

HOW ?

How do I find out more about 4-H Environmental Education Camping Experiences?

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Your local county Extension Office can help you to find out more about the Kentucky 4-H Camping Program and the Environmental Education Camping Program.

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THE MISSION OF THE KENTUCKY EDUCATION REFORM ACT

The mission of the KY Department of Education as the natural catalyst for educational transformation is to insure for each child an internationally superior education and a love of learning through visionary leadership, vigorous stewardship, and exemplary service in alliance with schools, school districts, and other partners.

www.education.ky.gov



THE MISSION OF 4-H

The mission of 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. This mission is carried out through involvement of parents, volunteer leaders, and other adults who help organize and conduct hands-on learning projects in a variety of subjects.

Visit our web site to learn more about 4-H at:

www.kentucky4h.org

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCES AT KENTUCKY 4-H CAMPS



Environmental Education:

- ✓ develops problem-solving, critical thinking, and decision making skills.
- ✓ is applied to real-world topics and concerns.
- ✓ can be integrated into traditional subject areas.
- ✓ it's a learn-by-doing process.
- ✓ is a special pathway of learning that perfectly reflects Kentucky Educational Reform Act's goals and mission.

WHAT ?

What is an Environmental Education Camp Experience?

- School away from school.
- Classes utilize the camp setting and teach pre-planned objectives.
- Topics can include:
 - * Forestry,
 - * Soil,
 - * Bird watching,
 - * Animal tracks,
 - * Pond study,
 - * Wildflowers and plants,
 - * Wild Plants,
 - * Wetland study,
 - * Insects.
- A night away from home is a new experience for many children.
- The evening program is away from the TV— and could include live animals, a campfire, singing, dancing, a night walk, astronomy, or playing games.
- A planned experience that can provide many new opportunities to learn.



WHY ?

Why should you do this?

These days, it is becoming more and more important to teach the how's and the why's. Learning and refining critical-thinking skills will help our youth succeed in an ever changing world. It will take practice and perseverance to give our children the right tools to make a difference.

Our society has become information rich and experience poor. 4-H Environmental Education Camps can provide an experience rich atmosphere where the skills of learning and critical-thinking can be put into practice. Learning that can be used at later times and applied to new situations.

Help foster a sense of responsibility for the future by exposing young children to hands-on learning about our natural resources. And by teaching them how to make informed decisions about:

- People,
- Land,
- Air,
- Water,
- Trees,
- Wildlife.



WHERE ?

Where are the camps located ?

There are 4 camps in Kentucky. They are:

- North Central 4-H Camp is in Nicholas County near Carlisle, KY
- Feltner 4-H Camp is in Laurel County near London, KY
- Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp is in Russell County near Somerset, KY
- West Kentucky 4-H Camp is in Hopkins County near Dawson Springs, KY

All camps are operated and maintained by the University of Kentucky. These residential camps offer a perfect outdoor setting for overnight with indoor facilities for hands on Environmental Education experiences.

