

School Camps

School camping has been a mainstay of 4-H Camp Ohio's business since 1968. Three of the school systems that started in our outdoor education program in 1968 are still camping here. They are Heath Schools (Stevenson Elementary); Grandview Heights Schools and Worthington Schools (Colonial Hills Elementary). An amazing fact is that Larry Larson from Grandview Heights has been the camp director since the program's inception and Karen Day of Heath Schools is only the second director for that program. These dedicated directors make for outstanding programs.

This year, school camping starts April 5th with Ridgedale Elementary from Marion County. 4-H Camp Ohio currently serves schools from Coshocton, Muskingum, Franklin, Knox, Marion, Tuscarawas and Licking Counties. We also have an Ann Arbor group camping with us this spring, and a group from Delaware County is looking at fall dates.

School campers participate in most of our camp activities from living history to adventure programs. Most school programs are three days and two nights, but some go as long as five days.

The program committee and program staff are working to make our program offerings more relevant to preparing for standardized testing.

4-H Camp Ohio has open dates for resident camping or one day field trips in both spring and fall. Call Jerry or Cyndi at camp to find out about these opportunities.

Program Director's Note . . .

We have several schools that just love coming to camp. Some of their favorite classes are farm, Underground Railroad, Amish class, Wilderness Survival, Stream Study, Adventure and Living History! They run their camp days like many other groups – there are programs, lunch, programs, evening activities and much more than you can ever learn in a classroom setting. Camp gives kids a chance to see their teachers in a different light. They see them get down and dirty in the stream or at team challenge course. They watch them try and climb the wall just like the campers! They find out they are people just like the rest of us. It is a wonderful opportunity for social development, team building, leadership skills and more. I want to say THANK YOU to all our schools that keep coming and making camp a wonderful place for kids to enjoy!

Camp Ohio Farm Programs

By Doug Clark, Assistant Director

Our camp is unique because we have our Camp Ohio Farm and our Amish Farm for campers to choose from. At our camp farm there is so much to do – a lot of hands-on with a plow, old fashion push mower, crank corn sheller, potato grader, scales and even helping feed the animals or gather eggs. At our Amish Farm, campers not only learn about farming they also get a chance to learn about Amish culture. These farms open up a world of learning in regard to appreciating our food chain.

There is not a day that goes by where agriculture does not touch our lives – from the sheets we sleep on to the cornflakes we eat. Many people do not realize the importance of farming.

Educating campers, at one of the farms, is a vital part of our future. Less than 1% of the population is farmers – they feed our nation! We must understand this vanishing way of life and work together before it is too late.

NEW THIS YEAR!! – farmhouse open for a visit and an archeological dig site where the old farmhouse used to be. Make sure your group picks a farm class during your stay this season.

Academic Standards

This question came up at a board meeting – How well do our lesson plans fit with the state's academic standards? Well, we put a committee together and looked over 4th, 5th and 6th grade standards in math, science and social studies. We found that several of our lesson plans meet some of these standards. It was interesting to find that our Camp Ohio Farm meets many standards that other areas do not, especially in Math. You may ask – Why are we doing this comparison? We try to make scheduling a camp visit as easy as possible; with these facts our visiting schools will have the necessary information to determine which of our programs will fit with their current curriculum.

We want to give our teachers the tools they need for a great camp! If anyone has any suggestions in this area please feel free to give Cyndi a call.

WISH LIST



4-H Camp Ohio is always in need of supplies for educational programs.

Check out our Wish List!

- ✓ Pony Beads
- ✓ Permanent Markers
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Farmhouse furnishings & antique utensils etc.
- ✓ Monetary donations are always appreciated

