

How 4-H Camp Develops Life Skills

Highlights from a 2006 survey of campers and their parents



Kids & Parents Said:

"I learned I can take care of myself and do my part in helping."

"My child learned she can survive a week without mom!!"

"Because of 4-H Camp, I know I can do a lot more than I used to because I believe in myself."

"My child learned that, before camp, 4-H was simply a club; now there is meaning."

"I wish the real world was like 4-H Camp where everybody treated you as a friend and never left you out."

"My child opened up to me more, and she acted more mature than when she left."

"Because of 4-H Camp, I know I can believe in myself and make the right choices."

"I can do anything I set my mind to."

"4-H Camp would be better if it lasted more than just a week."

"My child learned that all people are equal and need to have a chance like everyone else."

4-H Camp Grant Walker

The 4-H Camp Experience

Louisiana 4-H Youth Resident Summer Camp is more than just fun and games. 4-H Camp strives to develop a variety of life skills related to Head, Heart, Hands and Health. One of the most important skills children learn from camp is self-sufficiency. That is, they learn how to survive four whole days on their own.

To help children learn self-sufficiency, parents are asked not to call or visit campers unless there is an emergency.

The camp week starts on Monday when the boys and girls arrive and ends on Friday after breakfast. The first meal served is Monday evening supper.

Parents are also asked not to send food or snacks. Three meals and snacks are served each day. Campers do not need to bring money except for souvenirs they may wish to buy.

4-H agents, volunteer leaders, and teen counselors from each parish attend and stay in the cabins with the campers.

Camper Stats

- 100% learned to do their share when working with others.
- 98% met new people they would like to stay in touch with and want to go back to camp next year.
- 93% learned to complete jobs they were responsible for and the importance of being on time.

Parent Stats

- 100% felt the benefit that camp had on their children outweighed the cost and were glad they sent their children to camp.
- 93% reported that their children were more willing to try new things after camp.
- 90% felt their children gained confidence from camp.
- 91% believed camp helped them respect others.



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