

Camp FAQ's

- ❖ Can I bring my cellphone?
 - No, this is a safety issue.
 - First, camp is designed as an opportunity for youth to “unplug” from electronics.
 - Most importantly, we are there to keep youth safe. If 350 campers bring their phones, we cannot supervise each one. We have no idea what is being shown on the phone, who or what they are taking pictures of or even what they are putting onto social media.
- ❖ Supervision
 - Clyde Austin 4-H Center is a proud member of the American Camp Associations. Meeting many safety standards includes a firm leader to camper ratio. From Hamblen County we take 1 adult for the first 8 youth and 1 teen for the next 8 youth by gender. Example – 18 female and 12 male campers are registered. This would mean that we would take 2 female adult leaders, 1 female teen leader, 1 adult male leader and 1 male teen leader.
 - Do you take parents/adult leaders?
 - Yes, but they are required to submit a volunteer leader application. This includes a background check, state and national sex offender registry checks and references. Then leaders must complete 3 trainings through the University and 8 hours of camp specific training.
 - Are you interested in being a leader? If so, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth and she will go over everything with you – 423-586-6111 or edoan@utk.edu.
 - Pool supervision
 - There are 3 lifeguards on duty at the pool. In addition, there are 6 adult leaders that are stationed in different locations around the edge of the pool to ensure camper safety.
- ❖ Health
 - Is there a nurse?
 - Yes, currently the nurse is on duty during the day leaving around supper time.
 - During the hours the nurse is not available all agents are trained and certified in CPR and First Aid.
 - There is a night time first aid 4-H agent assigned to handle nighttime medications and any other needs after the nurse has left for the day.
 - Can I send medications?
 - Yes, there is a process to sending medications. Please attend the parent/camper meeting to get full details.
 - Please only send prescription medications and only the amount needed for the time at camp. There is a form that must be completed on each medication sent. The form is available at the 4-H office or it can be picked up at the parent/camper meeting.
 - My child has an epi-pen or inhaler, will they be allowed to keep it with them?
 - Yes! Youth are encouraged to keep their epi-pen and/or inhaler with them.

- We also encourage parents to send a second epi-pen and/or inhaler to be kept in the first aid room. This prevents us from being unable to find them in a youth's backpack or if they have left the one they carry in the barracks.
- My child has food allergies
 - No problem! We are glad to provide a meal list and work with you to ensure that campers have plenty of food to eat that is healthy and safe for them.
 - Please do NOT wait until the week before to contact us about food allergy needs. The sooner we have this information the more prepared we are to keep campers safe and well fed.
- ❖ How do the cabins work?
 - They are large open barracks with bunk beds lining the walls, usually about 20-26 beds. Each person has their own bed to sleep on with a mattress provided.
 - Adult and teen leaders sleep next to the doors for supervision.
 - Campers will need to bring their own sleeping bag or twin sized sheets and blanket. If they would like a pillow they will need to bring one.
- ❖ Can parents visit
 - No, we have found that this creates more issues with homesickness than helping with it. Not every child's parents can visit so it is best for all of us that no parent/guardian stop by for a visit.
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