



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

CAMP FAQs

Can I send snacks? All meals and snacks are provided. Please do not pack snacks; it encourages bugs and critters into the camping area.

Should I send any money? Please do not send money to camp.

Are Staff Trained? Staff training includes learning about camper age and ability traits, communication skills for working with campers, problem solving camper situations, and first aid/camper health. All adults are enrolled volunteer 4-H leaders that have completed an orientation, background check, agreed to volunteer behavior expectations and have participated in camp staff training. The Camp Health Services Staff meets the state standards for this position.

How can I prevent homesickness? Attend the Camp Orientation and meet the camp staff and on May 30th, at 6:30pm in the Pavilion located on the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. Be sure campers get a good night's sleep the night before camp. That means at home in their own bed! Talk with them about the fun they will have at camp and prepare them for new experiences. Please do not call camp to inquire how your child is doing. Our staff will contact you if a problem arises. If a child is homesick, our staff members are trained to help them get through that time, we do not encourage calls home. In the event we feel the child could benefit from a call home, ask what fun things they have done, encourage them to try new activities, etc. Do not allow your child to bring a cell phone to camp. They need to spend their time engaging with their new friends rather than connecting with people back home. If cell phones are brought, they will be checked in and checked out at the camp office.

Where will youth eat?

Base campers will be provided two snacks, and lunch on Thursday, two-snacks, lunch, and dinner are provided on Friday, and two-snacks, breakfast, and lunch and dinner on Saturday, and two snacks, breakfast, and lunch on Sunday. Campers will be encouraged to try new foods. Snacks are offered mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

Is camp safe? Although accidents do happen, we do our best to provide a safe atmosphere and activities at camp. All Base Camp activities are supervised by adults. The buddy system is used, and campers will not be left alone. Lifeguards will be on duty during swimming at the Cedarburg pool.

What about Lyme Disease? Lyme Disease has received considerable attention over the past few years. The camp staff is aware of deer ticks & we encourage campers to do checks each night at home and in the cabin. If a camper does have a tick on him/her, the camp Health

Service staff will remove the embedded tick and you will be notified when you pick up your child from camp.

What about behavior? Parents, please talk with your son or daughter about camper behavior. Part of camp is meeting new friends, accepting others, trying new things, and being a role model for others. Each camper and parent/guardian signed a behavior agreement through 4Honline that clearly states acceptable behavior. All youth are expected to participate! Youth who exhibit behaviors detrimental to others will be removed from camp.

What will they be doing while at camp? You can follow the activities on our 4-H Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OzaukeeCounty4H/>. You don't need to have a Facebook account to view the photos. We try to upload photos each day as time permits and Wi-Fi is available.

Will I be able to complete a camp evaluation? Yes, we value your feedback! You will receive an email soon after camp with a link to an online camp survey. Please complete the survey along with your child. There are questions for both the camper and the parent.

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