

Ohio 4-H Camp Cell Phone Policy

As a means of risk management, youth participants (campers and counselors) may not possess cell phones* during 4-H camp. Counselors shall not use cell phones (as alarms, music players, etc.) in their cabins at any time. Camp Program Directors have discretion for permitting camp counselors selective cell phone use during limited time periods, such as during out-posting, nature treks, or off-camp travel (field trips), or for other safety concerns where the use of two-way radios is not practical. Camp Program Directors will determine consequences for possessing a cell phone. The State 4-H Office recommends a zero tolerance approach: If an individual is caught with a prohibited cell phone, they will be sent home at the family's expense.

* Camp Program Directors also have discretion for prohibiting other internet-enabled devices at their 4-H camps

Informed Consent and Permission to Participate

I give permission for my child/charge, _____, to participate in the 2019 Preble Co. 4-H Camp at 4-H Camp Clifton, 2256 Clifton Road, Yellow Springs, OH 45387.

Activities involved in camp will include living in a cabin; sharing gender specific bathroom facilities with other campers; sleeping in bunk beds; special activities including canoeing, rock climbing, high ropes, archery; swimming, nature hikes; playing field and court sports such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, relay races, fishing, and other recreational games; team challenge course, campfire activities; workshop activities including arts & crafts, cooking, photography, nature and others (see camp registration form for complete listing of workshops) and dances. Campers will be traveling by camp bus or other arranged transportation to selected off-campsite special activities (hiking, canoeing, etc.) Attending the camp may lead to contact with individuals who are experienced and inexperienced in the above activities. I also understand that participation in this activity is strictly voluntary and is not a requirement for 4-H membership.

I am aware and have discussed with my child/charge that:

1. Participants are expected to fully participate in 4-H Camp general activities, self-selected optional activities and follow instructions of camp staff, counselors and volunteers unless activity participation is limited on the camper's health history form by parents/legal guardians.
2. Being in and around water, woods and participation in camp activities may cause clothing to become wet, dirty and beyond cleaning and/or repair.
3. While in a canoe, my child may be involved in a collision with another canoe, person, or object in water.
4. Hiking on the campgrounds, in the Little Miami River Gorge and/or in John Bryan State Park may give rise to risk of injury resulting from the surface or subsurface of the ground on which the hiking occurs.
5. Participation in sporting/recreational events/team challenge course/laser tag/golfing may give rise to injury as a result of collisions with another individual or equipment used for the activity and/or sudden falls.



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6. Handling and discharging firearms or archery equipment may lead to injury or loss to participants.
7. Participation in a high ropes course may give rise to injury as a result of sudden falls and/or improper use of safety equipment.
8. Attending camp and sleeping in cabins may give rise to being bitten by insects, exposure to poisonous plants, burns from cooking over a campfire, and/or exposure to the natural elements.
9. Swimming may lead to injury caused by slippery surfaces, contact with other swimmers and objects in the water and/or drowning.
10. Riding in a motor vehicle (including buses, vans or cars) may result in personal injuries or death from wrecks, collisions, or acts by other drivers or objects.
11. Other participants may act in a negligent manner which otherwise may result in harm to my child.

I have discussed with my child/charge the importance of following directions and safety procedures, which will be outlined by camp staff, counselors and other instructors/volunteers prior to the activities. I have also advised my child/charge of the appropriate clothing to wear at the camp. I understand that my child will be transported in a camp bus vehicle or designated company vehicle (canoeing) for off-site activities.

My child will be participating in the following special activities:

Canoeing (River's Edge), Archery, Field Games, Team Building, High Ropes, Hike, Nature, Cooking Activities, Pool Games, Recreation Activities

I grant permission for my child/charge to participate in general 4-H camp activities, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in this program, as with any physical activity, my child/charge may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this camping experience and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

Camper Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____