

Parent Guide to Summer Camp 2023

It's Camp Time!!!
Camp Jekyll



*Jeff Davis County Summer Camping Program
2023*

PARENT'S GUIDE TO 4-H CAMP

Who's Going? Sheila Marchant—4-H Agent, Jennifer Miller, County Agent; Josh Parker- Volunteer Leader, and Zoie Marchant, Volunteer Leader. Teen Leaders attending are Ellie Kate Marchant, Addyson Hosmer and Gracie Clance. All adults attending camp are Georgia 4-H Certified Overnight Chaperones.

How much money should I give my child? (Approximately \$50- \$60) Please give your child only enough money for snacks and souvenirs. Please limit snack money since campers will be served nutritious meals. Do be sure to include enough money to buy lunch at a fast food restaurant in route to camp on Monday. We do not plan to stop for lunch Friday. Campers will be given the opportunity to buy additional snacks and souvenirs at the camp canteen. Also, we will visit Summer Waves and shop in the Jekyll Village, so you may want to send money specifically for these trips. Please plan spending money accordingly.

4-H Bank - In order to prevent loss, we provide a "4-H Bank" each day:

Using four (4) blank envelopes, place your child's name on each. Write "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", and "Friday" on each. Place the desired amount of money in each envelope, with the amount written on the outside. *Do NOT put Monday's lunch money in envelope—this should be in the 4-H'ers pocket when they get on the bus. We WILL NOT stop for lunch on the way home Friday.*

** It is a good idea to have an envelope for Summer Waves and Jekyll Shopping – label them.

All camper money must be turned in to the 4-H office by Wednesday, May 24th. During the week of camp, 4-H'ers will be responsible for getting their envelope during "bank time" each morning. Money will be distributed at one time each day. Also, please do not place large bills (ex. \$20) in envelopes...we will not have any way to make change for the campers. Increments of \$5 is best.

Medicine: Any medicine that will be administered during the week of camp must be listed on the Medical Form. Also, please bring medicine to the 4-H office on the morning of check in. Medicine should be in the original container with dosage instructions. Please do not send any medicine packed in your child's suitcase.

What kind of clothes should I send? The key is comfort and coolness. Please send t-shirts and shorts that you don't mind getting wet and dirty. **Also, make sure that clothing selections are modest—halter shirts, spaghetti strap shirts, strapless shirts and short shorts are not allowed for the girls. T-shirts may not exhibit any profanity, alcoholic products, and/or sexually explicit slogans.** Be sure that the shoes your child takes are comfortable for a lot of walking. Athletic/Tennis shoes and sport sandals are the best. **Flip-flops WILL NOT be allowed at camp.** It is advised that campers have more than one pair of shoes for the week. Clothing should be worn at all times during camp. Simply wearing a bathing suit around camp is not permitted. Bathing suits are a must for the entire week of camp. We will spend time each day in the water. Please bring more than one bathing suit if possible.

4-H'ers must wear an appropriate bathing suit at all times they are in the water. **Female campers MUST wear a ONE-PIECE or tankini bathing suit at camp.** Campers wearing inappropriate bathing suits will be asked to cover up with a dark colored t-shirt before re-entering the water. ***When selecting clothing to pack, keep this general rule in mind—If the item cannot be worn to school, it cannot be worn to 4-H camp.***

Linens and Towels: 4-H'ers will be sleeping on twin bunk beds. Please send appropriately sized bed linens or a sleeping bag. Don't forget to send a pillow! Also, please send bath towels and bath cloths for the week. Your child will also need towels for the beach and Summer Waves. You do not need to send one per day, but your child will need more than one towel for water activities. Put your child's name on the towels!

How can I contact my child at camp? This is a one-way email and we print these and pass them out. Your child will not be able to respond to you. You may send mail to your child at camp using the following:

Camper Email:

<https://secure.georgia4h.org/campmessage/login/login.cfm>

once on the site you will be asked enter the password – clover

On the following page you will use the drop down box to select your county: Jeff Davis

Next select camp date: 06/05/2023 Cloverleaf Camp Jekyll

Then enter TO: the child's name From: your name

Send mail on Tuesday or Wednesday. You will not be able to call your child and they will not call you. **Cell phones are NOT allowed: 4-H'ers WILL NOT have cell phones to receive and/or make calls.** Please assure your 4-H'er that he/she will be busy at camp—there won't be time to call. The phones at the 4-H Center are not available for children to make calls. The camp number is 912-635-4115 –**FOR EMERGENCY ONLY!!!!** Mrs. Cindy Woodcock, 4-H Program Assistant, will be available at the 4-H Office during the week if you have any questions. She will have telephone access to the Leaders at camp if necessary. You may call Mrs. Cindy in the 4-H Office at (912) 375-6648.

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What if my child becomes homesick? If this is your child's first time away from home, there is a possibility that they may feel a little nervous about camp. It is our experience that once the child gets past the first night away from home, these feelings quickly disappear as they become involved in the busy schedule. The camp counselors and staff are specifically trained to work with 5th and 6th grade students to make them feel at home during their week of camp.

Special Notes:

It is advised to leave cell phones, beepers, laptops, portable DVD players, Ipods/radios, handheld video games, TV's, etc. at home. If these items are found, they will be confiscated and not returned until the group arrives in Jeff Davis County on Friday afternoon. We are not responsible for any lost, missing or stolen items. Your child will be responsible for any valuables such as a camera, watches and jewelry. **Remember, Cell Phones are PROHIBITED at camp.**

****Campers will have light housekeeping duties before breakfast each morning. They will need to know how to make a bed, sweep the floor, empty trash bins, clean a bathroom, etc... 4-H'ers will clean up their rooms each day. Also, campers will have KP duty during the week. They will help with kitchen set up and clean up for meals as part of KP.**

****Remember to label all clothing and accessory items your child brings to camp. Please place the 4-H'ers name in all articles of clothing and towels.**

****Send a mesh bag in suitcase for packing all wet items such as shoes, bathing suits, towels, etc.**

NO FLIP-FLOPS WILL BE ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF THE ROOMS AT CAMP. Any sandal-like, open toed footwear must have a back-strap and be worn in the appropriate manner. Some activities will require closed-toe footwear. Failure to adhere to this guideline will result in camper's removal from

designated activity. Please send extra shoes since 4-H'ers will be involved in a variety of wet and dry activities during the week of camp.



Allergies: PLEASE MAKE US AWARE!!!!

Please note, the 4-H centers are “allergen aware” not “allergen free.” The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) recognizes nine major food allergens as: crustacean shellfish, eggs, fish, milk, peanuts, sesame, soybeans, tree nuts, and wheat. All guests should be aware that products, prepared items, and cooking facilities may contain or have had contact with these nine major allergens at the 4-H centers.

COMPLETE MEDICAL FORMS AND NOTE ANY ALLERGIES!!!!

We will communicate such allergies to the 4-H center staff members. In the case of severe allergies, please have a conversation with Jeff Davis County Extension staff so proper precautions can be made.