

4-H Camp Kidwell

Registration Paperwork and Information

The following information should help you prepare for attending 4-H Camp Kidwell. We need a few additional forms from you and you need to know where to go and what to expect when arriving at Camp for the first time. If it doesn't answer all of your questions please don't hesitate to call at 269-521-3559 or email at campkidwell@btc-bci.com. We want you to have the best possible experience and will do everything in our power to help you achieve that.

REQUIRED FORMS

Camper Health Form

Wavier of Liability and Release Form

Camper Release form

All campers who attend 4-H Camp Kidwell must complete the forms listed above. They allow us access to vital information about your child so we can provide the best possible care for them while they are with us. If you have not received them attached to an email or included in a mailing you can download them from our website, www.campkidwell.org, or call our office and we will send them to you. Please keep in mind all remaining balances and completed forms should be returned to our office at least two weeks prior to the start of your week of camp. Please mail to **MSU Extension, Human Resources Bldg., 3255 122nd Ave Suite 101, Allegan, MI 49010.**

Things to keep in mind when preparing you and your child for their stay at 4-H Camp Kidwell

- A positive attitude and excitement about camp from you will help your child feel secure and confident about the experience. Please be sure to express your excitement about camp, as your child will feed off of that and become more excited as well.
- If your child has not previously spent a significant amount of time away from home, perhaps allowing him/her spend a day and/or overnight away from home would help acclimate both of you to being apart from each other. Maybe a weekend at Grandma/Grandpa's, a cousin's, or a friend's house would help them feel better about being away from home.
- To help your child feel close to you during their time with us, please send paper, pencil, and pre-addressed and stamped envelopes, so they can write letters home. They love to share all of the activities they are doing at camp with their family. They can also get these materials in the camp store.
- Kids love to receive mail while they are at camp. You can do this one of two ways. Use our eCamp services (flyer included) to send one way emails or use standard mail service. But don't forget to send letters through the mail early as from most places it takes at least two days to arrive. The mailing address is: **4-H Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale, MI 49026.**
- If your family is undergoing a major change (death, divorce, custody or moving, etc.) please inform the camp director or Health Officer so that we may be prepared to assist in the transition if needed. Also, please don't forget to include any special needs or requests on the campers health history form. We review all of this information and discuss it at our first staff meeting of the week so we can provide the best possible care for your child. If you don't share things with us, we can't address the needs of the camper. All information is held in strict confidence and only shared with those who we deem necessary.
- Children will miss home while at camp. To help the campers work through the "sadness," our counselors and staff are trained to help campers make friends, get involved in camp activities, and discuss concerns about how missing family is normal. If counselors are unable to resolve "sadness" about missing home, they alert the Camp Director. If deemed necessary, a phone call from the Camp Director to the parent/guardian will be made.
- We do not allow campers to receive calls or call home prior to the Camp Director talking with parents. We have learned from past experiences that this only makes the situation more difficult. It is a mutual decision between the Camp Director and parents whether or not to let the camper call home. **Emergency calls to campers can be made by calling the camp phone: 269-521-3559.**

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THINGS TO BRING

Please mark all clothing and other personal items. Please do not pack items such as food/snacks (snacks can be purchased at our camp store), money, knives, electronics, fireworks, etc. Cell phones are not allowed. Such items will be kept in the possession of the Camp Director until the end of the camping session. **For campers who are interested in horseback riding, long pants and heeled, close toed shoes are required; please be sure to include these things so your child can participate in the horseback riding program.** Don't forget to check lost and found at the time of pick up.

Resident Camp

Sleeping bag/bedding	Soap and Shampoo	Flashlight	Rain gear
Pillow	Deodorant	Undergarments	Sandals (if desired)
T-shirts	Long pants and shirts	Socks	Insect repellent
Shorts	Towels – At least 2	Sunscreen	Sweatshirt
Toothpaste/toothbrush	One-piece swimsuit	Tennis shoes (required)	Life-preserver (if desired)

Day Camp

T-shirt	Long pants	Sunscreen	One-piece Swimsuit
Shorts	Sandals (if desired)	Insect Repellent	
Beach towel	Life-preserver (if desired)	Tennis shoes (required)	

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES

Resident Camp Drop-off time – 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening

When dropping your child off we will need you to visit a few stations with them before you leave to ensure that we have all of the necessary information regarding your child. **This process can take more than 45 minutes; please plan to spend at least this much time with us.** When you arrive a staff member will be in the parking area to help you get started. At the check-in table we will make sure all of the required paperwork is on file and take care of any remaining balances. You will then be introduced to your child's counselor, who will help you get your luggage to your child's cabin. Next you will visit our camp Health Officer, where your child will have a brief exam, and you can discuss any medications your child needs to take during their stay. **Important: All medication (prescription and over the counter) must be turned into our Health Officer and be in the original container with physician's directions clearly stated.** Campers will also need to make a name tag, sign up for sessions and visit our camp store to establish their camp store account(campers should not have money in their possession) and pick up any t-shirts pre-ordered. **Please bring money for your child's camp store account (if you choose to have a camp store account).** After you have visited all of these areas, it will be time to say good-bye and let the fun begin. If parent's have questions prior to leaving, please talk with the camp director.

Resident Camp Pick-up time – 2 p.m. Friday afternoon

Parents and guardians are welcome to come early on Fridays to observe our closing ceremony. The children receive awards, view a slide show, and share stories. Please arrive at about 1:30 p.m. to take part in this program. If you choose to not be part of the closing ceremony, please be at camp by 2 p.m. to pick up your child. **Each child MUST check out with our Health Officer before they can leave. They MUST also be picked up by an authorized person; if there are any changes please call and make arrangements with the Camp Director.** Don't forget to check LOST AND FOUND before leaving. Items not claimed will be given to local charity.

Day Camp Drop-off time – 8 a.m. daily - Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served daily.

For check-in on the first day of day camp please be sure to plan to share approximately 20 minutes with us. We will need this time to make sure all the required forms are on file, pay any remaining balances, discuss any medications your child takes and visit the camp store. At the camp store, you will be able to establish your child's camp store account, purchase a T-shirt, a 5"x7" glossy camp photo, and Camp DVD. Please be sure to bring money if an account is desired. After the first day, it should not take more that a couple minutes to drop your child off. It is very important for you to check in each day and be sure to sign your child in with a staff member.

Day Camp Pick-up time – 5:30 p.m. daily, except Fridays @ 2 p.m. - Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served daily. Pick up each day should be very quick and easy. The most vital part is for you to be sure you see a staff member and SIGN your child out. We only allow campers to be released to those persons identified on the camper release form, so please be sure to include anyone that may need to pick up your child. If an unforeseen issue arises, please call so we can make the proper arrangements. If arrangements are not made your child will not be released to anyone not listed on the release form.

Camp Kidwell Krash Course Camps

July 5 – 7 - Junior

Drop off - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5

When dropping your child off we will need you to visit a few stations with them before you leave to ensure that we have all of the necessary information regarding your child. **This process can take more than 45 minutes; please plan to spend at least this much time with us.** When you arrive a staff member will be in the parking area to help you get started. At the check-in table we will make sure all of the required paperwork is on file and take care of any remaining balances. You will then be introduced to your child's counselor, who will help you get your luggage to your child's cabin. Next you will visit our camp Health Officer, where your child will have a brief exam, and you can discuss any medications your child needs to take during their stay. **Important: All medication (prescription and over the counter) must be turned into our Health Officer and be in the original container with physician's directions clearly stated.** Campers will also need to make a name tag, sign up for sessions and visit our camp store to establish their camp store account(campers should not have money in their possession) and pick up any t-shirts pre-ordered. **Please bring money for your child's camp store account (if you choose to have a camp store account).** After you have visited all of these areas, it will be time to say good-bye and let the fun begin. If parent's have questions prior to leaving, please talk with the camp director.

Pick-up – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7

Parents and guardians are welcome to come and observe our closing ceremony on Tuesday evening. The children receive awards, view a slide show, and share stories. Please arrive at about 6:00 p.m. to take part in this program. If you choose to not be part of the closing ceremony, please be at camp by 6:30 p.m. to pick up your child. **Each child MUST check out with our Health Officer before they can leave. They MUST also be picked up by an authorized person; if there are any changes please call and make arrangements with the Camp Director.** Don't forget to check LOST AND FOUND before leaving. Items not claimed will be given to local charity.

July 8 – 10 - Senior

Drop off – 10 a.m., Wednesday July 8

When dropping your child off we will need you to visit a few stations with them before you leave to ensure that we have all of the necessary information regarding your child. **This process can take more than 45 minutes; please plan to spend at least this much time with us.** When you arrive a staff member will be in the parking area to help you get started. At the check-in table we will make sure all of the required paperwork is on file and take care of any remaining balances. You will then be introduced to your child's counselor, who will help you get your luggage to your child's cabin. Next you will visit our camp Health Officer, where your child will have a brief exam, and you can discuss any medications your child needs to take during their stay. **Important: All medication (prescription and over the counter) must be turned into our Health Officer and be in the original container with physician's directions clearly stated.** Campers will also need to make a name tag, sign up for sessions and visit our camp store to establish their camp store account(campers should not have money in their possession) and pick up any t-shirts pre-ordered. **Please bring money for your child's camp store account (if you choose to have a camp store account).** After you have visited all of these areas, it will be time to say good-bye and let the fun begin. If parent's have questions prior to leaving, please talk with the camp director.

Pick-up – 2 p.m. Friday, July 10

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