Elective Activity Preference Form

Camper’s Last Name: ____________________ First Name: ____________________

Prioritize choices 1-16 Please rank 1 first choice through 16 (last choice). Campers will be assigned to their preferred activities for the “Elective” periods to the best of our ability. Campers of any skill level can have a rewarding experience in all activity offered.

AGsploration _______ Natural Games _______
Archery _______ Paddle Sports _______
Art _______ Outdoor Cooking _______
Candles _______ Riflery _______
Confidence Course _______ Sports _______
Counselor Training _______ Swimming _______
Crafts _______ Spa _______
Dance _______ Tie Dyeing _______

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Howard County 4-H Camp
3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
Or bring to Orientation.

Activity Descriptions:

AGSPLORATION: Campers will get experiential learning with hands-on activities on topics including STEM, production agriculture, environmental science, and nutrition.

ARCHERY: Campers will learn basic skills and safety techniques which will help them enjoy archery. Each archer is provided with a bow, arrows, arm guard and finger protection, all of which are matched to the camper’s size and strength. Certified archery instructors teach safety, along with an introduction to how to shoot a bow and arrow. Beginners are closely coached and watched while those with more experience at the sport are encouraged to improve their performance. In addition to the permanent backstop, a woods course is laid out with large targets distributed off of a path through the woods for more free form hunting type practice. This woods archery course is offered as an elective activity to campers who want to spend more time in archery.

ART: Campers will express themselves and create work of art with fun colors, shapes and patterns. Anyone can make great art work to take home and treasure. No “artistic” experience necessary.

CANDLES: Campers will learn how to make a variety of hand-made candles. Campers will learn how to make hand dipped candles, chunk candles, and granule candles. Campers are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to create unique hand crafted candles. These candles make a unique memento of the camper’s camp experience and also make great gifts.

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CONFIDENCE COURSE: Using a team approach, individuals work cooperatively to complete the outdoor low rope challenge course. A certified instructor will work with the campers on each of the different elements in the course.

COUNSELOR TRAINING: Are you interested in becoming a camp counselor? This is an opportunity to learn about the expectations 4-H Leadership has of Camp Counselors and how to conduct oneself during the interview process.

CRAFTS: Campers have the opportunity to express their creativity using beads, feathers, paints, etc. in planned craft activities for all the campers.

DANCE: Campers will get a chance to tap into their creative movement abilities! They will learn how to break out of their shell and have fun learning how to put together and perform dance routines.

NATURAL GAMES: Campers are given the opportunity to let out their inner wild thing! They will learn all about the unique wildlife of Western Maryland and enjoy hands-on nature games, activities, and hikes.

OUTDOOR COOKING: Campers will learn basic campfire safety and enjoy making a variety of foods and recipes on open campfires.

PADDLE SPORTS: Campers will learn basic skill and safety techniques which will help them enjoy canoeing or kayaking. The Certified Canoe and Kayak instructors teach safe canoeing and kayaking including the proper wearing of a life jacket, how to select the correct paddle and how to properly hold it, how to safely enter and launch a canoe or kayak, basic paddling strokes and safety while on the water. Each camper will wear a life jacket at all times while in a canoe or kayak.

RIFLERY: Campers will have the opportunity to learn firearms safety from certified instructors. They will shoot .22 caliber rifles on a 50 foot outdoor range. Eye and ear protection will be provided to each camper. The campers will shoot paper targets, balloons, etc. from a bench rest. Besides constant direct attention and monitoring by the instructors, the barrels of the rifles are tethered to the front end of the shooting benches to ensure that the barrels are always pointed downrange as an additional safety precaution.

SPORTS: Campers are encouraged to use their creativity and join us to play some unusual crazy and fun games. Outdoor sports and games will teach team work.

SWIMMING: Campers will have the opportunity to swim in the freshwater lake at camp. A certified lifeguard will supervise the roped in area of the lake that is designated for the swim area.

SPA: Campers will make their own spa treats out of natural ingredients. Boys and girls alike can treat their feet and hands, mask their faces, and relax their worries away!

TIE DYEING: Campers will tie dye using traditional techniques or they may create their own unique design. To participate in this activity, each camper should bring two to three white, prewashed 100% cotton t-shirts, pillow cases or other similarly weighted items. (No sweatshirts, denim, socks or undergarments) Write or attach campers name in permanent marker to items. (One additional 100% cotton t-shirt needed for tribe activity)