

Aloha 4-Hers!

Get ready for a Hawaiian adventure at the Area II 4-H Camp. Camp will be held June 4th-6th! 4-H members in grades 3-8 are invited to join this tropical luau experience for a fabulous camping excursion. Camp will be at Country Lake Retreat Center in Clark County. Check-in is Friday, June 4th from 9am-10am and pick up is at Noon on Sunday, June 6th. With a tribe of nine counties camping together, you're sure to make new friends. Invite your friends to join us. Be sure to let them know they must officially join 4-H in order to register for camp! Our Hawaiian Luau Camp Theme will be a lot of fun. **If you cannot make the check-in time you will need to contact your Extension Office and let them know. If you must miss out on the boat to the islands you can hop on the next one from 3:45pm-4:45pm on June 4th. You must let your office know of this change by May 28th.**

The total cost of camp is \$170.00. Thanks to generous trip sponsors in Jackson County, you will only need to pay \$85.00. The registration fee includes all activity and class supplies, buffet meals, snacks, and a 4-H Camp t-shirt. The Tiki Huts won't tolerate any critters, so please do not bring personal snacks or drinks to camp. No worries my luau seekers, snacks are included in the price of camp. **There's no need to bring any money to camp.**

Hula Forward! There's limited space at 4-H Camp so get signed up quickly! All 4-H Camp registrations are being submitted through 4-H Online. Instructions for how to register are included. Payment can be made via check and turned in to the Purdue Extension Office (made payable to Jackson County 4-H) or online with credit card. Your registration is due in 4-H Online by **May 1, 2021**. Health forms must be uploaded to 4-H Online, submitted to the Extension Office, or brought to camp with you on June 4th.

Once you have enrolled in camp, be on the lookout after May 1st for a confirmation letter, including information about what to bring to camp. All good 4-H travelers will want to be prepared for this tropical adventure including canoeing, fishing, swimming in the lake or pool, crafts, recreation, and special classes. Check out the Country Lake Website for pictures and descriptions of the facilities: <http://countrylake.org/>. Campers get to choose the classes they want to take at 4-H Camp. Be sure to enter your class choices in 4-H Online. Class choices will be on first come, first serve basis, so be sure to register ASAP to get the classes you want! We will do our best to accommodate all of your class choices, but you might be added to a class you did not choose. What a great way to learn something new!

COVID Safety Protocols: Even at our tropical camp this year we will need to be following those COVID guidelines. We are looking into providing COVID tests for all campers, counselors and adult chaperones. Details will be available at your county offices after the May 1st deadline with instructions. These tests will most likely be mailed to campus with results sent directly to families at no cost. We will also be providing youth with face coverings with lanyards for camp when social distancing cannot be achieved. Country Lake has been working hard to keep their facilities at hospital level sanitation, food service at its finest, and sleeping spaces rearranged to allow social distancing in the dorms. This tropical adventure will be safe and fun for everyone!

If you have any questions, contact our office at 812-358-6101 or email me, your tour guide, at schneidh@purdue.edu.

A hui hou,

(Until we meet again)

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