

**OSU Extension**  
**4-H JUNIOR WILDLIFE**  
**STEWARDS CAMP**  
**PARENT INFORMATION LETTER**

*Please read the following information carefully and share it with your child. We welcome you to a fun week of learning, sharing, caring and growing through our summer camp programs.*

#### **STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS**

Your Camp Director is Maureen Hosty. Maureen is a 4-H Youth Extension Faculty for Agent in the Portland Metro area and has directed camps for 14 years. The 4-H Camp Staff includes both teen and adult volunteers. Participants receive a high degree of small group interaction and personal attention from 4-H staff and volunteer leaders. These people have been chosen for their interest and ability in working with other people, as well as their skills in special areas. They undergo extensive pre-camp training before taking on this assignment as activity instructors and counselors.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The health and safety of campers are closely monitored. The camp provides nutritious and balanced meals. The site has hot and cold running water, showers, and flush toilets. There are medical personnel on staff to attend to participants' health needs.

#### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

The camp program has limited medical insurance on every participant - coverage extends only to accidents and illnesses originating at camp. The accident limit is \$3000; for sickness, \$1000. Pre-existing illness is not covered. The camp has an infirmary.

#### **AGE LIMITS**

This camp is open to boys and girls completing grades 3-8 in June 2006.

A special program at our Junior 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program is a Leadership Program for 7th-8th graders. First year Counselor in Training (CIT's) attend special leadership classes, are assigned leadership roles at camp, and stay in cabins with other CIT's. Second year CIT's or Junior Counselors assist teen counselors in the youth cabins, take leadership classes, and complete a special leadership project. The CIT program prepares youth completing grades 7 and 8 to become a camp counselor once they complete 9th grade, develop their leadership skills, and at the same time explore wildlife and the environment in a fun atmosphere.

#### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Every effort will be made to provide special services or accommodations to participants on an as-needed basis, pending availability. Please let us know your special needs four weeks in advance by indicating so in the appropriate section on the registration form.

#### **CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS**

If the cost of camp is affecting your decision to attend 4-H camp, be sure to check out 4-H camp scholarships. Significant camp scholarships are available to 4-H members through your local 4-H Leaders Association. If you are an active 4-H member, contact your local 4-H office to receive scholarship applications.

#### **FEES:**

Final payment of all camp fees must be received by July 15, 2006. Mail to the address shown on the back of this form, with checks payable to: **4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp. NO CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP UNTIL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL!**

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

100% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation is requested 10 business days (July 18, 2006) or more before the activity.

50% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation occurs five to nine (July 25, 2006) business days before the 4-H activity begins.

No refunds will be made when cancellations occur within 5 business days of the activity or when the registrants do not show up for the activity.

#### **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:**

You may check-in your camper (including CIT's) from 10:30-11:00 am on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Arrivals before 10:30 a.m. will not be allowed on the campsite so that our staff has every opportunity to prepare for your arrival. Parents are welcome to tour the facilities at check-in time. However, to assist in the transition process, we request parents depart shortly after the check-in procedure. Our camp will end with a closing ceremony which we would like you to be part of. It will be a time to share your child's camping experience as we recap the week's events. The closing ceremony will be from 1-2 pm on August 5th. Please plan to stay for the entire program, as your child will be an important part in a skit.

Parents may check their child out of camp from 2:00 - 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 5th. Your promptness is appreciated. If someone other than a parent is picking up your child, we need to know that at registration, and need a permission -to-release form signed by you before we

release your child to another adult. Your understanding in this is appreciated.

## **CAMP BAGS**

In order to easily get all the campers gear up to the cabins from the main parking lot each camper must pack all the gear (including sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, etc.) into one bag. 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp provides oversized duffle bags for all campers. Returning campers can use their 4-H bags from previous years. New campers will receive their 4-H bag at check-in. Parents should be prepared to help their children transfer their belongings into the 4-H camp bags when campers check in. Campers with new bags can return their bags at the end of camp and receive a \$20.00 refund if they do not want to keep the bag.

## **TEEN COUNSELORS**

Trained teen counselors will be assigned 5-6 campers each during the 5 days of camp. It is their responsibility to be with the campers from Camp "Rise and Shine" to bedtime.

## **HOMESICK CAMPERS:**

If your child becomes homesick, we will make every attempt to encourage the child to stay. If the child still wishes to leave, the parents will be called. Parents should be prepared to come pick up their child from camp if their child continues to be homesick and upset about being away from home.

We have found that having children call home encourages homesickness. It can also become a problem for a cabin group as they learn of someone else being able to make calls outside of camp. It is therefore the policy of our 4-H camp to encourage children to write home, but not call. Helping campers overcome homesickness is part of their camp experience. Speaking to your child in advance can alleviate many feelings of homesickness once they arrive.

## **FISHING**

In the past few years fishing at 4-H Camp has been limited and largely unsuccessful. Pagoda Pond had been full of excess pond weeds and overhanging trees that made it difficult to fish. Staff at the 4-H Center have worked hard over the winter to clear the weeds from the pond and clear the debris with special equipment. On June 19<sup>th</sup> the pond will be stocked with 400 fish by Oregon Fish and Wildlife. We hope this year will be an exceptional year for fishing. Fishing is optional and each camper will have the opportunity to fish once with their tribe either in the morning (before breakfast) or in the evening (before dinner). Due to the limited space at the pond, only one tribe will be assigned either a morning or afternoon time for fishing. If you have a favorite fishing pole, bring it along. Otherwise, fishing poles will be provided at camp for those who do not own a fishing pole.

## **MAIL:**

We have daily mail service at camp. The address is:

**Oregon 4-H Center  
c/o 4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp  
5390 4-H Rd., NW  
Salem, OR 97304**

To ensure your letter arrives during their camp session, we suggest mailing letters or cards before the camp begins.

### **Please Remember!**

In order for your application to be complete please be sure the following items are submitted by JULY 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Camp youth application
- Signed Oregon 4-H Health Card and Code of Conduct form (on back of youth application)
- Camp fee balance

Please send these above items by **JULY 15<sup>th</sup>** to:

4-H Junior  
Wildlife Stewards Camp  
17675 SW Farmington Road, Box  
169  
Aloha, OR 97007  
(Fax: 503-916-2676)

## **QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions or want additional applications, please call the 4-H office at (503) 916-6075. Also, visit our website at [www.wildlifestewards.4h.oregonstate.edu/camp](http://www.wildlifestewards.4h.oregonstate.edu/camp) for additional information.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:**

**In case of an emergency during our week at camp, parents can contact camp staff at (503) 371-4064.**