



Delaware 4-H State Camp 2022 Newsletter

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Based on current State and UD protocols, Delaware 4-H is planning in-person camps **at full capacity** at this time. **NOTE:** If there are any required protocols for youth to complete or adhere to prior to attending camp, these will be shared in advance to all campers so they can be in place before the start of camp.

Revisions to Camp Attendance Policy for Summer 2022

With plans ongoing for an in-person 2022 Delaware 4-H State Camp and the 2022 Environmental Camp experience, we felt it important to share the following revisions to the attendance policy in light of in-person safety restrictions and compliance with state and university health guidance.

1. Any youth **between the ages of 10 years and 19 years old on 6/1/22** may apply to **State Camp** in 2022.
2. Any youth **between the ages of 8 years and 12 years old on 6/1/22** may apply to **Environmental Camp** in 2022.
3. **Camp fees for 2022:** State Camp, \$375 per week. Environmental Camp, \$145. (Note: The change in fee is the result of increased per camper fees that will be assessed to Delaware 4-H by Camp Barnes.)

ENROLLMENT CHANGE: At this time, we are expecting to enroll at full capacity. **If for any reason protocols are changed and we are required to reduce camp capacity, we will need to take the following actions:**

1. All 10-year-old campers will be withdrawn from the week-long camp and will be encouraged to attend State 4-H Environmental Camp.
2. If additional capacity reduction is still required to meet protocols, it will be done by withdrawing youth who registered for camp using a last-in, first-out approach.

Registration

Registration for Delaware 4-H State Camps opens **April 1 at 10:00 AM** for active 4-H'ers. Registration for non-4-H'ers will open May 1 if availability remains. **Online registration is required.** You may pay by credit card at the time of registration or mail a check for the full balance due by June 1, 2022.

REGISTER AT: www.udel.edu/009245

Health Form

A health form is mandatory to attend 4-H Camps. 4-H members are required to update their health form at [4-H Online](#).

Shuttle Bus

Bus transportation is available for New Castle County and Kent County campers. Locations and times will be provided.

Scholarships

Camp scholarships may be available to any active 4-H members. Enroll through your County 4-H office.

Camp Policies

Code of Conduct Violations

Anyone breaking the Code of Conduct during the 4-H year will not be put in a leadership role at State 4-H Camp. If the offense is severe enough, the 4-H'er will not be allowed to attend State 4-H Camp. If infractions occur at camp, parents may be contacted for immediate pick-up. Refunds related to expulsion will not be considered.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are not permitted at camp. The use of cell phones has become a distraction and takes away from the ability of campers to stay focused on camp. Any camper that brings a cell phone to camp will be required to turn in their phone on Monday morning at registration, and it will be returned on Saturday morning at dismissal.

State Camp

Week 1: Monday June 13, 10:30 AM – Saturday, June 18, 10:00 AM

OR

Week 2: Monday June 20, 10:30 AM – Saturday, June 25, 10:00 AM

The State Camp experience provides lasting memories and the chance to make lifelong friends. Surrounded by nature, campers can disconnect from technology and focus on developing healthy living habits. Campers are assigned to a people group for afternoon and campfire activities.

2022 Camp Fee: \$375.00

Campers must be 10 years old and not more than 19 years old on 6/1/22 to attend this camp.

Environmental Camp

Friday, June 10, 3:00 PM – Sunday, June 12, 10:00 AM

This experience allows campers to explore basic soil and environmental science information through hands-on discovery. Getting your hands dirty, exploring the forest, and looking for critters was never so much fun.

A variety of classes related to the environment will be available. Classes are taught by University of Delaware undergraduate and graduate students. Previous camp classes included topics such as “Is River Water Safe to Drink?” and “Digging Up the Dirt on Soil Microbes.” New classes are developed every year. Each afternoon provides time for recreation, such as swimming and canoeing. You will be assigned to a group for afternoon and campfire activities.

2022 Camp Fee: \$145.00

Campers must be 8 years old and not more than 12 years old on 6/1/22 to attend this camp.

Frequently Answered Questions

How do I get to Camp Barnes?

Camp Barnes, (37171 Camp Barnes Road, Frankford DE 19945), your destination for summer camp adventure, is located in southeast Sussex County on beautiful Miller's Creek. [\[map\]](#)

What if camp is full?

If camp is full for your preferred camp, you may join the waiting list. If camp slots become available you will be notified.

What is the refund policy?

Cancellations for a verified emergency are refund in full minus at \$25 administrative fee if the 4-H State Program Office is notified by June 1. No refunds will be issued after this date.

May I leave camp and come back?

You must attend camp full time and remain on Camp Barnes property for the duration of camp. The exception is a family emergency.

What does the camp fee cover?

The registration fee includes the camp photo, class costs, snacks, meals, and lodging.

Is there an early dismissal policy?

Normal dismissal time for weeklong camp is 10 AM. No one may leave camp until 5 AM on Saturday morning. Any exception must have prior approval of the camp staff. **ANY SPECIAL DEPARTURE REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE STATE 4-H OFFICE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF CAMP.**

Where will I sleep, eat, and play?

You will sleep in cabins of 12-14 campers, including a counselor. A central bath facility is nearby. All meals are served cafeteria style, and there is also a canteen for snacks. A variety of classes are available for your participation. Each afternoon provides time for recreation, such as swimming and canoeing. You will be assigned to a group for afternoon and campfire activities.

May I have a friend visit?

Please do not invite anyone to visit you at any time during camp. Our camp is closed to all visitors during the week.

What is your medicine policy?

Completion of the [Camp Medicine Form](#) is mandatory if sending any pharmaceuticals with your camper. Prescribed **and** over-the-counter medicines must be turned in upon arrival at camp in the original container. Original prescription packaging must include the camper's name. This includes over-the-counter as well as prescription medications.

Are scholarships or family discounts available?

The Delaware 4-H Foundation offers one \$25.00 scholarship per 4-H family with two or more children attending overnight 4-H camp. In addition, the Delaware 4-H Foundation provides scholarships to qualifying enrolled/active 4-H members in the counties to support attendance. Delaware Environmental Institute (DENIN) provides scholarships to qualifying enrolled/active 4-H members in the counties to support attendance at Environmental Camp. Scholarships are awarded at the county level and recipients will be notified by County 4-H Office Staff.

Do you offer accommodations?

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. If you have special needs that need to be accommodated, please contact the State 4-H Office to discuss your situation.

Can I get a sneak peak at camp life?

Absolutely! See our 2019 photo galleries: [2019 Environmental Camp](#), [Week 1 State Camp](#), and [Week 2 State Camp](#).

Other Questions? We're here to help!

Contact your local county 4-H office (New Castle: 302-831-8965, Kent: 302-730-4000, Sussex: 302-856-7303) or the State 4-H Office at 302-831-2509, de4h@udel.edu.

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