

4-H Summer Camp Be part of the **EXCITEMENT!**

Come to camp to escape the summer heat

The W.P. Ridley 4-H Center has a beautifully landscaped 49-acre campus conveniently located just off James Campbell Blvd. (Hwy 50) near downtown Columbia.

Campers are housed in 10 air-conditioned, contemporary-style cabins with clean bath facilities.

Home-cooked, nutritious meals are served in the cool comfort of a 425-seat dining hall, and campers may always return for “seconds” at every meal.

The camp is accredited according to the strict guidelines of the American Camp Association.

At camp you'll find exciting things to do

Campers may enjoy an Olympic-size, crystal-clear pool with a 120-foot, figure-8 water slide and a lighted sports complex with a softball field, as well as volleyball and basketball courts. Other facilities include a wildlife center,

covered rifle range, airbrush center, a creek for aquatic exploration, modern archery range with 3-D targets, low ropes course and an 18-hole miniature golf course.

You can learn or try something new at camp

- Swim in a large pool
- Experience the excitement of a huge water slide
- Participate in a variety of hands-on activities
- Use an airbrush to make your very own projects
- Learn first-hand about nature, the environment and wildlife
- Creek stomp to look for critters
- Make your own projects in the craft shop or T-shirt shop

At camp you'll feel the warmth of friendships as you:

- Have fun and feel good about yourself
- Feel a tingle up your spine at flag ceremonies and vespers

- Become good friends with leaders and other campers
- Sing and play games at camp assemblies and special programs
- Find camp staff, leaders and 4-H agents who care and want to help
- Enjoy delicious meals and go back for more
- Meet friendly, enthusiastic staff

Camp is a great place to stretch your limits

- Participate in athletic contests and team challenges
- Learn to swim if you can't already
- Test your skills on the challenge course or climbing wall
- Learn about safety and practice shooting sports at the rifle and archery range



Things to bring to camp

- sheets and blanket or a sleeping bag
- pillow (optional)
- pajamas (clothing to sleep in)
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- brush and/or comb
- soap and shampoo
- towels and washcloths
- swimsuit
- flip-flops to wear to the pool
- sweatshirt or jacket
- tennis shoes
- several changes of clothing
- undergarments
- postcards and stamps
(if you want to write to someone)
- sunscreen lotion
- flashlight
- camera (optional)

Things to leave at home

- Cell phones are not allowed at camp. As a courtesy to those who have the responsibility of supervising your child and others, all phone communication between parent and child must be done through an Extension agent
- electronic games, toys
- CD, DVD and MP3 players
- jewelry
- drugs, tobacco, alcohol products
- chewing gum
- food
- fireworks
- pocket knives
- any items not permitted at school
- any items that may cause danger to you or other campers

It's a bargain

- 4 nights lodging and 12 nutritious meals
- free activities (small fee for canteen and craft items)

Things to Know

To register for camp, contact your county

Extension office (after payment has been made there will be no refunds).

Junior Camp is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4-6 (grade just completed). Campers arrive at the 4-H Center on Monday morning and leave midday on Friday. Contact your county Extension office for information about transportation. Other camping programs are available for older youth. Contact your local Extension office for details.

The 4-H Center makes every effort to insure that your child has a safe and rewarding camp experience. The county 4-H agents, adult and teen volunteer leaders and permanent camp staff encourage all participants to experience new adventures and make new friends.

Facilities are regularly inspected and meet health department guidelines. The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture safety officer evaluates camp facilities to keep them free of hazards. The 4-H Center is accredited according to the strict guidelines of the **American Camp Association**.

A first-aid station is located on the campgrounds; local hospitals provide care in case of an emergency. A healthcare professional is employed by the 4-H Center. Medications for allergies and other illnesses are kept in a safe location and monitored by adults. **It is the parents' responsibility to notify 4-H agents of any medical conditions that may apply to their child.**

Professional and summer staff receive training in first-aid, safety procedures and program areas. There are two volunteer leaders for every 16 children, in addition to county agents and center staff. A lifeguard and two adults for every 50 campers are on duty at the pool.

Your camper should attend and participate in activities as scheduled. The camp schedule provides a variety of classes with something for everyone and the flexibility for each child to decide which center he/she wants to attend.

You are encouraged to write to your child at camp. Send your letter to this address:

*Name of Camper – Home County
c/o W.P. Ridley 4-H Center
850 Lion Parkway
Columbia, TN 38401-4723*

Please do not call your child at camp or instruct him/her to call you. If an emergency arises, you may reach your county Extension agent through the camp office at (931) 388-4011.

Help your child pack for camp, but let him/her do most of the work. Work together with your child to decide what to bring. It is important that your child knows what he/she took to camp, so that those same items come back home with your camper. Please mark all items so the staff will be able to tell "who it belongs to" at the end of camp. It is the camper's responsibility to pick-up or pay for the expense of shipping items left at camp. Anything left at camp more than a week after the camp session ends will be donated to a local charity.

We want camp to be an enjoyable time for all, parents included. Remember, your attitude toward camp will be reflected in your child.

The Ridley 4-H Center also offers camps and special activities during the school year to accommodate school groups.



W.P. Ridley 4-H Center

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