

# WALWORTH COUNTY 4-H CAMP 2019 FACT SHEET



Walworth County 4-H Camp is where youth travel to Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in the Wisconsin Dells to live and play for <u>five</u> days and <u>four</u> nights. Campers are assigned to "cabins" where they live with other campers their own age and gender. Each cabin consists of approximately ten campers and is supervised by trained high school and college age 4-H counselors—many of whom are past campers themselves. Additionally, the University of Wisconsin Extension Walworth County 4-H Youth Development staff, the Upham Woods staff, and several screened adult 4-H chaperones oversee campers the entire time they are present. The adult to youth ratio at 4-H Camp is 1:10 in compliance with Wisconsin 4-H policy.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Each day of camp is divided into several different activity sessions and evening camp-wide activities which are planned and conducted cooperatively by the 4-H camp counselors, 4-H staff, adult chaperones, and camp staff. Typical daily activities include:

Swimming & Water Games Arts & Crafts Field Games Nature Hikes & Study

Canoeing/Kayaking Fishing Team Building Archery

Science Drama Camp Songs Cabin Time with Camp Friends

Evenings at camp include things like:

Campfires Dramatic Presentations Fun Workshops A Cookout
Recreational Challenges Night Hikes A Circle Dance Outdoor Movies

#### WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?

There is a qualified camp nurse on-call at camp at all times. All water and watercraft activities are supervised by certified lifeguards. Campers' whereabouts are known and checked at all times. If there is any illness or accident, the family is contacted immediately.

# **CELL PHONES?**

Except in emergency situations, campers and counselors are <u>not</u> allowed to make or receive phone calls. Additionally, campers are not allowed to have cell phones during camp. Both calls to/from home and use of social media tend to cause homesickness both for the campers engaging in them and those simply observing.



## WHO CAN ATTEND 4-H CAMP?

Walworth County 4-H Camp is open to Walworth County 4-H Club members who are in grades 3-8 (as of Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year). Camp is designed to help campers develop and strengthen their social, intellectual, and physical skills. Camp counselors must be currently enrolled 4-Hers who will be at least 15 years old by the start of camp.

Camp registration fees are heavily subsidized by our Walworth County Junior and Senior Leaders' Associations using funds raised by the Walworth County 4-H House of Pork (HOP) and the Walworth County 4-H Futures Committee. These funds have helped keep camper costs low despite increased camp costs over the past few years.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT UPHAM WOODS

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is owned and operated by University of Wisconsin Extension. You can learn more about Upham Woods by visiting it on-line at: <a href="http://4h.uwex.edu/uphamwoods">http://4h.uwex.edu/uphamwoods</a>.

## **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Walworth County Extension office at 262-741-4951.

