

## Junior 4-H Camp Final Details:



- All medications must be turned in **during the week prior** to camp (July 5-7). Our office will be closed July 3-4 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day holiday. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will have someone in the office to collect medications during lunch on Wednesday, July 5, but the office will be closed for lunch on Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7. If there are circumstances where you can't meet this deadline, please contact our office at 382-5790 to let us know that you will be bringing medications on the day of departure. If your child is taking medication(s), you will need to complete a medication form (attached) including detailed administration instructions. Bring your child's medication (in its original container with doctor's administration instructions) along with the completed medication form to the Extension office. Inhalers must also be in a box with the doctor's administration instructions. We are not able to take loose inhalers. If your child must have their inhaler, or other medication (Epipen, etc.) with them at all times, please turn in a doctor's note with those instructions. A list of over-the-counter medications available at the 4-H Center is attached with this message. Please do not turn in over-the-counter medications that are available at the 4-H Center. All medications are due to the Extension office **by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7.**
- Campers will receive their camp schedules, pack assignments, and room assignments at check-in on Monday, July 10. We do not give out schedules early because we typically receive numerous requests for changes when we do this. We work very hard to place children in classes they selected in their top 10 choices, but many classes fill quickly. If we made a mistake, and placed a child in a class that was not in their top 10 choices, we will do our very best to change this when we arrive at camp. Campers just need to let us know. Otherwise, we generally do not make changes unless there are extenuating circumstances (medical issues, etc.) Most classes are full, and we can't exceed the class limit set through American Camping Association accreditation. So we often cannot change a child to a class without removing another child.
- During our week of camp we will have some campers with very severe peanut allergies. So if you are packing snacks for your campers, **please do not pack items that have peanuts or peanut ingredients.** Also, if you are sending care packages of snacks to your campers, make sure these items do not have peanuts or peanut ingredients either. In terms of meals and 4-H Center snacks, we are planning for a peanut-free camp.
- We are leaving from Christiansburg High School on Monday, July 10. Campers need to arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. We would like to depart as soon as possible thereafter. Our goal is to have a smooth and quick departure so children can get to camp and begin their week of fun. So again, please help us meet this goal by making sure all medications are in our office by the above deadline. The collection of medications is a slow process and can significantly delay our departure. Again, our office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 5 through 7.
- We will try to get through all the check-in items quickly on Monday, July 10, but please be patient. It will take a while to get the luggage, campers, and teens all organized and ready for departure. We have approximately 190 youth and teens going to camp this summer. Parents/Guardians are expected to remain with their campers until they have been loaded on the correct bus for departure.

- Don't forget to securely and legibly label all luggage including dirty or wet clothes bags (these often come back separately from suitcases or duffel bags) and pillows, sleeping bags, etc. We always have items left behind after our return. If labeled, we will call the owner of those items. We only keep items left behind for 1 month following camp. Items not picked up within the month will be given to a local thrift store.
- If you are sending souvenir money (cash only) with your child(ren), be sure to have it in a sealed envelope with the child's name, parent/guardian name, address, phone number, and amount of money enclosed written on the outside of the envelope. We will collect souvenir money Monday morning, July 10, to lock up for campers. They will receive their envelope with souvenir money when the camp store is open and can purchase items at that time. Items in the souvenir store range in price from under \$5 (flashlights, bouncing balls, etc.) to approximately \$25 (sweatshirts, etc.). The amount to send for souvenirs is at the discretion of parents/guardians.
- When campers check in on Monday morning, July 10, parents will receive a pick-up card. Parents will keep the card while we are at camp and will list on the card the names of individuals who have permission to pick up their child(ren) on Friday. When the buses return on Friday, parents/guardians will need to present the pick-up card to get their child(ren) off the bus. If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up a child, they should be listed on the pick-up card and they should also present the pick-up card on Friday. If parents, guardians, or other individuals do not have a pick-up card on Friday, then we will have to check health history forms to see who has permission to pick up the child(ren), and we will need to see some form of picture identification for the person picking up the child(ren). So be sure to keep pick-up cards and have them ready on Friday.
- We will return to Christiansburg High School on Friday, July 14 between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. Please be aware that this is an approximate time and that delays are possible.
- If you would like to mail letters or care packages to your child or children during the week of camp, the address for the 4-H Center is: W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, 775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA 24184. You can mail items a few days early (Wednesday or Thursday the week before camp) if you want your camper(s) to receive them early in their camp week. Just be sure to write on the envelope or package your child's name and Montgomery County 4-H Camp. Your children can also write you letters from the Center, but need to have their own self-addressed, stamped envelopes. We do not provide envelopes and stamps.
- Bunk 1 is an e-mail service provided for campers and parents through cooperation from the 4-H Center and the Bunk 1 company. This is an optional service. Parents can send e-mails to their campers (delivered during daily mail call), but campers are not able to return e-mails. Instructions for Bunk 1 are attached with this message.
- If there are other announcements, I will send those by e-mail in the coming weeks leading to camp. Otherwise, we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday, June 10 for a fun-filled week of camp!