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THE MISSION of 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is to provide youth with a unique, fun outdoor experience under the guidance of positive role models, emphasizing positive social interaction, environmental awareness and skill building.

Campers are NOT required to be 4-H members to attend camp.

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Front Cover Photos: Background: Swim lessons in the original swimming pool, circa 1940's. Top: 2024 camper enjoying the current pool. Middle, Archery lessons. Bottom: Camper harnessed in for the Giant Swing on the high ropes course. Photos, this page: Background: Upper Village from 2023, Top: Original dining hall as photographed in the 1940's. Middle: Campers in the 1980s, Bottom: Campers in the early 2000's.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Please contact the 4-H Camp Bristol Hills office at (585)394-3977 ext 435 if your child has any special needs.

Our Philosophy: We believe that to be engaged, you must feel included and valued. We strive to build and nurture a culture where there is a deep sense of pride, passion, and belonging that comes from doing the right thing, even when no one is looking.

Our camp is located in the rustic Hills of Bristol, where our campground is among the trees. Our program is largely outdoors, allowing campers to disconnect from their technology during their stay with us. We appreciate the rugged outdoor experience, complete with its skinned knees, bug bites, and campfire smoke. We employ a Camp Nurse and a Wellness Director, which allows us to accommodate the needs of most children. If you have questions or concerns about whether 4-H Camp is the right fit for your child, we invite you to contact us at campbristolhills@cornell.edu or (585)394-3977 ext 435.

Summer Calendar At-A-Glance!

Mini Session July 2-4 Sprout Camp

Week1 July 6-11

Resident Camp Day Camp Progression Camp Wilderness First Aid Camp Leader-in-Training

Week 2

July 13-18 Resident Camp

Day Camp Progression Camp Counselor-In-Training

Week 3

Resident Camp Day Camp Progression Camp Counselor-In-Training (Cont'd)

Week 4 July 27-August 1

Resident Camp (grades 3-6 only) Day Camp Progression Camp Adventu<u>re Camp (Sun.-Thurs.)</u>

Week 5 August 3-8

Resident Camp Day Camp Progression Camp Animation Camp

100 Years of Camping Excellence!

In July 1925, 4-H'ers from Ontario County gathered on the shores of Canandaigua Lake on Torrey Beach, just south of what is now known as Crystal Beach. Camp rented property each year from 1925 until 1936, when they acquired the current camp property from Ogden P. Letchworth and Marjorie Maxwell in Bristol.

Camp opened in its current location in 1937, known as 4-H Camp Letchworth, and was built with support of the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1961, the camp opened up for campers who were not 4-H members, a tradition that holds true today.

Camp was first accredited by the American Camp Association in 1982, and has maintained that standard ever since. 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is owned and operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County.



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> 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is an ACA-Accredited® Camp! This is verification from the American Camp Association® that our camp complies with industry-established standards. These standards are recognized by courts and government regulators as the standards of the camp

industry. The ACA-accreditation symbolizes excellence and our ongoing commitment to the children we serve. For more information about ACA accreditation, visit: www.acacamps.org/accreditation

DAY PROGRAMS

DAY CAMP

(Campers 5-7 years old by July 1)

Children have amazing curiosity. This exciting program offers younger children an opportunity to get a taste of the 4-H Camp Bristol Hills experience. Campers are able to improve and develop new skills through nature exploration, crafts, games, songs, and hiking. Day Camp even includes Red Cross swim lessons for all campers! Of course, they will have lots of opportunities to make friends too! Day Campers rotate in smaller groups to a variety of activities, like our Sprout and Resident Campers do. This rotation helps prepare campers for the future, and gives them even more activities to enjoy!

Counselors provide an environment that encourages children to attempt new things. We know that self-esteem and self-confidence are gained through individual growth rather than competition. With different activities every week, campers can choose to come one week or come all five weeks! Day Campers visit the Camp Store daily after lunch.

Our programs provides a safe environment for children to develop social skills, decision-making skills, and experience the great outdoors. Studies show that socialization during childhood may accomplish more for growth and development than reading, writing and arithmetic!

Is our 1st-3rd grader ready to try overnight camping? Check out our 3-day Sprout Camp, page 5!

PROGRESSION CAMP

(Campers going into 3rd Grade or higher)

Progression Camp is a great fit for older campers who want to enjoy the camp experience, but have other commitments in the evenings. These campers do everything the resident campers do, except dinner, the evening activities and sleeping in cabins.

Progression campers participate in morning classes with Resident campers as well as afternoon recreation activities and free swim, but go home at the end of each day. Campers choose from any of the classes described on pages 6 & 7, when registering. In addition to classes and recreation activities, Campers get to check out the camp store each day after lunch!

Please note that during the week of July 28-August 1, Progression Camp is accepting youth in grades 3-5 only.

Day and Progression Camps run from 9:00am -4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Camp includes lunch, so you don't even need to worry about packing a meal before camp!

 Dates:
 July 7-11
 Cost:
 Day: \$390/wk

 July 14-18
 Progression: \$470/wk
 July 21-25
 July 28-August 1

 August 4-8
 August 4-8
 July 24-24
 July 24-24



Day Camper playing parachute games. 2024.



Evening Programs are included in the new Night Camp. 2024

NIGHT CAMP (NEW!)

(5pm-9pm Camp for Campers going into 6th grade or higher)

This new Camp program offers a taste of the excitement of camp activities, including custom afternoon recreation programs, dinner in the dining hall, all-camp evening programs, campfires, and friendships, in a unique, abbreviated format!

The program runs 5pm-9pm Monday through Thursday nights and is available to youth going into 6th grade or higher! This format is open to anyone and is perfect for those busy teens that may be involved in other day programs (summer school, sports camps, music programs, day jobs), and still want to have a week at Camp.

Camp includes one afternoon recreation activity (hikes, sports, crafts, etc), dinner, and the all-camp evening program (large group games like Capture the Flag, Talent Show, etc), and then get picked up to go home just after the glorious sunsets over the Bristol Hills.

Dates:

July 7-10 Cost: \$200 Monday - Thursday Only

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RESIDENT CAMP

(Campers going into 3rd grade or higher) Resident Camp provides youth with a six-day, five-night overnight camp experience.

Campers get to choose their morning classes from a wide variety of options, and participate in those activities each morning. In the afternoons, campers participate in a variety of recreational activities that keep them engaged. In addition to their free swim time each day, other popular afternoon recreation choices include our water slide, hikes, sports, crafts and much more! Our staff provide special evening programs that involve campers in a variety of events like Bombardier, Crazy Fashion Shows, Dark Realm, and more. Our program is designed to give campers a beneficial summer experience that emphasizes fun!

Resident campers choose from any of the classes on page 6, when registering! When you register for camp, you will register directly into your classes on a first come, first served basis. This allows you to build your own daily schedule with the classes you want, so you'll want to register early to ensure the best pick of your classes! If your favorite class is already completely full, you'll have the option to go on the wait list, so if we add more sessions, or if someone switches out, you'll have first dibs to get back into your favorite class!

Resident Campers continue the fun overnight, staying in our rustic cabins. The cabin experience is what truly sets overnight Camp apart from our day camps! Cabins feature wooden bunk beds (perfect for flashlight wars, and silly bedtime stories), and electric lights. For more information on our housing policies, see Living Areas, page 12. Bedtime is an important part of the camp tradition, because overnight campers get to fully immerse in the Camp experience. This is what allows campers to develop a sense of independence that only comes from being away from parents for a few days. Many of our campers develop friendships with their cabin mates that last a lifetime!

Our cabin groups range from 6-18 campers and are grouped by age and gender.

Dates: July 6-11

Cost: \$550/week

July 13-18 July 20-25 July 27-August 1 *(grades 3-5 only)* August 3-8

SPROUT CAMP (3 Days, 2 Nights for campers going into 1st-3rd Grades)

For many families, their child's camp experience may be their first time away from home. Our Sprout Camp is designed as an introduction to overnight camp for campers and their families. This unique 3-day/2-night overnight camp experience is designed specifically for younger campers. It gives them a chance to experience many of the great camp traditions without the fears of being away from home for an entire week. The short-term separation is a good opportunity for parents, too, giving them a chance to practice letting go in a safe, fun, and supervised environment.



Resident Camper on the Air Rifle Range. 2024



Boys in the Cabin. From the archives, date unkown.

What do Sprout Campers do? They rotate through camp classes like crafts, hiking, swimming, nature and more. They also join the rest of camp for delicious meals in the dining hall, participate in exciting evening programs, campfires, and sleep in cabins with their new friends. Ultimately, Sprout Campers get to test the water to see what a full week of camp will be like!

Dates: Cost: July 2-4 (Wednesday - Friday) \$300

CAMP CLASSES **RESIDENT & PROGRESSION CAMPERS SELECT FROM THESE CLASSES**

Adventure- Feel the thrills and chills of the ropes course! Campers work through a series of challenges, working together as a team toward a common goal. The program begins with simple ice-breakers and high-energy games, and works through several problem-solving challenges, as well as trust-building activities before moving on to the Low Ropes course to raise the intensity to a new level! Swing across the alligator pit to safety, or evacuate a sinking ship through a porthole! Just don't leave anyone behind!

Older campers, in Teen Adventure, will also experience our high ropes course. Climb the trees, and scurry across the Burma Bridge or hop across our new Islands In the Sky, 25 feet off the ground!

Junior: 3rd-5th grade

Teen: 6th grade & up, Double period. Not offered week 4.

Air Rifle- Taught by 4-H certified rifle instructors, this course is offered to campers 11 years of age or older. Campers learn safe and responsible use of an air rifle. Campers will experience a variety of creative and challenging targets. (Not offered week 4).

Archery- This class is taught by 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructors and focuses on shooting techniques. Younger archers use recurve bows, older campers take aim with compound bows. *Level 1:* 3rd-5th grade

Level 2:6th grade & up. Not offered week 4.



Bead and Bracelet Making: So many different ways to make your own special bracelets! Campers explore lots of unique ways to turn everyday materials into beads, and then use beads to embellish their

own jewelry. Whether they are rolling their own paper strips into beads, shaping clay to just the right size, polishing glass bits in a rock tumbler, or even wrapping stone in wire, these campers will make some beautiful beads. Of course, they'll also get to learn how to tie a





Adventure Program From the archives, late 1980's.

bunch of different styles of friendship bracelets from embroidery floss, ribbon, yarn, plastic lace, and more! A true Make & Take class!

Cooking- Who doesn't love delicious home-made food? Campers have fun making great-tasting and healthy dishes! Find out how to safely use a chef's knife, the difference between a dry measure and a liquid measure, and much more. This class utilizes materials from Cornell University's Choose Health curriculum and features great recipes as well as basic cooking techniques.

Crafts- This perennial favorite can incorporate a wide variety of art forms including textiles, painting, sculpture, miniatures, crafts from recycled materials and much more! Campers make several creative projects throughout the week, then take them home on Friday!

Critter Care- Campers take care of a variety of animals. Roll up your sleeves and work with a collection of farm and pet animals! Helping to feed, water, groom and clean these animals are great opportunities for campers to work directly with the critters. This class is ideal for campers who have pets at home or are just interested in learning more about proper animal care.



Drama: Lights, Camera, Action! This class is designed for campers who love to hit center stage, be the star of the show, and tell the best tales. Campers work with counselors to write short skits, and then spend the rest

of the week learning their roles, rehearsing their lines, improving their deliveries, and putting it all together. Then, at the closing campfire, campers will perform their skits for the rest of camp!

Fishing-Campers practice catch-and-release fishing, as they hook the sunfish and bass in our ponds. They learn to bait a hook, cast spin rods, and land the big one! Our new expanded fishing dock gives even greater access for campers to get out and try fishing!

Critter Care. Photo from 2024



Geocaching: Hidden treasure abounds! Campers use GPS units to search for clues in a geocaching adventure that spans the entire 121+ acres of camp! Can you find the fake pine cone with the rolled up logbook, or the

Tupperware tub suspended from a pulley high up in the trees? This class is a perfect blend for campers who enjoy the great outdoors, and the high-tech world of GPS.

Outdoor Survival- Would you know what to do if you were lost in the woods? This class will teach you how to secure the basic essentials of food, water, and shelter, as well as fire building and much more!

Recharge- Sometimes we all need a break. This class provides a bit of quiet in the midst of the summer camp environment. Counselors will provide a different quiet activity each day where campers can just unwind and relax. Spend a little time in our community library, or take a quiet seat in the forest for a few minutes. Play a board game with friends, or maybe build a sand garden and just chill out for a bit.



Project Projectile! Catapults and trebuchets and launchers, oh my! This new class invites campers to design and build a variety of simple machines to launch the fun a little further! Using STEM lessons from

Cornell University, Campers learn about Newton's Laws of Motion as they build a variety of launchers big and small. They'll use the scientific method as they sketch up their ideas, build the machines, test them out, and then refine their ideas based on what they learned in testing.

Sports- This isn't your regular old boring sports class! Sure, we'll have soccer, kickball and basketball, but we'll also give campers a chance to try something new! Take the field in a game of Ultimate Frisbee, or jump in the pit for some Gaga Ball. You just never know what kind of craziness your counselors are going to come up with for this class!



Swim Lessons. From the archives, date unkown.

Swimming Lessons– Experts say that children five years and older should participate in swim lessons, and we are here to help. Our nationally-certified staff will instruct beginning swimmers on basic swim strokes. More experienced swimmers will receive assistance to improve their swimming skills.

Water Sports– Water Polo, Sharks and Minnows, Marco Polo, and many other water games await our campers in this fun class. What a great way to cool down on those hot summer days! Activities are led by our nationally-certified Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors.



Volleyball in Sports Class. From the archives, circa 1945.

ANIMATION CAMP

(Overnight Campers going into 6th grade or higher)

Grab your pencils and get to your light boards, it's time to animate!

Campers who elect to participate in Animation Camp will enjoy an uninterrupted three-hour block each morning, devoted to learning the various skills of animation! Once classes are completed for the day, Animation Campers will finish their day as a Resident Camper including all meals, afternoon activities, free swim, evening programs, and staying overnight in the cabins!

This summer we're inviting campers to engage in one of the most enchanting and rewarding artistic mediums under the guidance and direction of a professional animator and mixed-media artist. Through Animation Camp, campers will learn about the underlying principles of animation as well as have the opportunity to create their own short animated videos through hand-drawn, stop-motion or digital methods. While Camp provides all necessary equipment, campers are welcome to bring their own pens, pencils, sketch pads, etc, if they wish.

For campers who wish to bring their art to life, this focus-intensive program will give them the means to do so while also creating a firm foundation for future discoveries in an ever-growing and evolving field.

While this program will encourage campers to participate in art activities involving both hand-drawn and stop-motion animation, we're offering a class structure that allows each individual camper to play to their strengths!

Dates:	
Cost:	

August 3-8 \$605

WILDERNESS FIRST AID CAMP (NEW!)

(Overnight Campers going into 6th grade or higher)

Embark on a life-changing adventure this summer while learning crucial, real-world skills! Our Wilderness First Aid Master Camp is a hands-on, immersive experience where campers gain the knowledge and confidence to handle medical emergencies in remote, outdoor environments. Through interactive lessons and practice scenarios, campers will earn their Wilderness First Aid certification card, which will be a valuable credential for any outdoor enthusiast or future wilderness leader.

Throughout the program, campers will dive into essential topics like injury prevention, wound care, splinting, how to respond to hypothermia and heat exhaustion, as well as recognizing and managing allergic reactions, fractures, sprains, strokes and more. It also includes CPR/AED skills to assist with heart conditions and drowning situations. Expert instructors will guide participants through realistic scenarios, using role-playing and simulation exercises to teach practical techniques for dealing with injuries in areas far from immediate help.



Animation Camp. 2023;

Our comprehensive curriculum includes everything from assessing a situation, performing basic first aid, to coordinating evacuations if necessary, and will prepare participants to stay calm and act decisively in the face of an emergency. Whether you're camping in remote areas, car camping in a state park or simply want to be ready for anything, this course ensures you're well-prepared.

Campers successfully completing the course will earn a Wilderness First Aid with CPR/AED for Adult & Child certification card from ECSI, (Emergency Care and Safety Institute) giving them the skills and credentials to confidently handle wilderness emergencies. This camp isn't just about safety; it's about empowering young adventurers with the knowledge to protect themselves and others while exploring the wild.

Join us for an unforgettable summer experience where adventure and learning go hand in hand, and leave with the skills and certification to make a difference in the outdoors!

Dates:	July 6-11
Cost:	\$650

ADVENTURE CAMP (Open to campers going into 6th grade or higher)

Want to push yourself a little further? Want even more excitement? 4-H Camp Bristol Hills' ropes course presents older campers with the ultimate challenge! Adventure Campers work in groups through a series of challenges ranging from fun and exciting field games and problem-solving initiatives to the thrills of the high ropes course.

Campers can navigate the treacherous "peanut butter pit", or experience the rush of a trust lean, before making their way to the low ropes course. There, they might rescue the princess from the camper-eating Spider or go out on a whale watching voyage! By the end of the week, they'll be able to climb high in the trees to take on our new Giant's Ladder, cross the new Islands in the Sky, or take a trip on the Zip Line! Adventure Program campers do it all! While engaging in a "challenge by choice" philosophy, campers will develop group problem-solving, communication and human-relation skills. Campers also participate in other selected camp activities, swim in our pool, and enjoy specially designed evening programs. Here is a great chance to meet new friends while participating in exciting activities.

Interested in financial support for Adventure Camp? Contact the office or visit us online to inquire about the Charlie "Peanut" Plyter Memorial Campership.

Dates: Cost:

July 27-31 (Sun - Thurs) \$555/week





Adventure Program. Left, Climber on the Giant Swing, 2023; Right Top, completing the Queen's Finger on the low course; Right Middle, Camper on the Multivine high rope element, 2024; Right Bottom, A group passes through the Porthole, 2023.

LEADER IN TRAINING (LIT)

FOR 14-15 YEAR OLD CAMPERS!

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) FOR 15-16 YEAR OLD CAMPERSI



LIT's debriefing the Low Ropes Course. 2024

(Open to campers 14-15 years old by July 1)

Are you looking for a way to have a positive impact in your community? Are you looking to do bigger and better things in the world? Do you want to work on your leadership skills? The Leader in Training (LIT) program could be just the thing for you!

Some people believe that good leaders are born but at Bristol Hills we know leadership skills are learned and honed through experience and reflection. The Leader in Training (LIT) program is built around this philosophy. Campers in this program form a close bond with their peers throughout the week as they explore essential life skills that will help them develop as a leader. Campers in this program will participate in many of the traditional camp activities while exploring the underlying question of what makes a good leader and how to be a contributing member in a group, all while exploring their own strengths and growth opportunities. LIT workshops will include focused sessions on service to others, presenting to a group, teamwork, problem solving, planning, self reflection, and professional development.

The LIT program is a great program for any young adult who has joined the workforce or is thinking about joining the workforce soon. It can also be a precursor for the Counselor in Training (CIT) Program. It can be a great foot in the door for future employment at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills.

Dates: July 6-11

Cost: \$555

(Open to campers 15-16 years old by July 1)

Do you enjoy kids? Do you think you may want to work with kids or young adults in the future? If you have ever looked up to one of our staff members and thought about being a camp counselor too, you can get a head start like many of our camp counselors did, as a Counselor in Training (CIT)!

This two-week program covers all aspects of a counselor's job, and is supported with workshops with the Camp Director and other leadership staff at Camp. These include focused sessions on counseling techniques, communication, and leadership, as well as providing opportunities for CITs to develop strong bonds with their peers and younger campers as they prepare for employment in the workforce and perhaps even as a counselor at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills!

The first week provides CITs daily workshops and hands on opportunities with campers to use the information covered in the workshops. The second week is even more hands on as CITs work directly with campers under the support of camp staff!

The CIT program is an intense, immersive program. CITs will work directly with campers, shadowing counselors during classes and other activities, and in cabins. Guided experiences with Camp leadership staff are scheduled throughout the day. The CIT program is designed to be FUN! There is a lot of important information packed into the two weeks, including a session with the Camp Director about the important workforce skills they've been developing throughout their CIT program and how to apply for a job. CITs will also enjoy teambuilding activities with their peers and scheduled breaks to foster a positive camp experience. Campers successfully completing the CIT program will be invited to apply for Staff positions the following year!

Interested in financial support for the CIT program? Contact the office or visit us online to inquire about the Charlie "Peanut" Plyter Memorial Campership, or the Ontario County Youth Bureau Campership!

Dates: July 13-18 AND July 20-25 Cost: \$655

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

We have partnered with the Ontario County Youth Bureau to provide Camperships for our Workforce Development (Leader in Training and Counselor in Training) programs! With this funding, we are now accepting Campership Applications online for these programs. Recipients of this funding must live in Ontario County.

Five camperships will be awarded for each program through the Youth Bureau. Applicants who are awarded will have their Camp fees waived! To apply for this award, register online and click the prompt for "Yes, I want to apply for Financial Assistance". Complete the full application, and when prompted for the program, simply select the LIT or CIT program.

NEXT STEPS

STEP ONE

REGISTRATION:

To ensure that your child can register into a particular session, it is important to sign up early. First come, first served.

Families are invited to REGISTER ONLINE at *bit.ly/3hK90Lu*. If you don't have internet access, please call the office and we will gladly mail you a paper application.

Camp will accept Mastercard, Visa, and Discover, online. If you are paying with a check, the check must be received within one week of your application.

Your deposit (minimum \$100 per camper per week, \$50 for Sprouts and Night Camps) will be applied to the total camp fee. The balance of the camp fee is due by June 1. For campers registering after June 1, all paperwork must be completed and returned as soon as possible. No child will be permitted to attend camp without all of the required documentation and payment in full. We reserve the right to cancel any camper application that is not complete prior to camp.



Ropes Course, 1980's

STEP TWO

HEALTH FORMS:

New York State Health code requires that a completed and up-to-date health history be submitted for each child attending camp. This health history must be updated annually.

The full Health Form will be sent to you with your confirmation email once you register for camp.

The complete Health Form, along with a copy of your child's school/doctor's physical (dated within 24 months of camp) AND a complete record of your child's immunizations must be completed and returned to the Camp office within one week of your application.

If your child will need any sort of medication administered (prescription or over-the-counter) the Medication Approval Form (formerly HF3) will require a physicians signature. We ask that families plan accordingly to allow time for your physician to approve these Forms. If the camper will not be receiving any medication at all, the parent must sign and complete the Medication Approval form themselves.

Campers will not be permitted to attend camp without completing all parts of the health form (Online, Medication Approval Form, Physical and Immunization Record).

All campers with medications or other medical needs, check in with the Health Supervisor upon arrival at camp. Campers who arrive sick will be sent home. Camp fee, minus the deposit, will be refunded only if the Camp Health Supervisor finds it necessary to send a child home at check-in. Any medical fees incurred during camp will be billed to the parent/guardian. The Health Supervisor and selected staff are trained in First Aid and CPR. They are available 24 hours a day to provide medical assistance to your child.



Campers boating on Canandaigua Lake, 1925

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

Register and pay your deposit before April 15 and receive a FREE 2025 Camp Tee Shirt as our way to say Thanks! Limit of one (1) free shirt per camper per season.

DISCOUNTS:

Multi-Week: More Camp is always a good thing! This new discount is applied anytime a family registers for more than one week of camp. Send one child for multiple weeks, send multiple children for one week each, or multiple children for multiple weeks, and save \$25 on each additional registration. First registration is full price.

Ontario County Resident: 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is owned and operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County. A \$25 discount is provided to Ontario County residents. To be eligible, the parents or guardians must be eligible to vote in Ontario County.

Military: 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is proud to support our military families! Dependent children of active and reserve military personnel are eligible for a \$25 discount on their camp fees. Contact the office to find out how to apply the Military Discount to your registration.

THE HILLTOP FUND:

The Hilltop Fund is a campership support fund that allows us to assist youth from financially limited families. You are invited to make an optional contribution to The Hilltop Fund, in any amount you choose when you register. 100% of the funds donated to the Hilltop Fund will be used for Campership support, and are tax deductible.

CAMPERSHIPS:

Through the generosity of our donors, financial assistance is available for youth in need. Our Campership Application has been integrated into our online registration process. Anyone interested in applying for funding will complete a camper registration, and select the "I want to apply for financial assistance" option. They will then need to complete the Campership Application. Doing so will waive all registration fees, and allow you to submit a full camper registration. Campership Applications must be completed by March 1. Once funding decisions are made, applicants will be notified whether they have been awarded, and if so, how much funding they will receive. If yes, the family will be required to pay any remaining balance that may be left, and the camper will be fully registered. If the campership cannot be

awarded, the parent will have the option to pay the full balance or cancel the registration. Any deposits made will be refunded, should you elect to cancel your registration.

If you need a hard copy of the campership application for any reason, contact the camp office and we will gladly mail you an application. Campership applications received after March 1 may be considered as funding allows.

REFUND POLICY:

Deposits are non-refundable and nontransferable (a deposit cannot be applied to the balance of another week's camp fees, nor transferred to another camper's fee).

Refunds for the balance of the camp fee are made only for cancellations received in writing at least three weeks prior to the opening day of the camp session. A refund will be granted in cases of serious illness or injury, and this request must be accompanied by a physician's note.

A camper who does not arrive, arrives late, leaves early or attends only a part of the session will not receive a refund. If a camper is experiencing a difficult adjustment to camp or is sent home because of a behavior problem, no refund will be granted.

Families may wish to consider adding Camper Protection Coverage. This is a voluntary service offered to overnight resident camps and programs to help protect organizations, and individuals from loss. In the event that you need to cancel your camp registration, the insurance offered through Travel Insured International, a partner with UltraCamp, may be able to protect your financial investment. The cost of this coverage is based on your camp fee and would be collected as part of your camp fees. Some restrictions apply.

Please note that 4-H Camp Bristol Hills has no affiliation with Travel Insured International (TII). Information provided by TII regarding any specific commercial products, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise, does not constitute or imply CCE's endorsement, recommendation, or favoring of such item or organization. Any such material presented by any vendor in any format, without limitation, is for informational purposes only. Any potential customer of any vendor, is expected to conduct their own due diligence and assessment of the vendor, product, or services as appropriate for their needs. 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is not responsible for any claims made through this offer.

STAFFING:

Our staff is hired for their experience and qualifications in working with children. We pride ourselves in providing a caring family atmosphere for all children. In selecting staff, we look for individuals who are responsible, caring, patient, skilled in a particular area; enthusiastic, strong leaders, and are willing to go that extra mile for your child. Each staff member must undergo multiple criminal background checks, as well as participating in an intensive training that further prepares him/her for the camping season.

LIVING AREAS:

Campers are housed in cabins, with direct counselor supervision. The cabins have electricity, bunks with foam mattresses, and screens on all windows and doors. Ideally, campers' bags are stowed beneath the bunk beds, which are 12" from floor to bunk. Campers bringing bags/trunks taller than 12" will need to store their belongings along the wall nearest their bunk. Flush toilets and shower house facilities are centrally located.

Campers are assigned to cabins by age and gender as identified on the camper's application form. A camper who identifies as a gender that differs from their biological sex may be bunked with the gender they identify with. Please indicate the gender with which the camper identifies when registering.

Campers may request to be placed with a friend of the same gender and within 24 months of age, upon parent request when registering for camp. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all cabin requests. Please ONLY request ONE bunkmate. In order to accommodate such requests, the applications of the two campers must request one another.

MEALS:

Our professional kitchen staff takes pride in preparing food that is both nutritious and appealing to children. Camp provides options at each meal to accommodate dietary needs. If your camper has any dietary restrictions, please include those in the Allergies section of the Health Form online, so we are able to accommodate your child's needs.

SECURITY:

Your child's safety is our greatest concern. Campers are closely supervised and access to our camp property is controlled. No camper will be released to an individual other than the designee named in the Pick-Up Authorization section during the registration process. Parents should be sure to list themselves as



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an Authorized Pickup to avoid complications during camper checkout. Camp reserves the right to inspect a camper's belongings if the situation warrants.

CAMP STORE:

Families are invited to deposit money onto their child's account in UltraCamp. New in 2025, the store will no longer accept cash from campers for purchases. Families can log into their camper account at any time to deposit funds and monitor their campers' spending. Campers who bring cash to camp will have the opportunity to deposit their money into their store account on the first day so they won't need to worry about losing it at camp. Funds deposited into Store accounts will remain on their account until the end of the season so campers coming for multiple weeks can carry over their balances. At the end of the season, if the remaining balance is \$10 or more, families may request a refund of the balance. Balances under \$10, or unclaimed balances, will automatically roll over into the Hilltop (Campership) Fund for the following year.

The Camp Store features a variety of souvenirs including T-shirts, sweatshirts, stuffed animals, and more. Also available are light snacks, friendship bracelet string, and basic conveniences. 4-H Camp Survival Kits (pre-order only) can be ordered during Registration. Families can visit our store online during the registration process and select items for a customized Camper Care Package to be ready for your camper during their first visit to the Camp Store. All preordered merchandise can be rolled into your camp fees and paid with a credit card. Preorders must be received by June 20. Campers will be invited to visit the Camp Store once each day except Sunday. Families will have the option to visit the camp store on Friday during pick-up, if they would like. On Fridays, the Camp Store will accept cash or check, along with payments from accounts, on purchases from adults. For more information about merchandise available in the camp store, please visit the camp website.

CAMP HANDBOOKS:

We have developed a Camp Handbook to help our camp families prepare their child for a week of camp. These Handbooks will be emailed with your confirmation of registration, and must be reviewed before arriving at camp. Inside you will find the following:

- Packing Lists
- Sample Daily Schedule
- Check-In Procedures
- Camper Code of Conduct
- How to Contact Your Child at Camp
- Camper Pickup Information
- Directions to Camp
- And More!

One to two weeks prior to your week of camp, your cabin assignments will be available online, and you will receive important information by email including your specific check-in time and any additional information specific to your camper.

Families are encouraged to contact the 4-H Camp Office if they have any questions before registering their child. Upon registering for camp, families may request to have a hard copy of the Handbook sent to them by mail if they do not have convenient access to the Internet.

OPEN HOUSES:

We will be offering guided tours of the Camp facility once each month during the Spring. For 2025, the dates for the Open Houses are scheduled for April 26, May 17 and June 1. These tours give families a chance to see the facility and meet with Camp's leadership staff to ask any questions that may be lingering. The Open Houses are your best opportunity to get a feel for the layout of Camp. We will show you the ins and outs of the cabins, dining hall, Day Camp, pond, ropes course and more! Lace up your boots! We're going on a hike!

If you can't make it to one of our scheduled Open Houses, contact the office to discuss a private tour with one of our staff before mid-June. Alternatively, you can always get a virtual tour online, by checking out our Camp Map on Google maps, at https://shorturl.at/ jYE1S.





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Find out what working at Camp looks like, and all that 4-H Camp Bristol Hills has to offer you, today!



VISIT OUR OPEN HOUSE! APRIL 26, MAY 17, JUNE 1 TOURS BETWEEN 1PM - 3PM, EVERY HALF HOUR! NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

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