

4-H Camp Ohio Facilities Newsletter

Welcome to the first 4-H Camp Ohio Facilities Newsletter. The plans are to publish this newsletter three or four times each year to help spread the word about the efforts of the facility committee and maintenance staff at 4-H Camp Ohio. It will highlight recent facility improvement and general maintenance accomplishments; share opportunities for volunteer support at camp, list resources needed for planned projects, and provide information on future improvement efforts.

4-H Camp Ohio has great facilities. To be able to continue the good work camp does, it is necessary to seek volunteer help and financial resources beyond what the yearly camp budget can provide. The 4-H Camp Ohio board hopes our many friends and supporters will help in these efforts to keep 4-H Camp Ohio a great place to experience personal and educational growth for the thousands of youth who camp each year.

What's New at 4-H Camp Ohio

1. Kitchen Update – The relocation of the existing walk-in cooler allowed space to build a new office for the Food Service Director. At the same time new vinyl flooring was installed and the entire kitchen was painted.
2. Painting – A variety of areas received new coats of paint. These areas look great. Many exterior doors were also painted.
3. General Improvements – Dozens of small repairs and updates were completed in 2018. Some damaged doors were replaced. Some hazards were removed. Several new doors and new blinds were installed in Campbell Lodge

Volunteer Opportunities

Camp is looking to create a volunteer corp to support the efforts of camp staff and the facility committee. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities

have been identified. The following is a list of Frequently Asked Questions that define how volunteers can become involved.

1. **What Skill Levels of Volunteers are Needed?** Volunteers of all skill levels can help. Jobs range from those that require no specific skills to ones that require special training. Camp could use help painting, cutting and splitting wood, with electrical improvements, plumbing projects, landscaping projects and many other general repairs.
2. **How Much Time Do I Need to Give?** Volunteers can give a few hours or come for an entire day. Camp staff will work with volunteers to find jobs that fit into their schedule.
3. **When Can I Volunteer?** There are volunteer opportunities year round. Spring and Fall are probably the peak times when help is needed. Help can be given on both weekdays and weekends. A Fall and Spring workday will be planned if enough

volunteers come forward to make planning workdays worthwhile.

4. **Do I Need to Bring Tools?** Those who volunteer to help with skilled labor projects will be asked to provide their own tools. Unskilled volunteers will be provided the tools/resources they need.
5. **How Will Volunteers Know How They Can Help?** Those responsible for coordinating volunteer help will communicate directly with volunteers. A system will be put into place to make those on the volunteer list aware of opportunities to help and to schedule times to work.
6. **How Do I Get My Name on the Volunteer List?** Those interested in getting on the list should send their information to Ken Lafontaine, Facility Committee Co-Chair. Email is the preferred contact method. Ken's contact email is; klafontaine@twc.com

Send your email address to Ken and he will communicate with volunteers regarding volunteer opportunities.

7. **Is Volunteer Work Tax Deductible?** Travel to and from 4-H Camp Ohio is a deductible expense for those filing the long form for their federal taxes. Labor is non-deductible for individuals. Businesses will need to check with their tax preparers regarding any deductibility of donations to camp.

Monetary and In Kind Donations

Another way individuals and businesses can support camp is through in-kind and cash donations. Camp improvements and maintenance efforts requires a wide variety of material resources. Camp can be supported in the following ways.

1. Individuals and businesses donating supplies.
2. Businesses selling supplies to camp at a reduced cost.
3. Donations of used items that are in good useable condition.
4. Cash donations.

The plan is to create a list of businesses and individuals who are willing to be contacted when specific supplies are needed. As needs arise, camp can contact those on the list to see if they can provide type of materials that are needed. The committee will also work with County 4-H Educators to secure resources from their counties.

Current Needs;

1. Two 36" Solid Vanity Tops
2. Construction Screws
3. Three New Toilets
4. Various Sizes of Construction Lumber
5. Limestone for Driveways
6. Hauler for Limestone
7. Working Flat Screen TV
8. Two Kitchen Faucets
9. Two Fiberglass Shower Stalls
10. Interior Paint

This is just a sample of the types of materials that could be donated or provided at a discount for projects planned for completion in 2019.

Names for the support list should be submitted to Ken Lafontaine, Facility Committee Co-chair at the same email address listed under the Volunteer Opportunities section.

Donations of money and materials are tax deductible. Tax deductibility is directly tied to the manner in which individuals file their federal tax returns.

Future Projects

The Facility Committee has developed an extensive list of projects it would like to complete as time and money are available. Each year it identifies the most pressing needs and budgets funds for those high priority projects.

This newsletter will also let friends of 4-H Camp Ohio know about the good things that are planned. The facility committee hopes many will step forward and provide some type of assistance.

Projects are grouped into two categories.

Major Improvement Projects – Some projects will require camp to hire companies to complete the work. Other projects will be done by camp staff with the assistance of volunteers who have experience and knowledge related to the project. Examples include;

1. New Roof on Bull Pen and Canoe Livery
2. Replace Cabin 17, 18, Dining Hall and Pool Restroom Doors
3. Installing New Counters in All Bathrooms
4. Painting Craft Hall and Workshop Roofs
5. Remodeling Staff and Cow Palace Restrooms
6. Updating Summer Staff Bathrooms, Lounge and Bedrooms

Volunteer Projects – These projects can be completed by volunteers who have basic skills. Camp staff will work with volunteers to match them to jobs on this list they feel comfortable helping complete. Examples include:

1. Painting Interior of Cabins 17 & 18
2. Power Washing Campbell Lodge Exterior
3. Improving Volleyball Court Area
4. Interior Painting
5. Replacing Clothes Lines on Girls Side
6. Replacing Broken Fence Posts
7. Completing Small Landscaping Jobs
8. Installing New Materials on Ramp Surfaces
9. Assist With Assembling New Bunks
10. Painting Campbell Lodge Floor
11. Making Minor Improvements in Various Buildings
12. Cutting and Splitting Wood
13. Helping With General Clean Up
14. Installing New Clothes Lines
15. Painting Metal Handrails
16. Staining Existing Split Rail Fence
17. Installing Split Rail Fence