

WALWORTH COUNTY 4-H CAMP

2020 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 four days and three 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 Walworth County Extension’s 4-H Youth Development staff, the Upham Woods staff, and several screened adult 4-H chaperones oversee campers. The adult to youth ratio at 4-H Camp is 1:10 in compliance with Wisconsin 4-H policy.

ACTIVITIES

Camp days are 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 activities are:

Swimming & Water Games	Arts & Crafts	Field Games	Nature Hikes & Study
Canoeing/Kayaking	Archery	Team Building	Cabin Time with Camp Friends
Science	Drama	Camp Songs	

Evenings at camp include things like:

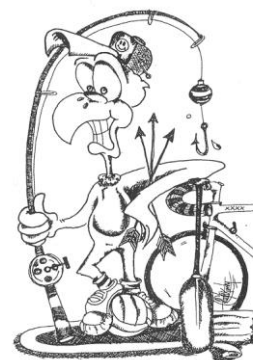
Campfires	Dramatic Presentations	Fun Workshops	Cookout
Recreational Challenges	Night Hikes	A Circle Dance	Outdoor Movies

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 not 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 rising camp costs over the past few years.

LEARN MORE ABOUT UPHAM WOODS

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is owned and operated by UW-Madison. You can learn more about Upham Woods by visiting it on-line at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/>. (Note that the camp registration link on Upham’s website is not for Walworth County 4-H Camp. It is for open enrollment weeks serving campers statewide.)

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Walworth County Extension Office at 262-741-4951. Register for Walworth County 4-H Camp using the 2020 Walworth County 4-H Camp Application available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp-2020/>.