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# ADVENTURE AWAITS SUMMER 2020 REGISTRATION DETAILS

Welcome, and thank you for choosing 4-H Camp Kidwell. Camp Life **CAMPLIFE Summer 2019**!!!! is going to be great and we are excited to have you join us! Please take time to look through the enclosed info. It is full of valuable information. You will find details about what to pack, when drop-off and pick-up are, and many other details.

You have an online account through our registration company, Ultracamp.com. This account is a great resource, that allows you to make payments, adjust personal information, add additional registrations, etc. Your online account also offers you access to our online photo gallery, our parent to camper one-way email service, camp store and many other great features. These programs are all free to our families. If you do not have your login information please let me know. If you do have this information, please keep it in a safe place and login today and check out your account so you are familiar and can benefit from all of the features.

Please don't forget, if you haven't done so already, we need a copy of the camper's insurance card and immunization record. You can upload these in the document center in your online account or send them to me through the email listed below.

Thank you for choosing 4-H Camp Kidwell, I look forward to showing you and your camper our great program!!! If you have questions or need details, please contact me directly at 269-521-3559 or <u>kj@campkidwell.org</u>. I am always glad to help!

Sincerely,

K.J. Kelly Director 4-H Camp Kidwell (269)521-3559 <u>kj@campkidwell.org</u> www.campkidwell.org

Enclosures

**OUR MISSION:** To provide extraordinary camping opportunities for youth and to be a resource to youth, families, 4-H, schools, groups and organizations throughout the region.

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## **BEFORE YOUR CAMP SESSION**

Please be sure to contact us if your camper will have any special needs or if there are details that will help us provide them with a great experience. This might be special medical needs, special diets, interpersonal cooperation or really anything you think we can help your camper by knowing ahead of time.

It is **<u>SO MUCH BETTER</u>** for us to know about things ahead of time so we can **<u>PREVENT</u>** issues because we know, rather than react and fix things afterwards because we didn't have the information. **<u>PLEASE</u>** let us know of anything you think will help us be informed and prepared to give your camper a super experience.

## THINGS TO BRING

Please help your children (and staff) keep track of your camper's belongings by putting initials on all clothing and personal items with a permanent marker. Personal belongings do get mixed up or misplaced, it is unavoidable. We want everyone's belongings to go home with the right person, though. Please help make this easier by labeling your kiddos items.

\*SPECIAL NOTE\* For campers who will be taking part in horseback riding, long pants and <u>heeled, closed toed</u> shoes are required; Please be sure to include these things so your child can ride. This doesn't have to be expensive riding boots or jeans. They will need pants that cover and protect their legs, closed-toe shoes to protect their toes from being stepped on, and heels to keep their foot from slipping through the stirrup. We do have boots here at camp but can't guarantee we will have their size available.

# OVERNIGHT AND SPECIALTY OVERNIGHT PACKING LIST

As you pack for camp, please remember that your children will be staying with us for at least 5 days. Please be sure they have enough of each item to last them for at least 5 days and we recommend even packing a couple of extra just in case.

Sleeping bag/bedding	Long pants (required)	Swimsuit	Deodorant
Pillow	Long sleeve shirts (helps w/	Tennis shoes (required)	Flashlight
T-shirts	bugs)	Sandals (if desired)	Sunscreen
Shorts	Undergarments	Toothpaste	Insect repellant
Sweatshirt (helps w/ cool	Socks	toothbrush	Life-preserver (if desired)
nights)	Towels – At least 2	Soap and Shampoo	Rain gear

## JUNIOR, SENIOR AND SPECIALTY DAY CAMP PACKING LIST

Please be sure your camper has a bag (a duffel bag or backpack are best) for their items. It is recommended to send an extra set of clothes each day. Please be sure to check their bag each morning before camp to make sure everything is clean and fresh for the next day. Also, please check their bag each day before leaving camp at pick up to be sure all items go home with your camper. Our staff works hard to keep things organized, but camp is a fun place and sometimes fun is messy. It is especially helpful to know immediately if something is missing rather than waiting until the end of the week or after to look.

T-shirt Shorts Long pants **(required)** Swimsuit Beach towel Tennis shoes **(required)** Sunscreen Insect repellant Sandals (if desired) Life-preserver (if desired) Extra set of clothe

# CHECK-IN AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

### CAMPER CHECK-IN

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When children join us, our #1 priority is their safety. To maintain safety in the best way possible, we need to be sure we have the correct information about them. This means during check-in; we will ask you to visit a few stations to ensure we have everything we need. This process can take 45 minutes to an hour for overnight camp and 30 minutes on the first day of day camp. Please plan to spend at least this much time with us. Please do not arrive early to check in! Arriving early will not make this process go any faster. Our staff must get camp ready, have a staff meeting and eat a meal prior to your arrival. We cannot and will not start registration until these things have been concluded.

STATIONS YOU MAY VISITOR - This list designates Overnight camp stations - Day Camp Stations marked with \*

- \*Check-In get your cabin assignment, name tag, meet you counselor and/or other staff member
- Settle into your cabin Your counselor and/or other staff member will help you to your cabin, answer any questions you have, help you get settled and be sure you get to the next station.
- **Temperature and head lice check** Each camper will have their temp. taken and will be checked for head lice.
- **\*Registration** Verify all your contact information and review and sign forms. If you haven't turned in a copy of your camper's insurance card and immunization record, please bring those with you.
- Activity Choice Review the activities that you have choice for your sessions.
- \*Camp Store #1 Receive your camp shirt and water bottle
- **\*Camp Store #2** Set up your camp store account. Camp provides \$5 for each camper; you may have added money previously, we will review this, and you are able to make a deposit if you would like.
- \*Medical Review Review all medical needs and concerns
  - Please bring any medical information and organized so it can be easily reviewed.
  - \*Medication In-take All medication will be counted and reviewed.
    - Please be sure all meds are in their original containers
      - Please only bring the amount needed for the weekend
- **\*Meet the Camp Director** Meet KJ Kelly, our Camp Director. Please use this time to ask questions, share special details we need to be aware of and/or fill us in on anything you feel important.
- **\*Photo Booth** Take some fun pictures to remember the first day of camp.
- **\*Happy Trails** Drop your camper at the activity area and parents head for home. See you on Friday!

If your camper will be arriving to camp with someone other than a legal guardian listed on their paperwork/account, please contact us ahead of time. As campers visit each station parents/guardians review documents and are asked to sign the forms showing they have been reviewed, and they are okay or documenting any necessary changes. We need to know the person dropping your camper off can verify this information and sign on your behalf. Or we ask that you call in, review the documents and sign off on them prior to the start of your camper's session.

If for some reason you will be late please let us know, late arrivals are no problem. We want to ensure we have everyone, and everyone is safe. In the event your camper has not arrived within an hour of check-in concluding, a camp representative will contact you to verify attendance status.

### CLOSING CEREMONIES – 1:15 on Friday's

We invite all family members to our closing ceremonies. This takes place on the last day of camp each week. This ceremony is to recognize all of the great things the campers have accomplished while they were with us. Each camper receives an award, we watch the weekly video(s), and everyone has time to share stories. This program can take an hour or longer, so please be sure to plan for this. Please do not arrive earlier than 1:15, we will be finishing up our week and getting things ready for your arrival.

## PICK UP AND DROP OFF SCHEDULES

### **OVERNIGHT CAMP SCHEDULE**

Please do not arrive early to check-in; you will be asked to wait. Please be sure resident campers arriving on Sunday evenings have eaten dinner before arriving at camp; we do not serve dinner on Sunday evenings.

	Week of Camp	Dates	Drop off	Pick up	
1	Surf n Safari OC				
2	Horse Crazy OC	July 5 - 10	July 5 @6:30pm	July 10 @ 2pm	
3	Kidwell Leaders OC - Red				
4	Shipwrecked OC		July 12 @ 6:30pm	July 17 @ 2pm	
5	Horse Crazy OC – Half Day Session	July 12-17			
6	Thrills and Chills Ropes	JUIY 12-17			
7	Kidwell Leaders OC - Blue				
8	Wet and Wild OC				
9	Horse Crazy OC	July 26 21		July 31 @ 2pm	
10	Adventure Island OC	July 26-31	July 26 @ 6:30pm		
11	Kidwell Leaders OC - Yellow				
12	Mad Science OC				
13	Horse Crazy OC	August 2-7	August 2 @ 6:30pm	August 7 @ 2pm	
14	Kidwell Leaders OC - Green				

#### DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

Day Campers will need to do a review of paperwork, medical information, and camp store on Monday's. Please plan to visit these stations. All other days campers will sign in only. Campers must be signed out daily. Please note that Friday pick up is at 2pm.

	Week of Camp	<b>Dates</b>	Drop off	Pick up
1	Under the Sea Junior DC	July 6-10	Daily - Sam	5:30pm daily, and July 10 @ 2pm
2	Surf' n Safari Senior DC	July 0-10	Daily – 8am	5.50pm dany, and July 10 @ 2pm
3	First Matey Junior DC	July 12 17	Daily – 8am	5:30pm daily, accept July 11 @ 2pm
4	Shipwrecked Senior DC	July 13-17		
5	Lil' Water Bug Junior DC	July 27-21	Daily Pam	5:30pm daily, accept July 31 @ 2pm
6	Wet & Wild Senior DC	July 27-31	Daily – 8am	5.50pm daily, accept July 51 @ 2pm
7	Science Explorers Junior DC	Aug 2 7	Daily– 8am	5:30pm daily accept Aug.7 @ 2pm
8	Mad Science Senior DC	Aug 3-7		
9	Horse Crazy DC	August 10 14	Daily Dam	Ann daily account August 14 @ 2nm
10		August 10-14	Daily – 9am	4pm daily, accept August 14 @ 2pm

### CAMPER PICK-UP

After campers are checked in, 4-H Camp Kidwell staff members are responsible for their well-being. Campers are not allowed to leave camp until the end of their session, unless an authorized person makes a written or verbal request to pick the child up at another time (unforeseen circumstances, doctor's appointment, sporting events, etc.). In this case, the camper's legal guardian should contact the Camp Director to make these arrangements. Each child **MUST** be signed out with a camp staff member before they can leave. They **MUST** also be picked up by an authorized person with valid photo ID. Authorized individuals will be indicated on the camper's health form and the camper will only be released to these individuals. If there are any changes to when or who will be picking up your child, please make arrangements with the Camp Director. If for some reason you are not able to make pick up by the time listed above, please let us know so we can reassure your children that you have not forgotten them.

#### \*IMPORTANT\*

Pick up time is a very exciting and important time, as your child will be excited to see you and you will be excited to see them. It is also an important time for the camp program as we will be wrapping things up, and trying to give the campers a great send off. Please keep this in mind and please allow the campers to complete their programs before grabbing them and taking them away from the program that is taking place. Be sure to go through the full check out process, I.E; visit the lost and found area, visit camp store, and most importantly, sign your camper out (pick up medications, receive your exit parent packet) with the designated camp staff member. Under no circumstances is a camper to be left alone at camp during closing. If a camper is not picked up at the predetermined time, a phone call will be made to the authorized person. If contact cannot be made, the emergency contact person will be called. As a last resort, if no one has come by 3:30 p.m., the sheriff will be called and the episode will be treated as a child neglect situation until the situation is resolved.