Hello Campers and Parents!

Welcome to your 2015 summer camping season! Summertime is fast approaching and we are looking forward to a fun filled camp week **June 28 – July 2, 2015** at Camp Ocala. We are glad you will be joining us this year! Campers will have an exciting week of outdoor recreation and educational activities planned for them this summer. There’s fun on the horizon!

This packet contains all the information that you need to get started. Please thoroughly read, complete and return all forms. Any missing information will hold up the registration process and possibly cause the camper to miss out on a preferred activity. All forms must be completed and signed. A description of required forms is listed below. Also enclosed is a summer food service application. If you are currently eligible for free or reduced lunch, food stamps or AFDC you will qualify for the discount by completing this application. If you do not qualify, please write “Not Applicable” across the page and sign the bottom. This way we can show the Florida Department of Education that every camper was given the opportunity to apply. In order to subtract the food service from your fees, I must receive the completed application with your camper registration form.

Make sure that all of your paperwork is complete and turned in to the 4-H office no later than **May 14th**, along with a $25.00 down payment for camp. Camp fills up very quickly, so the first 75 registration forms will receive priority. Camp fee is $220.00. Scholarship information will be made available shortly. Please contact the 4-H office for more information.

Refunds will not be given after the camper’s arrival on Monday.

**In the packet:**

- Camp info
- Camp Registration
- Medication
- Packing List
- Participation form (Use packet hard copy)
- Cell phone,
- Graffiti Policy,
- Camp pick up release,
- Special Dietary (all one form)
- Food Service Program (If not needed, please write “not applicable” and sign at the bottom – return either way)

**THEME: “Once Upon A Camp”**
**Camp Information**

**COST:** 4-H Camp costs $220, this includes meals, insurance, lodging, snacks and program materials for 5 days and 4 nights. This reduced rate, compared to other Florida youth camps, is made possible because this 4-H Camp is an IFAS Extension sponsored activity with the support of Florida 4-H Foundation.

**MAIL:** You can write to: 4-H Camp Ocala, 18533 NFS Road 535, Altoona, FL 32702. Attn: Lake County 4-H Parents, we suggest you mail on Monday (or the week prior) so it will arrive before we leave camp.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:** Camp Ocala office number is 352-759-2288, this number can only be used for emergency purposes. As a reminder, cell phones are not allowed to be used by campers while at camp.

**CLOTHING CANTEEN:** Campers may bring money to buy souvenir items at the canteen. Please see list of items attached. Parents you may send money or a check payable to “Florida 4-H Foundation” for the cost of clothing canteen. This will be the only opportunity to buy clothing during the week of camp. Items may also be purchased Friday after camp adjourns.

**DUE DATE & ADDRESS:** Camp registration, including all paperwork and a $25.00 non-refundable deposit must be to the Lake County 4-H Office no later than 4:30pm on **Friday, May 14th** or when camper registration is full.

Check or MO should be made payable to Lake County 4-H Association, 1951 Woodlea Rd., Tavares, FL 32778. Final payments are due June 1 for checks, and June 19 for cash or money order.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** We expect to have scholarships based on 4-H participation like we have had in the past. Details regarding scholarship funds are located on the Lake County 4-H website (lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H) or through your club leader.

**ARRIVAL:** Campers plan to arrive at Camp Ocala TBD on Sunday, **June 28th**. You must arrange your own transportation. The camp is located approximately 9 miles north of Altoona on Hwy 19 in Lake County. Turn left at the sign “Fire Control Station”/4-H Camp Ocala. Go 1 mile. Unload at semi-circle parking area.

**RETURN:** Camp will close at 12 Noon - Thursday. Parents should arrive between 11:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. for pick up. Campers are **not allowed** to leave until cabins have been inspected by the agent in charge. Parents are welcome to come to our closing Friendship Circle and camp awards at 10:30 a.m.

**CAN I PICK MY CHILD UP EARLY FROM CAMP?** For safety reasons and so all campers may enjoy the entire 4-H camping experience, campers are encouraged to arrive on time, and are not allowed to miss mid-week days, or leave camp early. We enjoy having each camper fully participate from the beginning to the closing of each camp week.

**DAY TIME PROGRAMS:** All campers will participate in organized recreational activities each day. These activities are listed on the 4-H Camp Registration Form. Late afternoons will be organized free time for swimming, kayaking, crafts, and games.

**EVENING PROGRAMS:** All campers will participate in evening activities such as: Flag Retirement, Dance/Movie, Citizenship Activity, Games, and Candle Lighting.

**SUPERVISION:** Campers will be busy learning, recreating and making new friends. They will be well supervised by Extension Agents, county adult volunteers, and camp staff. There will be a trained youth counselor in each cabin. How are behavioral and disciplinary problems handled at 4-H camp? Behavioral expectations and consequences are communicated through the 4-H Code-of-Conduct, which campers and parents/guardians must sign prior to camp. During camp, expectations for behavior are reviewed the first day,
and good behavior is facilitated through positive reinforcement and role-modeling. Corporal punishment is never allowed at 4-H camp. Contact the 4-H office for more information regarding this question.

CAMP DRESS CODE: NO open toed shoes outside of cabin, except to waterfront, NO spaghetti straps, NO half shirts, NO underwear showing at any time, NO T-Shirts with questionable messages. Only one piece swim suits allowed or dark colored T-Shirts over two piece suits. Only casual attire may be worn to the dance. Shorts must be pinky length. Please visit the web site at http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/CAMP.shtml to view approved dress. If you break the dress code you will be asked to change. If you do not abide by the rules you will be sent home and your parents will be responsible for coming to get you.

REMINDERS: Label everything, including sheets and shoes. You have to carry all your gear a long way to your cabin, so pack as lightly as possible. Two small bags are better than one large bag.

DAMAGE POLICY: There is a damage policy at camp. If you damage any equipment, buildings or facilities you will be charged a minimum of $25 or the cost of fixing it. This means if you write your name on a wall it will cost $25. We want our camp to remain in good shape for everyone to enjoy.

CAMPER ORIENTATION: Lake County 4-H Camp orientation is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 6:30pm to 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. All campers and parents will be required to attend either camp orientation, or be responsible for setting up a meeting with the 4-H office to complete the orientation at another time.

4-H Camp Ocala and Florida 4-H has a zero tolerance policy for bringing, using, or implying use of any illegal substances.

4-H is part of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the USDA, and cooperation land grant universities. 4-H prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, veteran status, marital or family status.
DEADLINE: May 14, 2015 to the Lake County 4-H Office
June 28- July 2, 2015 – Camp Ocala

Name: ___________________________ Gender: ____ 4-H Age by 9/1/14: ________
DOB: ______________

Address: ___________________________ City __________________ Zip _____________

Club: ___________________________ Years in 4-H: ______ Phone: (______)__________

Email Address: ___________________________ County: LAKE

Emergency Contact Information:

Primary: ___________________________ Phone: (__)_________ Cell (__)__________

Secondary: ___________________________ Phone: (__)_________ Cell (__)__________

Tertiary: ___________________________ Phone: (__)_________ Cell (__)__________

I will be attending as a: Camper _____ CIT _____ Counselor _____ Chaperone _____

All campers will be participating in the following activities: Organized free time for Swimming, Archery, Kayaking, and Crafts will be in the late afternoon. During one activity period each day campers will have a choice of classes to be taught by camp counselors, these classes will be sent to you for selection as soon as counselors have been chosen for this year’s camp.

CAMP FEES: Registration Fee $ 220.00

Scholarship Discount (TBA) -- $ ________ for office

Summer Food Service Program Qualification ($ 36.25) -- $ ________ for office

Club Scholarship (If applicable)/Leader verification needed) _ $ ________ for office

Balance due = $ ________ to office

Checks must be made payable to: Lake County 4-H Association ($25 non-refundable deposit due at time of application submission)

Final and complete payments are due June 1 (for checks) and June 19 (for cash or money order)

Send COMPLETED Registration to: Lake County 4-H Office: Attn: 4-H Summer Camp
1951 Woodlea Rd, Tavares, FL 32778
Florida 4-H Medication Form

Parent/Guardian: Please complete two (2) copies this form for any medication your child will be taking while attending camp, including non-prescription drugs, lotions, inhalers or any other items. This form must accompany your child’s medication for camp and the office needs one on file, please make a copy. Write your child’s name on a zip lock bag and place this form along with the medication inside the bag.

4-Hers name: ____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian name: ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Phone (day): ___________________________ Phone (evening): ___________________________
County/City: ____________________________________________ Gender: ____________________________

The following will need to be completed for each medication your child will be taking while at camp, including non-prescription medications such as allergy medicine.

Medication name: ____________________________________________
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Time of day for administration: ____________________________
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Cell phone policy agreement form:

Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones or any other electronic devices to camp. If a cell phone is brought with a camper it will be held by the County Agent until we return to the county office.

I, __________________________________________, understand that I am not to bring a cell phone to camp.

Signature of 4-H’er

I know in this technology age 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 time’s homesickness, which is a normal part of a week at 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 to able to develop this independence. If there is an emergency or we are concerned about the youth’s well-being, campers will be allowed to call home.

I, __________________________________________, have read the above cell phone policy and agree to the guidelines stated, including that the cell phone will be taken to be returned at the conclusion of Camp if the policy is violated. I understand that if there is an emergency and I cannot reach my child on their cell phone, I may contact the Camp Ocala at 352-759-2288.

________________________________________
(Signature of Parent)

Graffiti Policy

Graffiti is defined as words or images that are written, scratched, painted or sprayed on walls or surfaces. Campers are not allowed to defame or deface ANY camp property. Campers/County will be held responsible for any and all graffiti and may be subject to any costs associated with the cleanup and/or repair of said graffiti.

I understand that I am not to deface or defame any camp property __________________________________________.

Signature of 4-H’er

I, __________________________________________, understand the above 4H graffiti policy.

Print name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Special Dietary Needs

The purpose of this form is to communicate special dietary needs, food allergies, etc. for any child, teen, or adult who will be attending 4-H camp.

Name: _____________________________ County: Lake

Check One:  □ Camper (8-13 years old) □ Counselor –in-Training
□ Teen Counselor (14-18 years old) □ Adult volunteer or Extension faculty/staff

In the space provided below, please list all food allergies for the person listed above and any necessary precautions that should be taken:

In the space below, indicate and food restrictions (non-allergy) for the person listed above and food substitutes that may be considered:
Camp Release

This authorization form must be completed in full for someone other than the signing parent to pick up a child from camp. Full time participation is strongly encouraged. I, ________________________, as parent/guardian of the person listed above authorize the persons listed below to pick up my child in the case of an unexpected emergency. Names of person(s) who are authorized to pick up my child (Remember, we do not know you so list both parents/guardians names also). Persons leaving camp will be required to check out and show their license Or other picture ID as proof of identification. If a teen drives themselves or other friends be sure to list the teen driver as an authorized release person.

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date  Signature of 2nd Parent or Legal Guardian

If married, or divorced but having joint custody of the youth, both parents must sign.
If divorced and having sole custody of the youth, only that parent with sole custody needs to sign.
Check list for 4-H Camper

**Clothes should be modest and appropriate for active play in an outdoor setting.**

1. Girls must wear one piece bathing suits and boys are not allowed to wear Speedo swimwear.
2. No underwear of any kind showing, pants/shorts must be worn at reasonable waist length
3. No see through clothing without a shirt underneath.
4. Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer.
5. No bare midriffs- shirt sleeves must be at least 1” wide, no spaghetti straps and no bra straps showing.

**Comfortable Clothes – appropriate for casual dress:**

- ___ Shorts, jeans, slacks, T-shirts, at least 5 changes.
- ___ Tennis shoes or other closed toe shoes
- ___ Underclothing/socks, at least 5 changes.
- ___ 1 sweater/jacket/sweatshirt for cool nights.
- ___ Bathing suit/swim clothes.
- ___ Rain Gear
- ___ Pajamas

**Personal Articles:**

- ___ Toothbrush, toothpaste
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Wash cloth & 2 towels
- ___ Soap & shampoo
- ___ Comb or brush
- ___ Shower shoes
- ___ Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- ___ Insect repellant
- ___ Sunscreen

**Bedding for bunk beds:**

- ___ Pillow & case
- ___ 2 sheets & light blanket or sleeping bag

**Other optional items:**

- ___ Hat
- ___ Alarm clock
- ___ Water shoes
- ___ Flashlight
- ___ Camera & film
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Athletic attire for sports
- ___ Water bottle
- ___ Pen, paper, stamps

- Label all items clearly with camper’s name.
- Do not bring expensive items to camp such as jewelry, radios, electronic games, etc.
- No money, candy, gum, snacks, knives or fireworks should be taken to camp.
- Please try to pack all clothing in a small suitcase or duffel bag. Campers have to carry their suitcase to and from the car to their cabins.

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