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Dear 4-H Family,

We are pleased to share with you information about our 2022 4-H Summer Camp opportunities. Research shows that camp is a transformative experience enabling youth to grow in several key areas including personal confidence, independence, teamwork, leadership, and many other important life skills. We hope you will read over the information included in this mailing and consider registering your child or children for the camp experience(s) they are eligible for. Also, remember that 4-H Jr. Camp is open to all youth, so you are welcome and encouraged to share this information with friends or family that might be interested in a camp experience for their youth this summer – however, please know that 4-H members will be given first opportunity to come.

**Junior Camp – June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Any Wayne or Ashland County youth that is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or higher and age 8-13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, can attend our 3-night, 4-day residential camp at 4-H Camp Ohio in St Louisville, Ohio. There are dozens of fun activities like canoeing, kayaking, zip lining, climbing the adventure tower, nine-square in the air, gaga pit, stream studies, nature exploration, swimming, water games, scuba diving, archery, riflery, campfires, line dancing, and much more. **Registration is due June 1 and can be completed online at <https://go.osu.edu/4hjrcamp2022>.**

If you have any questions or need additional information – please visit us on the web at [wayne.osu.edu](http://wayne.osu.edu) or call the Extension Office at 330-264-8722.

Sincerely,

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**READY, SET, GO: Can Your Child Handle Camp?**

“How can you know if your child is old enough to handle and benefit from a sleep-away camp experience? Though age is not a guarantee of maturity, the ideal age to send a

child to sleep-away camp is about nine,” says Vivian Pender, M.D., clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Cornell University Medical College in Manhattan.

“Before that,” she says, “children have just begun formal schooling. Even if a child adapts to what is expected, if he’s terribly homesick he may end up harboring resentment toward his parents and the camp. An older child is more accustomed to adapting to new routines.” Nevertheless, she adds, “not every 11-year-old is ready to go to camp, either. Some boys, for example, mature later than girls and may not want to be away from home.”

You may be asking yourself, ‘*Is my child ready for camp?*’. Here are a few other signs that indicate that your child is ready to be a happy camper:

- Handles separation at school, birthday parties easily
- Has had successful overnight experiences at friends’ homes
- Makes constant requests to go to camp
- Shows eagerness and enthusiasm for new activities
- Demonstrates an open attitude to making new friends
- Shows a desire to join in group activities
- *You* feel ready to let go and have your child away from home

**Camp Facilities:** All campers and counselors are housed in cabins which sleep 10-15. Bunk beds are railed. Restrooms and shower facilities are available on both the girls & boys side of camp.

**Cabin Assignments:** All campers will be housed with others of about the same age and grade and gender. Requests from campers to be with one special friend will be honored if at all possible; the request must appear on both campers’ registration forms and both must be of similar age. There will be at least two counselors per cabin.

**Food:** All camp meals (3 per day) are prepared and served in the dining hall. Snacks are served each evening and drinks throughout the day.

**Transportation:** Parents are responsible for transportation to and from camp. Camp is located at 11461 Camp Ohio Road, St. Louisville, OH 43071

**Scuba Diving:** (Cost \$35 - All ages) Campers will scuba dive in the pool. All scuba gear is provided, and a certified scuba instructor will work with the campers. The campers will have the opportunity to experience the underwater games and activities. Campers of all ages may participate. There is limited amount of space for this activity. Must complete all necessary forms included in the final camp letter!