a nurse assistant. Our health staff are on site 24/7 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.

FACILITIES
The Oregon 4-H Education Center is a rich outdoor classroom for exploring wildlife and nature. Located just 7 miles northwest of Salem in the beautiful rolling Eola Hills, the center includes 325 acres of mixed forests, meadows, and ponds. The center features weatherized and heated cabins, modern restrooms, a large dining hall, rock climbing wall, archery range, a swimming pool and bath-house and a new recreation hall with basketball and gym. Canoes, adventure swings, a well-stocked fishing pond and miles of hiking trails make this an ideal setting for exploring and learning. Horseback riding takes place at our horse camp, which includes a riding arena, stalls, a barn, and restroom facilities.

AGE LIMITS
This camp is open to boys and girls completing grades 2-8 in June 2019.

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.

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS
If the cost of camp is affecting your decision to attend 4-H camp, be sure to check out 4-H camp scholarships. Significant camp scholarships are available to 4-H members through your local 4-H Leaders Association. If you are an active 4-H member, contact your local 4-H office to receive scholarship applications. Also visit our website to download scholarship applications from the Oregon 4-H Foundation.
FEES:
Our 4-H camp costs include all lodging, meals, supplemental medical insurance, a camp t-shirt and an oversized camp duffle bag. Payment of all camp fees must be received by June 1, 2019 for early registration and July 1 for regular registration. You can pay any remaining balance online with a credit card or send a check payable to: 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp P.O. Box 7172, Aloha, OR 97007. NO CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP UNTIL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL! Questions about your registration and fees can be sent to:
4-H Wildlife Stewards Camp
juniorwildlifestewards@yahoo.com

REFUND POLICY:
- 100% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation is requested 10 business days (July 16, 2019) or more before the activity.
- 50% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation occurs five to nine (July 23, 2019) business days before the 4-H activity begins.
- No refunds will be made when cancellations occur within 5 business days of the activity or when the campers do not show up for the activity.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:
Campers check-in (including CIT’s) from 9:30-11:00 am on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Parents are welcomed to join one of our parent tours of the facilities at check-in time. However, to assist in the transition process, we request parents depart shortly after the check-in procedure.

Our camp will end with a closing ceremony which we encourage parents to be part of. This is a time we share your child’s camping experience as we recap the week’s events. The closing ceremony will be from 11:00 am on August 3rd. Parents may check their child out of camp from 12:00-12:30 pm on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

CAMP BAGS
In order to easily get all the campers, gear up to the cabins from the main parking lot each camper must pack all the gear (including sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, etc.) into one bag. 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp provides oversized duffle bags for all campers. Returning campers can use their 4-H bags from previous years. New campers will receive their 4-H bag at check-in. Parents should be prepared to help their children transfer their belongings into the 4-H camp bags when campers check in. Campers with new bags can return their bags at the end of camp and receive a $25.00 refund if they do not want to keep the bag. Returning campers who need a new bag can order a new bag. The cost is $25.00 and can be included on your registration.

TEEN COUNSELORS
Teams of 3-4 trained teen counselors will be assigned 12-14 campers (cabin tribe) during the 5 days of camp. It is their responsibility to be with the campers from Camp “Rise and Shine” to bedtime.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS
Junior Counselors are youth who are going into 9th grade and have completed the 4-H WLS Counselor in Training Program. They are assigned to a youth cabin and provide assistance to the teen counselors with escorting campers to classes, dining hall and other camp activities. 4-H Junior Counselors are a very important part of our total camp program. 4-H Junior Counselors are both givers and receivers of 4-H camp educational programs. This is an opportunity for youth to develop their leadership skills and be an active participant in 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING
Our Counselor in training program is designed for youth who have completed 7th or 8th grade. During their week at camp, counselors in training will stay in the at the 4-H horse camp, participate in leadership classes, and assist with special camp projects. This is an opportunity for youth to develop and practice new leadership skills in preparation for becoming a camp counselor and at the same time explore wildlife and the environment in a fun atmosphere. Counselors in training do NOT participate in the 4-H horse program.

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.
HORSE BACK RIDING

We will again offer 4-H Horseback riding at camp for our 2018 camp. 4-H Horse camp is only a short hike from the main camp. Each camper up to 6th grade will have the opportunity to participate in our horse program. Our instructors are trained horse leaders who have considerable experience teaching youth including beginners. Campers should bring to camp long pants and shoes with heels for participation in this program.

FISHING

Each camper will have the opportunity to fish at least once with their tribe either in the morning (after breakfast) or in the evening (before dinner). We will also be offering fishing as one of our morning classes again this year. Due to the limited space at the pond, only one tribe will be assigned either a morning or afternoon time for fishing. If you have a favorite fishing pole, bring it along. Otherwise, fishing poles will be provided at camp for those who do not own a fishing pole.

OTHER CAMP ACTIVITIES

In addition to horseback riding and fishing our 4-H camp offers a variety of exciting and fun activities including but not limited to: wildlife classes, adventure swings, archery, canoeing, swimming, campfire programs (every evening), nature crafts, outdoor cooking, theatre, and much more.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

Campers are assigned to cabins by gender and grade in school. Campers in the same age and of the same gender can make cabin requests. However, while we try to honor all requests there are no guarantees.

MAIL:

We have daily mail service at camp. The address is:

Oregon 4-H Center
C/o 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp
5390 4-H Rd., NW
Salem, OR 97304

To ensure your letter arrives during their camp session, we suggest mailing letters or cards before the camp begins.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or want additional applications, please contact our camp manager at juniorwildlifestewardscamp@yahoo.com.

Also, visit our 4-H Camp website for additional information and registration.
WHAT TO BRING TO 4-H CAMP

DON'T FORGET TO CLEARLY MARK WITH CHILD'S NAME ALL CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS WITH YOUR NAME, AND PHONE NUMBER!

SUGGESTED:

- Warm sleeping bag or sheets and blankets
- Pillow
- Toiletries (2 towels, washcloth, toothbrush/paste, soap, shampoo, comb, brush, chap stick, sunscreen)
- Warm coat
- 1-2 sweatshirts
- 1-2 pair of long pants
- 2-3 pair of shorts
- 2-3 T-shirts
- 2 pair of sturdy shoes (tennis shoes or boots. At least one pair of sturdy shoes is required for horseback riding)

OPTIONAL:

- Stuffed animal to sleep with
- Letter writing materials (paper, pencil, pre-addressed envelopes, and stamps)
- Camera (the disposable ones work great!)
- Bug repellant (non-aerosol)
- Nature field guides
- Sunglasses

DO NOT BRING:

- Food and Candy
- Anything valuable
- Cell phones
- Money
- Knives
- Electronic devices

(Any of these “do not bring” items will be collected by camp staff and returned to campers at check out. NOTE: Camp staff is not responsible for lost or stolen articles).

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. Unclaimed items will be disposed of two weeks after camp ends.

If your child has any physical disability that requires special considerations in order for him/her to attend 4-H Camp, please notify the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Office at 971-361-9628 by July 19th.
Directions to the 4-H Center

From Portland via I-5
1. Take I-5 South to the Salem Parkway Exit. Exit right and cross Chemawa Road at the light. Bear to the right and drive approximately 4.6 miles on the Parkway and Commercial Street. (The Parkway becomes Commercial Street just past the Fred Meyer store.
2. Drive South on Commercial and turn right at the Marion Street Bridge.
3. Cross the Willamette River on the Marion Street Bridge, staying in either of the two right lanes and follow the signs onto Wallace Road.
4. Drive North approximately 2 miles and turn left onto Brush College Road.
5. Drive approximately 5 miles on Brush College Road. Turn left onto 4-H Road.
6. Drive uphill to the end of the pavement. **Remember: The speed limit while in camp is 10 mph.**
7. If you are going to either Horse Camp or Greider, take the right-hand gate and drive downhill. Stay on the improved road. Horse Camp is the first group of buildings, including a barn, an arena and a bathhouse. If you are going to Greider, pass through Horse Camp and continue downhill. Greider Lodge will be on your right as you reach the meadow.
8. If you are going to the Core area, take the left-hand gate and drive uphill. Signs will direct you to the area you are staying.

From Eugene via I-5
1. Drive I-5 North to the Mission Street Exit. Exit right and turn left onto Mission Street at the exit light.
2. Drive West on Mission Street approximately 2 miles and turn right onto Liberty Street.
3. Drive North on Liberty Street and turn left onto Marion Street.
4. Follow directions 3-8 above.