



PARENT/CAMPER HANDBOOK

***Welcome to Cecil County 4-H
 Summer Camp at the Rock's!***

***It is important that ALL campers and parents read this
 handbook and are familiar with the information.***

Please complete and return all forms ASAP

- Campers cannot attend camp unless all forms are completed and submitted
- All registration balances must be paid prior to the start of camp
- All campers must have completed a Health/Medical Form (physical by a doctor if applicable or if medications are required)



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Letter from the Director

Dear Campers and Parents:

Welcome to Cecil County 4-H Camp! Cecil County 4-H Camp is held at the Harford County 4-H Park Grounds in Street, Maryland. The camp is a 160 acres residential camp located in Rock's State Park. Our camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and has developed programs based on youth development research by the University of Maryland. Cecil County is proud to have offered a 4-H Camping Program at the Rock's for over 70 years.

My name is Susan Sprout Knight, and this is my 20th year as Cecil County 4-H Camp Director. It is our goal at camp to help campers gain independence, learn new skills, and create lasting friendships, in addition to helping kids get excited about learning, promote positive youth development, and build life skills. Cecil County 4-H Camp strives to provide a caring, inclusive, position environment in a "family" atmosphere. Our outdoor surroundings and facilities provide an ideal place for these goals to be accomplished.

Our camp will be conducted within the safety and health guidelines of the American Camp Association, University of Maryland, and the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene. Teen and adult staff members plan, participate and evaluate camp together as a partnership. This promotes strong relationships with youth and adults.

Sincerely,
Susan Sprout-Knight-Camp Director

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Visitors

Although we do not recommend parents/guardians visiting our camp, any visitor will have to sign-in and sign-out at the Deer Creek Overlook after you have gained permission to stay from the Camp Director, which may or may not be permitted. If permission is gained you will have to wear a nametag that says "Visitor." Our camps first responsibility is to provide for the safety of our campers, counselors, and adult staff. Under no circumstances will a child be released from camp to anyone without permission from the camp director. After visiting our camp, we ask that you sign out and return your visitor name tag. If you are thinking about visiting our camp, please contact our camp director first before arriving to camp.

General Camp Information

The Camp Environment

Since Cecil County Rocks 4-H Camp is located in the woods, campers should not be surprised to find an occasional squirrel under the craft building or a spider in the bathroom. There are a number of restricted areas such as Deer Creek and the back road. Campers are expected to be supervised by camp staff at all times. They may not leave camp grounds or go to the restricted areas without appropriate authorization and supervision. Respect for the animals, trees and natural environment are important.

Dorms

Campers are housed in rustic concrete dorms with 30 other campers, counselors and adult staff. The dorms are screened and equipped with lights and smoke detectors. Beds and mattresses are provided, but campers must bring their own bedding (see page 8 for more details.) Toilets and hot showers are located either attached to the dorm or nearby. There are separate dorms for girls and boys to stay in.

POINT SYSTEM

ATTENTION ALL CAMPERS: During the week campers will compete for the “Golden Feather.” The competition will be fair and fun and everyone should practice good sportsmanship. Points, used to determine the “mightiest troop,” will be given for K.P., dorm and ground cleanup, attendance at events, quiet at night, flag raising and lowering, vespers and inspirations, counselor hunt, and campfires. Points can also be given to the most enthusiastic and good spirited troop—We call it the Spirit Stick! The highest scoring troop will be awarded the GOLDEN FEATHER! Good luck!

Tipping

Parents are asked not to tip counselors and other staff members. The American Camp Association discourages tipping to prevent preferential treatment for any camper. If you are satisfied with our camp and want to help us out, we do accept donations to run our programs or to sponsor another camper to attend 4-H camp next year.



Online use of Camp name

In general, our camp views social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, etc.) positively and respects the right to use them as a medium of self-expression. If a camper chooses to identify himself or herself as a camper at our camp on such internet venues, some readers may view the camper as a representative or spokesperson of the camp. In light of the possibility our camp requires, as a condition of participation in the camp, that campers observe the same rules as set forth by our code of conduct. Please refrain from posting photos or information about our program without authorization. Our camp follows a camper privacy policy. Campers photograph can be published by Cecil County 4-H Camp with parent authorization. (as disclosed in the registration packet)

Lost- and – Found

Lost- and- found items will be collected every day and be available for camper’s to identify items during meal times as Empire Leaders will hold up the items during announcements (except for items

Required Paperwork

Before everyone heads off to camp, we need to work together to make sure that anyone attending 4-H camp has the correct paperwork.

Camp Application w/ payment: *This is typically the first paper we want to receive from your camper, along with payment, to hold the camper's bed. On the back is the scholarship information as well.*

Camp Health & Medication Form: *See more information on page 6*
Photo: *Important for identification purpose. Should have been taken within the last year and should not have any other people or animals in the picture. Child's face should easily be visible, and free from costumes.*

Camp Liability Release & Informed Consent Form: *This form warns you of the potential risks of camp.*

4-H Code of Conduct: *This form is to ensure that everyone at camp understands and will not break our camp and 4-H rules.*

Camp Class Electives: *This form allows campers to pick which classes they want to take at camp. There will be four days of classes (three 40 minute classes each day).*

Camp Travel Preference Form *This form lets camp staff know who is dropping off and picking up the camper from the bus stop or taking the child directly to camp.*

Camp Sunscreen Authorization Form: *This form shows if you allow sunscreen to be put on your child during the week of camp.*

Camp Movie, Insect Repellent, Face Paint Authorization Form: *This form gives us permission for Insect Repellent and face paint to be put on your child, as well participate in the camp movie during the week of camp.*

Publicity Release Form: *This Form allows the Cecil County 4-H Program, University of Maryland Extension to publish and send press releases on social media, local newspapers.*

All paperwork must be signed by a parent/guardian for anyone under the age of 18

Cell Phone Policy



Cecil County 4-H camp has a NO CELL PHONE policy. We know in this age of technology it is difficult for youth to not be in contact via cell phone. Camp is a unique environment. We are trying to help youth develop life skills at camp including independence and self-reliance. Often homesickness, which is normal part of a week of camp, can be worsened by talking to Mom and Dad. We respect and appreciate the wonderful relationship youth and families have, but if our campers are to enjoy camp fully they must be able to develop this independence. If there is an emergency or we are concerned about the youth's well-being,

we will contact you. If a camper is found with a cell phone, the phone and charger will be kept in the hands of a designated adult until the camper's last day of camp.

Preparing your child for camp

The staff at Cecil County 4-H camp wants your child's stay at camp to be a happy fun-filled, stimulating and educational experience. The information in this handbook will help you and your child understand what to expect while at camp. Please read and discuss the entire handbook with your camper; their stay at camp will be greatly enhanced by understanding our program and structure. Sleep-away camp is truly a unique experience and opportunity for a young person to experience independence, self-reliance and a variety of other learning opportunities. If you attended camp as a child, share your favorite memories with your child. Be positive about how you handled living away from home. If your camper has never been away from home, you may want to arrange overnight visits with family or friends for a weekend prior to the start of camp. Campers will meet other campers and staff from diverse backgrounds. Children will learn tolerance and mutual respect through shared experiences. We encourage campers to try new things and to participate fully in the camp program. By talking about the camp program ahead of time, you can increase your child's interest and enthusiasm for camp.

Homesickness is an issue that can occasionally affect campers, especially first timers. Cecil County 4-H camp staff members are trained to be sympathetic and helpful to campers who seem to have difficulty adjusting to being away from home. Most campers are too busy having fun at camp to get homesick, through occasional homesickness for first time campers is not unusual. You may even receive a postcard or letter from your unhappy camper. Don't worry, in most cases by the time you receive this kind of mail, your camper has already happily adjusted to camp life. Typically, the counselor is the first person to handle the camper who is homesick. The counselor will spend one-on-one time with the camper and will try to have them make it through the first night. Normally, their counselor is the only one needed to settle down a homesick camper. If the symptoms continue a counselor will seek the help of a more experienced counselor or adult. We strongly discourage campers from talking with parents when

homesickness occurs as this typically makes homesickness worse.

There will be no refund for campers who leave early due to homesickness.

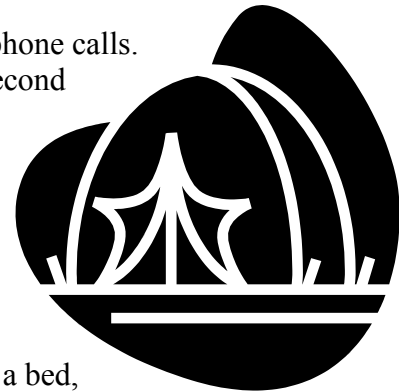
Preventing Separation Anxiety

- Never bribe or coerce an unwilling child to go to camp.
- Emphasize that your child is "going to camp" rather than you are "sending your child away to camp."
- Avoid statements like, "I'm really going to miss you," which may make your child feel badly about going away.
- Always talk to your child about homesickness and coping strategies, no matter how many years they have been coming to camp; even the most experienced camper can get homesick.
- Never say, "if you don't like camp, you can come home." They will be less likely to give camp a fair try.
- Mail a letter to your camper, two days before camp so it will arrive on the first day.

- In your letters to your campers, be careful not to emphasize all the fun that's happening at home or how much the camper is missed instead, ask all about camp.

Twelve Tips to Help Prepare your Child for Camp

1. Meet the Camp Director, Susan Sprout-Knight. Meet other adults, counselors, and potential camp parents and campers at our annual Camper- Parent Orientation.
2. Talk to other families who have gone to camp in past years to familiarize you and your camper about what happens at Cecil County Rocks 4-H camp.
3. Have your child spend the weekend with a friend. No phone calls. Talk about it afterwards. How did your child feel the second night?
4. Go over the daily schedule with your child so there are no surprises. Learn as much as possible about camp life.
5. Teach your child how to care for themselves. Children need to know how to select appropriate clothing, make a bed, put clothes away, set a table, carry out chores, hang out wet laundry, etc.
6. Problem solve with your child by using “what if” situations to prepare for unexpected events. What if you don’t get along with another child? What if you don’t feel well? Let your child brainstorm for solutions and make sure they know what do to and who to talk to.
7. Familiarize your child with the outdoors. Many city children are unfamiliar with total darkness, night sounds, or animals. Also make sure you child knows not to touch or go near these animals.
8. Homesickness is fairly common. It is part of growing up and leaving home. Speak openly about it and your child will experience less anxiety and more understanding. Camp Staff is trained to help your child through these ups and downs.
9. Discuss communication at camp. Letters and postcards are great. Give your child stamped envelopes and postcards already addressed. Practice letter writing, the more letters your child writes the more he/she will receive.
10. Communicate with camp officials. Let them know if there are special circumstances regarding your child’s well-being or behavior. The more we know about your camper the more we can help your camper have the best time at camp.
11. Send letters to your child before camp begins so mail is waiting when he/she arrives. Label them (Monday, Tuesday, etc) so they do not get out of order. Keep them short, send comics, package with a word game, etc.
12. Prepare yourself for your child to go to camp. You have chosen the best camp for your child and he/she will have a wonderful summer full of fun, new friends, new songs and many exciting experiences.



Getting Ready: Health and Medical Information

Camper Health

Examination Form- *based on Maryland State and ACA regulations*

- The parent or guardian should thoroughly complete the health and Medication form.
- Take the health form to a health care provider to review completion, and sign the medicine form if the child needs any medication during the week, prescription or non-prescription.
- Make a copy of the health form and send it in before August 1.

Medical Screening

On the first day of camp at the bus stop or pavilion at camp, the Camp Health Care Professional or authorized personnel, as required by Maryland Department of Health and ACA standards, will examine everyone who is attending camp.

The HCP will ask about exposure to communicable diseases, check for fever, check for head lice, check back of throat, check neck and shoulder area, and look at the bottoms of the child's foot.

If a child comes to camp with a pre-existing illness, injury, or lice he or she may be sent home. Admittance to camp maybe permitted with a written and signed letter from the doctor.

There will be no refund for campers who leave early due to an illness discovered at the bus stop or at any time throughout camp.

Health & Medication Forms

There are six pages of the Health Form. These forms list insurance and health information for your child, should a situation occur at camp and your child will need emergency care. The form will be provided to medical care in the absence. Complete and accurate information is required.

Medication

We must follow school policy in regards to medication: your child may only provide medicine either over the counter or under the authorization of a doctor. The medicine must be in the original container and will give as the instructions say on the bottle.



Health and Safety

Cecil County 4-H Camp meets and exceeds all health and safety standards for camps. We also comply with all state

and county codes of health regulations governing children's camps. Fire exiting safety plans and all other emergency procedures are practiced regularly, and fire safety is strictly enforced.

Medical Treatment

Our HCP and/or a Health Care Assistant are always in residence when our camp is in session. The infirmary is fully equipped with overnight facilities, should the need arise. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air, dental and optical facilities are nearby if special medical attention is necessary. If your child needs to be transported by Harford County Emergency personnel-private vehicles will not be used. Parents are required to assume all costs for all out-of-camp medical treatment. This includes all physician, hospital, laboratory and medication costs which are incurred. You will be billed directly for medical care as it is ordered, which may or may not be covered by your insurance carrier.

Medications

If it is necessary for your child to receive any medication while at camp, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ~ALL prescription or over-the-counter medications, including inhalers, must be packed separately and given immediately to the HCP Check-in.
- ~Medications can be dispensed only by the HCP.
- ~All medications must be in containers with the original label. Prescription medications must include clear dispensing instructions on the original pharmacy label.
- ~The family physician must provide clear instructions about the use of prescription medications on the health examination form.
- ~The family physician must give permission to the health director to administer medications by signing the appropriate section of the health examination form and the medication form.
- ~All children taking prescription medications will be instructed on the first day of camp about the schedule for dispensing medications. Emphasize the importance of and encourage your child to take responsibility for complying with the schedule.
- ~No one is permitted to have medications, including vitamins, ointments or lotions of any kind, on his/her person at camp without the expressed permission of the HCP and Camp Director.
- ~Any medication **prescription or non-prescription** must have a completed medication form by the doctor for any medication to be dispensed at school.

Infectious Diseases

If certain infectious diseases are discovered, camper may be sent home so that proper medical treatment can be obtained as soon as possible and for the protection of the other students and staff.

These diseases include:

Impetigo- If the area is properly treated and covered the camper may remain at camp provided a note from the doctor is given to camp staff.

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) - Campers are excluded from camp until eyes are clear or the student has been on antibiotic for at least 24 hours.

Ringworm of Scalp- If the area is properly treated the camper may remain at camp provided a note from the doctor is given to camp staff.

Head lice- Head lice are seen most frequently in younger campers, but may be seen in anyone. The best way to fight head lice is to check your child's hair every day to see if you see any evidence of them. Head lice are very, very tiny bugs that attach themselves to the hair and then lay their eggs. The eggs are "glued" onto the hair and can only be removed by pulling them off. Children get head lice by having their hair in direct contact with another person who has bugs. They can also get it by sharing combs, brushes, hair ties, or being in contact with pillows, furniture, clothing, mattresses and other items where a child with lice has laid their head. If found at any point during camp that you child has lice. Cecil County Rocks 4-H Camp has a "no-nit" policy which means that campers may not attend camp until their hair is totally free of live lice or eggs (nits). If the child can return to camp, a parent/ guardian must come to camp and their child's head will be checked by the HCP. If the child is clear of live lice or eggs they may return to camp as planned.

Getting Ready: Packing for Camp

Every day wear at Camp

Socks and closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times (water shoes are recommended for water activities).

Please use discretion in choosing camp clothes. Modest clothing should be worn at all times. Inappropriate language or graphics on clothing is unacceptable. If you are not sure about something ask before you wear it.

GIRLS: Short shorts, slit shorts, tube tops or see through tops are *not* allowed. Shirts must cover your stomach at all times. One-piece bathing suits and tankini's are preferred, especially for older campers. Bikinis must be modest (no-string bikinis). Please confirm bathing suits are not transparent. If clothing is deemed inappropriate, cover-ups will be provided.

BOYS: Shirts must be worn at all times unless you are at the pool. If you wear baggie pants, they must be **“pulled up” and your undies may not show.** No brief style bathing suits are allowed. Only boxer style suits should be worn at camp. Please confirm bathing suits are not transparent.

What to Bring to Camp: Cecil County 4-H Camp recommends that campers pack the following items for one week on camp.

- 1-2 pairs of pajamas or nightshirts
- 3-5 pairs of shorts
- 1-2 pairs of long pants
- 6 shirts of T-shirts
- 2 bathing suits
- Daily change of underwear
- Daily change of socks
- 2 pairs of sneakers/shoes
- Water shoes
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Jacket
- Sweater or sweatshirt
- Hat/cap
- Sleeping bag or 2 blankets in trash bag labeled with camper's name
- 2 sheets
- Pillow and pillow case
- 2-3 shower towels and/or wash clothes
- 1-2 beach towels
- Flashlight
- Soap or body wash
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Comb or hairbrush
- Laundry bag

Write the camper's first and last names on all property with an indelible marker or pen.

- Note paper and envelopes
- Pen or pencil
- Stamps already on envelopes
- Water bottle
- Camera and film
- Blanket for campfires
- Trash bag for sleeping bag (already labeled)
- Flip-Flops (for showers not to be worn outside of dorms)

Optional items:

- Things that may relate to your classes
- Spirit Item
- Themed items

Luggage: Cecil County 4-H camp recommends that campers pack their property in one suitcase less than twelve inches high and one bed roll.

Getting Ready: Packing for Camp

What NOT to bring: The Camp

Director or adult staff reserves the right to remove inappropriate items from a camper's possession and return them to the parents on Friday.

- Cell phones
- Money
- Medicines (*except prescription medicines, which must be given to the camp nurse*)
- Aerosol Sprays, including but not limited to: hairspray, shaving cream, and insect repellents



- Cigarettes, cigars, matches, or lighters
- Alcohol or drugs
- Candles or lanterns (*except battery operated*)
- Food, candy, or gum (*food is not allowed in the cabins*)
- Laser pointers or pens
- Electronic equipment, including but not limited to video games, portable TVs, radios, I-Pods or CD players, beepers, cellular phones, etc.
- Sports equipment
- Weapons of any kind, including: pocket knives, folding knives, sheath knives, and hatchets
- Expensive cameras or jewelry

Packing tips

When it comes time to pack for camp, let the kids do the work! Kids need to know what they are taking to camp. What is in the suitcase or duffel bag? You need to let them help you with packing.

- Don't buy expensive clothing for camp; they tend to get dirty; that's just the nature of being outdoors.
- Take old shoes, gym shoes, or hiking boots with extra socks. Camp is not the place to "break-in" new shoes.
- Put shower supplies and toiletries in a plastic bucket or container so it is easy to carry to the showers.
- Put the camper's name on everything, using a permanent, non-washable inkpad or marker pen.
- Pack stationary and postcards. Put stamps on the envelopes and have your child pre-address some of the envelopes before camp with your home address as well as friends and relatives.
- Let your child take a stuffed animal if he/she wants. Many children put them on their beds.
- Send along pictures of family and pets. Your child can show them to his friends.
- Clearly label your child's suit case or trunk. If their bed roll is in a trash bag clearly label that as well. Also send along another trash bag that is already labeled.
- Pack modest clothes, bathing suits, and pajamas for your child to wear at all times.

Sample Daily Schedule

Though every day at Rocks 4-H Camp, we typically follow a basic schedule:

6:30		Wake-Up
7:00	7:30	K.P./Camp or Dorm Clean up
7:40	8:40	Breakfast
8:45	9:00	Flag Ceremonies
9:10	9:50	Class 1
10:00	10:40	Class 2
10:50	11:30	Class 3
11:40	12:10	Empire Meetings
12:15	1:15	Lunch
1:30	2:15	Siesta
2:15	5:45	Afternoon Activities
5:45		K.P.
6:00	7:00	Dinner
7:00	7:15	Flag Ceremonies
7:30	9:15	Evening Activities
9:15	9:30	Snack
9:45		Dorm Chat/ Lights Out

Sample Afternoon Activities

Monday- Rotation of Activities
 Tuesday- Mission Impossible
 Wednesday- Water Carnival
 Thursday- Rotation of Activities
 Friday- Award Ceremony

Sample Evening Activities

Sunday- Group Camp Activity
 Monday- Movie/Zoo Visit
 Tuesday- Empire Campfire
 Wednesday- Talent Show
 Thursday – Closing Campfire

Talent Show

Cecil County Rocks 4-H Camp, on Wednesday night has an annual Talent show. Generally, kids sign-up to sing, but we do encourage other talents. Like instruments, dance, jump roping, or any other talent your child may have. If the camper needs additional props for their talent they are responsible for bringing it themselves and Rocks 4-H camp will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items while at camp (Items may be collected and locked when not in use.)

Spirit Activities

Each camper, along with their troop, will get the opportunity to earn points by doing Spirit Activities. Each troop will do each of the following at least once. Kitchen Patrol, Flag Ceremonies, Dorm and Camp Clean-up are just a few of the ways your child will help their troop and camp be a happier and cleaner place.

Songs

Songs are a traditional at camp; each camper will learn new songs and sing all year long. Each group will develop a troop song that will be chanted all week. Each morning during Flag Raising we sing the 4-H Pledge.

*I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
 My HEART to greater loyalty,
 My HANDS to larger service,
 and my HEALTH to better living,
 for my club, my community, my country and
 my world.*

Before each meal we sing Grace.


Ohhhhhhhhhhh

*The lord is good to me and so I thank the
 lord, for giving me the things I need the sun,
 the rain, and apple seed, the lord is good to
 me! WHO WHO is cheered in appreciation*

Sample Menu

Our nutritious meals are reviewed by a registered dietitian and prepared fresh daily in our dining lodge. The following is a sample menu items that we have served in the past, our salad bar for lunch and dinner offer additional choices.

** We offer peanut butter and jelly at all meals for people with allergies and picky eaters. Additionally, we offer soy butter for peanut allergies and keep snack items available for youth with special needs as well as gluten and dairy free options.

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack
-Assorted Cereal -Honey Buns -Egg Mcmuffin- biscuit, egg, cheese and/or sausage -Fresh Fruit -Apple Juice, Orange Juice and Milk	-Tomato Soup -Grilled Cheese with Ham or Bologna -Sloppy Joes -Chips -Salad bar -Fresh Fruit -Milk, Tea and Water	-Spaghetti and Meatballs -Garlic Bread -Salad bar -Jell-O -Fresh Fruit -Milk, Tea and Water	-Dirt Pudding 
-Pancakes – Plain and Blueberry -Bacon -Assorted Cereal -Fresh Fruit -Apple Juice, Orange Juice and Milk	-Meat Ball Subs -Chips -Salad bar -Fresh Fruit -Milk, Tea and Water	-Chicken Nuggets -Macaroni and Cheese -Banana Pudding -Salad bar -Fresh Fruit -Milk, Tea and Water	-Watermelon -Popcorn
-Scrambled Eggs -Sausage Links -Hash Browns -Assorted Cereal -Fresh Fruit -Apple Juice, Orange Juice and Milk	-Tacos – Tomatoes, Lettuce, Grated Cheese and Sour Cream -Nachos with Cheese -Salad bar -Fresh Fruit -Milk, Tea and Water	-Baked Ham -Mashed Potatoes -Green Beans -Corn on the Cob -Cookies -Salad bar -Fresh Fruit -Milk, Tea and Water	-Ice Cream with Sprinkles and Chocolate Sauce



Our Salad Bar may include:

Potato salad, macaroni salad, cheese, tuna salad, egg salad, cottage cheese, pasta salad, fresh tossed salad, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, cucumbers, condiments, cole slaw, yogurt, celery sticks, jell-o, applesauce, croutons, sunflower seeds, assorted fruits, etc

Camp Policies

Electronic Policy

Part of the camp experience is meeting and socializing with friends, old and new, and participating in activities. Wearing headphones shuts campers out of these experiences. We do allow personal music devices, but only in the cabin if the counselor allows. Any audio device worn around camp will be put in the Director's procession until check-out. Please remember that camp is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to these items.

Fighting

Cecil County Rocks 4-H Camp does not tolerate campers who harm other campers, whether it is physical or verbal fighting, including campers, or making fun of others. Any camper involved in fighting is subject to discipline and may be sent home. The parent/ guardian will be contacted by the Camp Director. It will be the parent/ guardian's responsibility to make immediate arrangements to pick up the camper in the event of a fight or for any other reason.

Bullying

Anyone found to be harassing, making fun of, or intimidating another camper, counselor, or adult is subject to disciplinary actions and may be sent home.

Search and Seizure

Although we cannot search someone or their belongings, if we have reasonable suspicion that they have items in violation to the law, we can and will call the authorities and their stuff will be searched at the expense of the parent/ guardian.

Vandalism

Campers involved in vandalism or malicious mischief either against camp property, another camper, or staff member will be disciplined immediately. Payment to repair damage incurred as a result of the vandalism is the responsibility of the camper's parent/ guardian.



Refunds

Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable (a deposit cannot be applied to the balance of another week's camp fees, nor transferred to another camper's fee). Refunds for the balance of the camp fee are made only for cancellations received at least two weeks prior to the first day of camp. A refund will be granted in cases of serious illness or injury, death in the family, etc. A camper, who does not arrive, arrives late, leaves early, or attends only part of the camp week will not receive a refund. If a camper is experiencing a difficult adjustment to camp or is sent home because of illness at bus stop, illness at camp or a behavior problem, no refund will be granted.

Transportation

Camp Bus

Campers' safety to and from camp is a top priority for the Cecil County 4-H Camp program. Providing for the safety of our campers, whether transported by school buses or other means, requires the efforts of our partners including: parents, campers, adult staff, and University of Maryland Extension.

Campers have two options for arrival and departure of Camp.

- (1) Campers transported to camp will have registration at the **Bay View Elementary School**, parking lot on **August 4th at 2:00pm**.
- (2) Parents/ Guardians electing to transport youth to and from camp, must not arrive at the camp grounds prior to 4:30 pm on Sunday August 4th.



Bus Conduct

All campers are expected to observe the following safety rules while being transported by the camp bus or other camp vehicles.

- Campers and parents must wait until the camper director has told everyone to load the bus.
- Campers must remain seated at all times.
- Campers must keep hands and arms in windows and must not throw objects from windows or inside the bus.
- Disorderly behavior is strictly prohibited.
- Campers are expected to follow the directions of the bus chaperones or driver.

Bus Stop Information

Campers and Parents must follow the below procedures:

Park in the designated area and proceed to the registration area. Then put the camper's luggage in either the boy or the girl pile, so it can be unloaded at the appropriate dorm. Then go to the correct table in alphabetical order as marked by the child's last name. We will conduct a health screening check and review paperwork of the registered camper. Parents and campers can ensure a speedy and efficient check in by providing the required paperwork prior to August 1st for careful review and medication clearly marked in the original container with a Doctor's authorization.

Qualified personnel will be completing a health screening check on Sunday for every registered camper. The Director and authorized personnel may excuse a camper if they are unable to complete the health screening check.

Dismissal of Camp on Friday, August 10th

Parents/Guardians electing to pick-up camper(s) at the camp grounds must do so by 3pm.

Bus will return to the **Bay View Elementary School by 4:30/5pm**.

Park in a designated area and proceed to registration tables. Parents/Guardians must provide identification for camper(s) release and sign-out camper(s). Collect medications, luggage and any information provided by the Camp Program in regards to the camper(s).

Camper Conduct

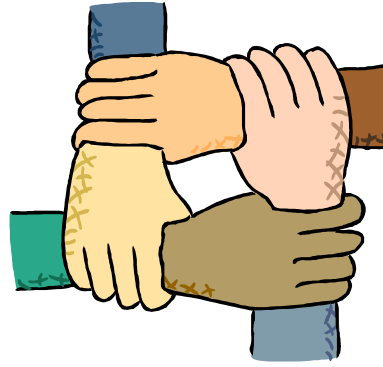
The following behaviors *will* result in immediate expulsion from camp:

- Possession and/or use of cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products
- Possession and/or use of matches, lighters, candles, lanterns and other combustibles
- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages
- Possession and/or use of illegal drugs
- Possession and/or use of a weapon, including but not limited to: pocketknife, sheath knife, folding knife, slingshot, or firearm
- Possession and/or use of fireworks
- Leaving camp property without authorization, running away, being in restricted camp areas without proper supervision or permission

In the event that the camp director decides to expel a camper for one or more of the behaviors described, they will notify the parent immediately. The parent must provide transportation to bring the camper home. If the parent cannot pick-up the camper that day, the camp will arrange for alternate transportation at the parent's expense.

Our goal is to insure that no camper is hurt or adversely affected by the actions of another camper. We will therefore apply camp rules strictly and consistently.

** See Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct for more information



The Following behaviors *may* result in expulsion from camp:

- Non-compliant behavior (failure to comply with camp rules and the reasonable directions of camp staff or adjust to camp routines)
- Disruptive behavior
- Profanity, obscene gestures, indecent conduct
- Sexual, racial, religious, or any other forms of harassment
- Fighting, bullying, threatening and other forms of violence and aggressive behavior
- Theft, vandalism, damaging, destroying, or defacing personal or camp property
- Proving false identification

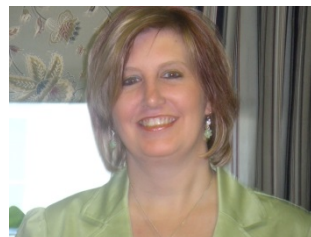
Wood Craft Sign

This sign is given with the right hand with all fingers closed to the hand except the little finger and the thumb. The hand is raised level with the head. This sign is used to quiet the camp and get everyone's attention. Counselors must also use the wood craft sign when wishing to speak at the campfires.

Adult Staff and Counselors

This is just thanks to our amazing Camp Staff; without them, none of this would be possible! Everyone deserves a huge WHO-WHO for being so dedicated in our camp program for the last seventeen years and for being always being there for any camp counselor, camper or adult staff.

Susan Sprout Knight- Camp Director WHO-WHO



Another thank you to the adult staff that uses their vacation time to come to camp and put in so much time and continued effort throughout the year!

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Thanks to our camp counselors who along with the adults have to complete 30 hours of intense training and 10 hours of community service to help off-set the cost for campers to attend camp. Who-Who!

Special thanks to our volunteers behind the scene hauling things to camp, checking paperwork, assisting with camper check in and out, class instructors!

THANKS!

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