

**To: All 4-H Campers, 4-H Counselors, and Parents**

**From: Daneal Gerke 4-H YPA**

We're excited about this year's 4-H Camp at Clover Point on June 9-12 and glad to have you on board for "Keeping it Green"! The 4-H staff and counselors are working hard to provide a fun, educational and safe camping experience.

Please read the information contained in this letter and contact us if you have questions or specific concerns. **See you at Camp!**

**WHERE:** Camp Clover Point is in the **Lake of the Ozarks State Park**, Kaiser, MO (near Osage Beach).

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**MAIL:** Campers can and do receive mail during the noon hour. *Letters need to be sent before camp.* Please address regular mail as follows:

(Child's Name)  
c/o Camp Clover Point  
Lake of the Ozarks State Park  
Kaiser, Missouri 65047

**Phone Calls:** Emergency telephone number is **573-248-7833**

#### ITEMS TO BRING:

Sleeping bag or Blanket and Sheets

Pillow

Comfortable clothes – 8-10 changes

Long pants (at least 1 pair)

Swimming suite

Sun Screen

Towels (2)

Personal toiletries (soap, washcloths, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Flashlight

Insect repellent

Shoes (closed toe shoes) **NO SANDALS!**

Jacket or rain clothes (check the weather forecast for the week)

Life jacket – Please provide one if you want your child to wear a life jacket in the lake. All swimmers are required to take a swim test to be able to swim in the deep swimming area.

#### DO NOT BRING:

Cell phones, walkie-talkies, money, valuable jewelry, radios/stereos, TV's, large fans, fireworks, knives, non-medical drugs, alcohol or tobacco products. Children who want to bring cameras may do so at their own risk. If you plan to do so, an inexpensive disposable camera is recommended.

**Theme Nights:**

Special props/clothes for theme nights are optional. If you want to bring some of these items for fun, please do. It is not our intention that anyone should buy anything special for these fun nights.

Tuesday Night:       **Mardi Green** (Mardi gras theme)  
Wednesday Night:   **Go Green** (wear your green)  
Thursday Night:      **Team Green** (cabin pride)

**Snacks:**

We discourage campers from bringing snacks to camp. Snacks and drinks will be provided throughout camp. Food in the cabin tends to get all over the place. Food attracts mice and mice can attract snakes. If your child does bring snacks, please make sure that they are in a plastic container with a lid. This should eliminate some of the snack mess problem. Please check your child's snacks to make sure they are nutritious and do not need refrigeration. All campers are required to keep their cabins clean.

**Medications:**

**All medications need to be checked in with the Youth staff before the child boards the bus. If for any reason this is not done, please hand medications to the Camp Clover Point nurse upon your arrival.** Please have your child's name listed on all medications and specific written instructions for each medication.

**State Park and Camp Clover Point Prohibits the Following:**

Fighting or other violent behavior will not be tolerated.  
No fireworks at camp.  
No weapons (do not even bring a pocketknife).  
No tobacco products or intoxicating beverages.  
No items that are dangerous or illegal.  
No picking flowers or cutting trees.  
No catching wildlife.

**Suggestions for Parents with Beginning Campers:**

Please talk about the camping experience with your child. Help them to be prepared and excited about 4-H Camp. Let them know it is normal to be a bit homesick, but the time will pass quickly if they are involved and active. Let them know that the counselors and the adults at camp are there to help them at anytime. Please remind your child to be kind to other campers and to avoid violence. A special note from mom or dad to be placed in a child's suitcase can be a great source of comfort for some children. You may also need to tell your child where you will be while they are at camp and who will be picking them up when they return home. The more comfortable your child feels about their camping experience the better time he or she will have at Camp Clover Point.

**BUS SCHEDULE:****Pick up Locations (Going To Camp Clover Point)****Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

Columbia	-	8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	(Cosmo Park, Buford Shelter)
Ashland	-	9:25 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	(Moser's Grocery Parking Lot)
Boonville	-	7:15 a.m. to 7:35 a.m.	(Wal-Mart Parking Lot)

*All Campers and Counselors must ride the bus. Estimated arrival time at camp is 11:00 a.m. Each camper will need to check in with the adult volunteer at each location. All Counselors will be riding on the bus with the campers.*

**Friday, June 12, 2009**

We will be leaving Camp Clover Point at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**Drop off Locations (Returning From Camp Clover Point)**

Ashland	-	Noon	(Moser's Grocery Parking Lot)
Columbia	-	12:15 p.m.	(Cosmo Park, Buford Shelter)
Boonville	-	1:00 p.m.	(Wal-Mart Parking Lot)

*The bus will be leaving Camp Clover Point at 10:00 a.m. You may call the Camp Clover Point at 573-248-7833 to verify that the buses have left on schedule. If you do call, please call after 10:30 a.m. It is also important that each parent arrives at the pick-up point on time. This keeps everyone on schedule. It is also very disappointing for a child to get off the bus and have no family member there to greet him or her.*

**Enclosures:**

- 1) Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Confirmation Form (**Sign and return before Friday, June 5**)
- 2) 4-H Camp Schedule
- 3) Camp Clover Point Camper & Parent Technology Agreement (**Sign and return before Friday, June 5**)

**We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, June 9!**

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