



# FLORIDA 4-H CAMPING FACTS & IMPACTS

**RESIDENTIAL CAMPING** IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DELIVERY METHODS IN THE FLORIDA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WITH NEARLY 4000 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS AND 250 VOLUNTEERS AND AGENTS ATTENDING CAMP EACH YEAR.

## Florida 4-H Camping supports the mission of 4-H Youth Development

by using a learn-by-doing approach to help youth gain the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible, productive citizens. This mission is accomplished by creating safe and inclusive environments, involving caring adults, and utilizing the expertise and resources of the University of Florida and those of the nationwide land-grant university system.



## How do we reach youth?

### Summer of 2013 Youth Attendance:

- Camp Cherry Lake 4-H Youth 677
- Camp Cloverleaf 4-H Youth 472
- Camp Ocala 4-H Youth 556
- Camp Timpooshee 4-H Youth 519
- OMK Camps Youth 430
- Camp Corral Youth 191
- Specialty Camp Youth 362

**Camping provides an intensive learning environment focused on four essential elements of positive youth development:  
BELONGING • INDEPENDENCE • MASTERY • GENEROSITY**

**4-H is the statewide youth development program of the University of Florida IFAS Extension.**



# WHAT DOES 4-H CAMP OFFER YOUTH?

## Youth get to appreciate nature...



...in a safe, fun environment. Youth build relationships and learn about the outdoors at 4-H camps specializing in environmental education, healthy lifestyles, swimming, kayaking, science and more.

## Youth make more healthy choices...

...while growing their knowledge of healthy lifestyles. 4-H youth, regardless of their background, socio-economic status, race, or gender, thrive through health and safety they receive through 4-H programs.



## Youth get to try new things...



...in a positive, inclusive atmosphere. Launching rockets, paddling a kayak, discovering marine life, performing a skit, and making new friends are just a few of the opportunities youth have to take part in new experiences.

## Why Come to Camp?

Camp is a great way for youth to meet new people and make new friends. 4-H camps engage youth in activities focusing on:

**Belonging** – Encouraging a sense of fellowship and connectedness.

**Independence** – Learning to better understand themselves and become independent thinkers.

**Mastery** – Immersive activities to master new life skills.

**Generosity** – Presenting opportunities to value & practice service to others.



### Top 5 Class Choices

1. Rocketry
2. Kayaking
3. Outdoor Skills
4. Nature Education
5. Shooting Sports

## Who Came to Camp?

### Campers 8 – 15 years of age:

- 56% Male – 44% Female

### Race & Ethnicity

- 80% Caucasian/White
- 13% African American/Black
- 3% Hispanic/Latino
- 3% Native American
- 1% Asian American

### Residence of Youth

- 37% Rural – country or farm
- 37% Suburban
- 16% Urban

