



4-H Camp Registration Open for Taylor, Lincoln, Waupaca and Portage County

The Taylor County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and the 4-H Federation have planned a fun-filled camping season for all 4-H youth. 4-H Camp is a great way to make new friends, experience new adventures, learn cooperation, learn life skills and pass on knowledge to others. 4-H camps offer new and different opportunities and activities.

Hiking! Swimming! Campfires! New Friends!



If you or your child has never experienced the joys of 4-H Camp, you may be asking yourself:

"Is 4-H camp fun?" ~ Most Definitely!

"Do we play a lot of games at 4-H Camp?" ~ Of course we do!

But don't forget to also ask yourself:

"Does 4-H camp teach life skills?" ~ Absolutely!

Like other 4-H projects and activities, 4-H camp is centered around the idea of providing youth a fun, hands-on environment to build and strengthen valuable life skills. According to a large research study by the American Camp Association, summer camps positively affect children in the following ways:

Children become more confident and experience increased self-esteem.

Children develop more social skills that help them make new friends.

Children grow more independent and show more leadership qualities

*Children become more adventurous and willing to try new things.**



A Virginia study suggested that a primary benefit of 4-H Camp participation is related to **responsibility**.

Youth reported "becoming more independent and capable of self-care."

*Adults reported "youth taking care of their own things, sharing work responsibilities, and taking initiative on their own."****

Camp is one great way 4-H enables youth to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens.

4-H Camp Opportunities	For whom	Cost	Includes:
Junior Camp June 9-10, 2017 Central Wisconsin Environmental Station near Amherst <i>(see next page for more info)</i>	Youth who have completed 2 nd – 4 th grades	\$20 Make checks payable to <i>Federation of Taylor County 4-H, due May 15 at the Taylor County UWEX Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to and from • Lodging • 3 meals and 2 snacks • All program fees
Intermediate Camp June 29-July 1, 2017 Camp Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells <i>(see next page for more info)</i>	Youth who have completed 5 th – 8 th grades	\$50 Make checks payable to <i>Federation of Taylor County 4-H, due May 15 at the Taylor County UWEX Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to and from • Lodging • 5 meals and 2 snacks • All program fees

* American Camp Association (2005). *Directions: Youth Development Outcomes of the Camp Experience*. Martinsville, IN: American Camp Association. Retrieved March 10, 2006, from http://acacamps.org/research/research_book.pdf

** Garst, B. A. & Bruce, F. A. (2003). *Identifying 4-H Outcomes Using a Standardized Evaluation Process Across Multiple 4-H Educational Centers*. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech. Retrieved March 10, 2006 from <http://www.ioe.org/ioe/2003june/rb2/shtml>

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4-H Junior Camp

Registration and Payment Deadline: May 15, 2017

The purpose of **Junior Camp** is for 4-H youth who have completed 2nd – 4th grade to gain life skills through hands-on activities, experience nature, meet and interact with other youth, and work in group settings.

Bus transportation is provided for all campers/counselors/adults to the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. The bus leaves early afternoon on Friday, June 9 and returns early evening on Saturday, June 10.

Campers have the opportunity to participate in lots of cool camp activities such as: Nature Hikes and other nature activities, Wild & Wet Waterfront Activities, Awesome Campfires with Skits, Songs, and Stories, Imaginative Arts & Crafts, Cabin Dwelling, Small and Large group games



Location: The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES: www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/cwes) is a 200-acre teaching and learning center located 17 miles east of Stevens Point on glacial Sunset Lake. Since 1975, they have been an integral part of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point College of Natural Resources program and is staffed with professional natural resource and environmental educators. Their **Mission is to** foster in adults and youth the appreciation, understanding, skill development, and motivation needed to help them build a sustainable balance between the environment, economy, and community.

4-H Intermediate Camp

Registration and Payment Deadline: May 15, 2017

The purpose of Intermediate Camp is for 4-H youth who have completed 5th – 8th grade to gain life skills through hands-on activities, experiencing nature, meeting and interacting with other youth, and working in group settings.

Bus transportation is provided for all campers/counselors/adults to Upham Woods Environmental Education Center in Wisconsin Dells. The bus leaves before noon on Thursday, June 29, and returns early afternoon Saturday, July 1.

Campers have the opportunity to participate in great camp activities such as: Adventurous Nature Hikes and Activities, Dynamic Group Games, Wild & Wet Waterfront Activities, Awesome Campfires with Skits, Songs, and Stories, Imaginative Arts & Crafts, Cabin Dwelling

Location: Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/>) provides educational opportunities through programs focused on environmental and leadership education. Operating since 1941, Upham Woods is a model residential outdoor learning center, managed by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. The center sits on a prime location on the Wisconsin River, two miles north of the Wisconsin Dells, offering an excellent “river classroom” to study both the natural and cultural history of Wisconsin. The center rests on 310 total acres of forested land, including a 210-acre island called “Blackhawk Island.” The facility consists of 14 buildings including a fully equipped nature center and a raptor enclosure housing educational birds of prey. Upham Woods offers a **safe, inclusive, and engaging environment** that encourages **youth development and mastery** through independent and community-building outdoor learning activities. Through exploration of the natural environment, outdoor land and water pursuits, and our low element challenge course, 4-H campers gain unforgettable experiences learning about the natural world, themselves and each other!



Programs meet the goals, essential elements and foundational topics of 4-H Youth Development principles. Upham Woods programming features youth **leadership and life skills development** opportunities that build on the **4-H goals** of: *Competence* in lifetime skills, *Confidence* in self and others, *Connection* with nature, 4-H leaders, and fellow 4-H'ers, *Caring* for the environment, themselves, their peers, and their leaders, *Character* for today's experiences and tomorrow's challenges.

More details about the camping programs:

Camping opportunities are sponsored by the Taylor County 4-H Organization as an outreach program for youth countywide. 4-H Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers plan and lead youth in camp activities. The camp program is developed with guidance from the 4-H and Youth Development Program, Taylor County UW-Extension.

There will be a camp first aid person on duty who is a volunteer with first aid and/or nursing training. Campers will be under the direct supervision of older youth counselors (grades 9 and above) and/or adults. The ratio of adults to youth participants is 1:10 or less. Adult Advisors are active 4-H volunteers that have completed the youth protection process. Adult Advisors assist by monitoring youth activities, possibly leading activities, and assisting with camp operations. Participants will eat in the camp cafeteria; sleep in a bunk bed in a cabin or large dorm room with other campers and counselors of the same gender. Adult Advisors are assigned to sleeping areas in the same buildings, but separate areas from the campers. During camp, adults and youth will participate in large and small group activities which may involve any of the following: discussion, writing, reading aloud, problem solving, arts and crafts, singing, swimming at the lake, canoeing, hiking, walking, role plays or skits, running, dancing, climbing stairs, standing or sitting for long periods, outdoor/indoor games, or having personal contact with other participants. A certified lifeguard will be on duty for swimming and canoeing activities. Life jackets are required and provided by camp for canoeing and a swim test needs to be passed to swim in certain depths of water. Please be aware that because of the nature of camp activities, some of them may involve an element of risk but the participant will also be taught safety procedures.

Adult Chaperones Needed

Adult volunteers are still needed for camp . We will need 1 adult per 10 campers and 1 nurse. This multi county camping partnership is a great opportunity for Taylor County to share resources and volunteer time, so we will need at least a few volunteers from Taylor County. **We will only hold camp if we have enough certified 4-H Leaders volunteer.** If you would like to volunteer, you can register on 4HOnline with the instructions below. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved, please call Sasha at the UW-Extension Office as soon as possible at (715) -748-1981. Parents that have not gone through the volunteer orientation and would like to volunteer can be trained before camp.

Registration

1. Finding the event

Log into your family account on 4-H Online at <https://wi.4honline.com/> and look at your member list.

- ◇ Scroll to the bottom and find the section titled “Register A Member In An Event”.

Register A Member In An Event

Member: Clover, Johnny ▼

Event: Select an event ... ▼

- Select an event ...
- 2017 4-H Intermediate Camp Lincoln/Portage/Taylor/Waupaca County**
- 2017 4-H Junior Camp Lincoln/Portage/Taylor/Waupaca County**
- 2017 National Congress
- Upham Woods Camp Counselor Training 2017
- Upham Woods Statewide Open Enrollment Camp - August 2017
- Upham Woods Statewide Open Enrollment Camp - June 2017 Session

- ◇ Select the name of the member you want to register, then select the event (see screenshot below).
- ◇ A series of boxes will appear at the bottom of the screen. Click on the “Register” button.

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2. Registering for the event

- ◇ On the next screen you will be asked for specific information related to the event.
- ◇ Any required fields are in **bold**. Click on the “Continue >>” button. If you miss any required fields, you will get an error message and the missing fields will be highlighted.
- ◇ Verify your choices and click on the “Check Out >>” button.
- ◇ On the Payment screen, the only selection is “County/Club 4-H Check”. Click on the “Select Payment Method” button.
- ◇ On the Confirm screen, check the box agreeing to the “Pay by Computer Terms and Conditions”.
- ◇ Click the “Confirm Order” button. On the Finish screen, you can print your entry.
- ◇ While still logged into your family account on 4-H Online, look again at your member list.
- ◇ Select the name of the member you just registered for Camp.
- ◇ Click on the “Health Form” Tab.
- ◇ Review and complete this form (note: be certain to note the date you completed/updated the form at the bottom of the page before you click “continue”)
- ◇ Send your check made out to *Federation of Taylor County 4-H* with “Camp” in the memo by May 15 to Taylor County UW-Extension Office, 925 Donald St, Room 103, Medford WI, 54451. Once all registrations are received, a camp packet will be sent out to those who registered with further instructions.

Payment

Payment for camp can be sent to 925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford WI 54451, payments are **due by Monday, May 15**. Make check payable to *Federation of Taylor County 4-H*. Thank you to the Taylor County Federation for subsidizing the cost of camp so that youth can attend at a low cost to experience the positive outcomes camp can have. Camping information (about transportation, what to bring, etc.) will be sent out after you register for camp. For more information on camp or 4-H in Taylor County, contact Sasha Busjahn at sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu or call at 715-748-1981.

Camp Payment Policy

If payment is not received in full by the due date, we reserve the right to cancel youth from camp. Cancellations must be made in writing, emailed, faxed, or mailed to Taylor County UW-Extension and be received prior to camp. There will be no refunds for no-shows.

Fees will only be refunded for the following reasons:

1. If you camper becomes ill within 10 days before the start of their camp session, we must receive a written doctor’s statement.
2. If a camp is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be issued a full refund.
3. If there is a family emergency situation. You must write the Taylor County 4-H Leaders Federation to request a refund.

Refund policy for illness or behavior problems during Camp:

A partial refund will be given if your camper is sent home due to any illness except homesickness.

Camp staff will work with campers to correct behavior problems; however, no refund will be given if your camper is sent home due to negative behavior. Determining consequences for negative behavior is at the discretion of camp administration. You will be expected to pay the travel cost for children sent home from camp.

We hope you can join us this summer for a positive youth development opportunity you won't forget!