

4-H CAMP NEWS

4-H CAMP OPEN TO 4TH GRADERS!!!

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Mark your Calendars!
Junior 4-H Camp will be
June 22-26, 2009

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In years past, Claiborne County 4-H members in the 4th grade eagerly awaited their 5th grade year in order to go to 4-H camp. The rules have now changed and first-year 4-H members can come to overnight camp.

While other counties have always invited 4th graders to overnight camp, our 4th grade members have always gone to day camps conducted here in the county. Our day camps have always been popular but all the many activities of overnight camp are, of course, much better.

Junior 4-H camp for 4th through 6th grades has many things to offer. The traditional camp activities of swimming, canoeing, crafts, sports, and archery and rifle ranges are combined with classes in wildlife, rocketry, woodworking, fossils, and many others. All of this is offered



An aerial view of the Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, Tennessee.

in a modern camp setting with a professional staff including a camp nurse as well as your local 4-H Agents and teen and adult volunteers.

The Clyde Austin 4-H Center is one of four 4-H camps across Tennessee operated by the Uni-

versity of Tennessee. Our camp accredited by the American Camping Association and is the same camp that many moms, dads, and grandparents have attended since 1949.

Let us tell you more about the 4-H camping experience.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!

Each year at camp we take parent volunteers as well as our best teen leaders to help us watch over our children and make sure they have a wonderful and safe time at camp.

If you are interested in attending camp as a volunteer with your child, just give us a call. There is a volunteer training session to attend but going to camp is free for volunteer

leaders. Space for volunteers is limited and based on our camper numbers. So the more children we take, the more volunteer leaders that will get to attend.

Preference will be given to 5th and 6th grade members for camp spaces and scholarships.

SO, TELL ME ABOUT THIS PLACE

The Clyde Austin 4-H Center is spread over 75 acres of beautiful Greene County. The camp features modern air-conditioned barracks that can accommodate over 300 people. It also boasts a spacious dining hall that

provides three meals a day from their professional food service staff.

There is also a recreation hall for group activities with classrooms for smaller sessions.

Basketball, sand volleyball, baseball, frisbee golf and horseshoes can be played on the spacious recreation fields while a three acre lake provides fishing and canoeing. A lifeguard is always on duty while children are at the lake.

Woodworking, leather crafts, air-brushing, wildlife and rockets are

taught by the camp staff and there is a fossil room dedicated to showing our natural history.

The Olympic-sized pool is watched over by three lifeguards and six adult volunteers. It is suitable for swimming and pay on one end and diving on the other.

The archery and rifle ranges are safe and always have professional camp staff on duty to instruct children in shooting sports.



The famous camp signpost.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Transportation to and from 4-H camp is provided in the cost of camp.

We meet on Monday morning at the 4-H Office in Tazewell and board school buses that take us to camp.

On Friday morning the buses return to camp to pick us up and return us to the 4-H Office in Tazewell around noon.

For anyone wishing to take or pick up their child, we have maps to get you there and back again.



2008 Campers from Claiborne

SOUNDS GREAT BUT WHAT'S THE COST?

Camp cost for the summer of 2009 is \$220. 4-H camp, like everything else, has gone up in price. We can't change the price but we can help.

We are glad to accept multiple payments. We suggest four payments of \$55 but we will accommodate other plans.

We also have a scholarship program in which partial scholarships are awarded to reduce the cost of camp. The scholarship form will be attached to your child's camp application next month.

4-H camp is an educational vacation for your child. When you look at all the

things that are included with 4-H camp, we believe the value still far exceeds the cost.

\$44 per day is great vacation!



Canoeing at camp in 2008.



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