Welcome to 4-H Camp Algawa 2015!

CAMP DATES: July 6 to July 10, 2015

Arrival:
Monday, July 6th between 9:00 am – 10:00 am ~ Registration and Cabin Sign-In. Cars cannot be driven into the cabin areas – so plan to bring items that are easy to carry from the Lodge Hall. Parents are invited to remain in camp Monday morning until the assembly is completed.

Tribe assignments will be available to you when you arrive at camp. We try to put everyone with some friends listed on the registration form. Tribe assignments may not be changed on check-in day.

Camp Ends:
Friday, July 10th ~ closing campfire at 6:30 pm. Parents and friends are invited to attend and should bring a chair or blanket to sit on. The campfire should be over by 8:30 pm. All campers are encouraged to stay for the closing campfire program.
Three (3) forms are required to be completed BEFORE camp: You should have already received these forms in the mail. Please return all completed forms to the University of Maryland Extension Garrett office by June 26th.

- **Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectation Form**: For those who have not turned one in, please do so as soon as possible. This form explains the Maryland State 4-H policy and will be enforced at camp.

- **Health Form**: If there are any changes from time submitted until check-in at camp, please let us know so the form can be updated. Most of the form should be filled out by a parent/guardian. The physician’s signature is not required.

- **Maryland 4-H Camps Sunscreen Authorization Form** – This is a mandatory form, required by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for all children attending camps. It must be completed for ALL campers; parents must sign as to whether they do or do not authorize camp staff to apply/assist with applying sunscreen to children.

**Medicines**: Bring only the amount needed for the week. Keep in original container. Label medication with child’s name, dosage and time to be administered. All medications must be turned in to the Camp Nurse upon arrival at camp. We will have basic over-the-counter medications, sunscreen, insect repellant, cough drops, band-aids, etc. at the camp. There is a section on the Health Form for parents to check the items approved for each camper.

**Special Needs**: If your child has a disability or a special need that requires special assistance for your child’s participation at 4-H camp, please contact Ann Sherrard at the University of Maryland Extension Garrett Office at (301) 334-6960.

**Campers Will Need to Bring**: *(PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR BELONGINGS)*

- Twin fitted sheet to cover mattress
- Sleeping bag or sheets, blankets and pillows
- Several towels and washcloths
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrush
- Two pair of comfortable shoes (1 pair for walking/sports)
- Flip flops or sandals to wear to the beach and bathhouse
- Swim suit
- Jacket, sweater and/or sweatshirt
- Clothes – change for each day (5 days) – include jeans, shorts and shirts
- Raincoat
- Flashlight
- Clothes pins – for hanging clothes out on line
- Laundry or garbage bag for taking wet/dirty clothes home
- Beads – those who attended camp before, don’t forget to bring your beads for your name tag.

~ **Optional**: Old White Dress Shirt - to make a tribe shirt – will be decorated and/or cut-up
Special Items: During the week we have fun daily themes. You are encouraged to “dress for the day.”

Tuesday – Bandana Day       Wednesday – Crazy Hat Day       Thursday – Sunglasses Day
Friday – Tie-Dye Day

DO NOT bring these items to camp:

~ Money – none is needed
~ Valuables – such as expensive cameras or jewelry
~ Electronic games, laptops, etc.
~ Food that may attract wildlife
~ Cell Phones cause many problems at camp.
  • phones with cameras in the cabins create privacy concerns
  • phones increase homesick feelings
  • phones interrupt the normal camp communication between campers and staff
  • phones distract team leaders

We camped successfully and safely for over 50 years without cell phones. Please leave them at home.

Camp Phone: (301) 245-4204

Camp Address: Western Maryland 4-H Center
243 4-H Camp Road
Swanton, MD 21561

**** Mail for campers may be sent to the above address.

4-H Camp is located off of Route 495 near Bittinger. If you need directions, call 301-334-6960. If you find you are unable to come to camp, please let us know as soon as possible.

Cabin Life:

Each member is housed in a cabin arranged for twelve campers. A camp counselor (age 16 or older) is assigned to every cabin. All cabin and tribe assignments are permanent.

Any snacks brought to camp must be in a sealed “critter-proof” container to avoid attracting wildlife. Metal or hard plastic containers with lids work best.

Remember, campers are given 3 meals and a night-time snack each day. They do not need to bring a lot of snack food.
**General Notes:**

**Lost and Found:** A table for lost and found items will be located in the lodge hall. Clearly mark or identify your items with a label or pen and check the Lost and Found table daily. Parents should check the table before going home.

**Property Damage:** The camp facilities do not belong to us. Any damage or destruction should be reported immediately. You will be held responsible for damage caused by carelessness or negligence on your part.

**Leaving Camp:** If the camper will be leaving with someone other than the custodial parent/guardian, a **written notice** must be given to the Camp Director and approved prior to camp.

**Duties:**

All campers, counselors and staff share in the clean up duties of camp. This includes dining room, showers, bathrooms, etc. You are expected to work at your assigned duties. We take pride in our camp and try to leave it better than we found it.

**Communication with Home:**

Camp staff will contact parents as needed. Situations in which parents will be contacted include; illness or injury, forgotten or needed camp items, and any incidents not resolved by resident staff.

Visitors to camp are discouraged, except for the closing program starting at 6:30 pm on the last evening of camp.

If you have a balance due, make your check payable to: **Garrett County EAC** and mail to Camp Algawa, 1916 Maryland Highway, Suite A., Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550

Please contact the 4-H program staff at 301-334-6960 if you have any questions.

Looking forward to a great week!