

Gallia, Jackson, Scioto Beginner 4-H Camp

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp

June 8-11, 2026

Grades 3-5

Theme: Back to our Roots: Camp Traditions



Dear Beginner 4-H Campers,

I hope everyone is ready for camp! We are so excited to welcome campers from Gallia, Jackson, and Scioto counties to Canter's Cave from **June 8-11, 2026** for Beginner (3rd – 5th Grade) 4-H Camp. The nurse's station is the first place you will visit upon registration. Please enter through the Main Lodge doors and you will be directed from there to the nurses' tables for check-in. Reminder for those who are bringing medicine to camp it must be in its original container including camper's name and physician's directions. Please leave all your belongings in the car. After check-in you can take them directly to the cabin. Please read the following for pertinent information to make this a successful camp experience for everyone.

Our fun begins: June 8th with registration in the Main Lodge at **2:00 PM**. **(No early check-in.)** Campers wishing to room with friends should plan to arrive at camp together. Campers can NOT sign other campers into their cabins. There will not be any supervision for youth who are brought to camp early!

Our fun ends: June 11th at **9:30 AM**. Parents may pick up campers by signing them out at the main lodge after 9:30 AM, and all campers need to be picked up no later than 10:00 AM. (Please note, for the safety of our campers, they must be released to a parent or another adult with written permission.) Once at camp, campers are expected to remain at camp unless signed out by a parent or designated person with written permission.

Health Concerns: Please help us keep our camp safe and the camping experience enjoyable for all campers! **All health forms should be turned in ahead of time via Qualtrics Survey to Camp Director, Maddie Allman at allman.68@osu.edu**. Please indicate any special dietary needs or other special accommodations on these forms so that we can best prepare to accommodate your child's needs. For the health of camp, campers, counselors, and staff, temperatures will be checked upon arrival. Anyone found to have a high temperature will be rechecked by the camp nurse and if found to still have a fever will not be allowed to stay at camp. (They may return to Camp if their temperature returns to normal for 24 hours. However, they will be rechecked upon arrival.) Anyone found to have head lice will also not be allowed to remain at camp and will be sent home. Should your camper become ill or injured we will make every attempt to contact you by phone immediately. Please make sure the phone numbers you provide on your health forms are current, and please provide us with cell phone numbers and a backup



emergency contact number of another family member. The nurse will collect all medications, and they must be in the original container including physician's directions.

Camp Bank and Canteen: Campers can choose to bring money to spend at the Camp Canteen. Please send small bills (\$1-\$5) with your camper as change for larger amounts is not always available. Campers will not need large amounts of money during camp. (Camp shirts are again part of the registration fee). Snacks and drinks are also available during the week from the Canteen (\$25 should be enough to cover any needs or wants your child may have at camp.) The Canteen will also be open during camp check-in and check-out if you would like to purchase something for your child. Campers will be required to deposit all money in the Camp Bank. Canter's Cave is not responsible for lost or stolen money or for camp t-shirts found with no name.

PACKING LIST: What to Bring:

Please label items with the camper's name in case they are lost. This will help us return them to your camper when found. A lost and found table will be available at camp check-out for parents to view.

- **Bedding**
 - Pillows
 - Sleeping bag or blankets
 - Twin-sized fitted bedsheet
- **Personal Care Items**
 - Toothpaste & toothbrush
 - Shampoo & Conditioner,
 - Body Wash & wash cloth
 - Bath towels
 - Shower shoes (flip flops are ok!)
 - Deodorant
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect Repellent
 - Other Ideas: Body spray, face wash, glasses cleaner or contact lenses, etc.
- **Clothing & Shoes**
 - Clothing you are not worried about getting lost or dirty!
 - Swimsuit (and a beach towel!)
 - Jacket or sweatshirt
 - Jeans, sweatpants, or leggings
 - Shorts
 - T-shirts
 - Underwear & socks
 - Tennis Shoes (Pack and extra pair, just in case!)
- **Other Items to Bring:**
 - Dirty clothes bag
 - Small flashlight
 - Small fan
 - Water shoes or old tennis shoes for creeking/getting dirty/wet



- Disposable camera
- Decorations for your cabin (best decorated cabin contest!).
- Money for Camp Canteen

What NOT to Bring:

These items may NOT be brought to camp. The camp director may inspect or search possessions if there is a reasonable cause to suspect a camper may possess items which could cause harm. Please leave these items at home as they are against Ohio 4-H Camping policy!

- NO CELL PHONES**, computers, or gaming consoles. No iPods, tablets or devices that connect to internet/use data.
- Tobacco or marijuana products
- Alcoholic beverages
- Non-prescription drugs
- Knives (NO POCKET KNIVES OR SWISS ARMY KNIVES)
- Firearms or other weapons
- Refrigerators, microwaves, or other appliances
- Explosives, fireworks, lighters, or candles
- Personal sports equipment (such as fishing poles, balls, bats, etc.)
- Animals or pets.
- Items you would fear to be lost, stolen, or ruined.

Strongly Discouraged Items: Lots of extra food in the cabins may attract bugs or wildlife. Do not bring anything of high value or that you fear could be lost, stolen, or ruined. Canter's Cave 4-H Camp and/or OSU Extension is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings.

In Case of Emergency: Please call Canter's Cave 4-H Camp at (740) 286-4058 and ask for Maddie Allman, Camp Program Director, or call her direct line at (740) 688-5032. If your call is not answered right away, **please leave a voicemail**. Maddie can also be reached via email at allman.68@osu.edu.

4-H Educators from Gallia County (Erin Dailey) and Scioto County (Jo Williams) will also be on site during camp. Their contact information is:

Erin Dailey, Gallia County 4-H Educator
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 740-688-5026

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I am looking forward to seeing you at 4-H Camp this summer! If you have specific questions not addressed in this letter, please reach out at my contact information above.

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