

4-H Summer Camping Programs Offer a World of Opportunity

As 4-Hers finish off the school year, they look forward to the many different summer camping programs that 4-H has to offer. Whether it is Junior, Intermediate or a Combined camp, there is always tons to learn and do! These summer programs are a great way for members to develop skills, while making lasting friendships.



With an overall summer program theme of *“Setting Sail,”* the summer camping program season started off with an *“All Aboard”* themed Junior Camp. Here, members between the ages of 9-12 learned how to have fun in a safe and structured setting. Through different skills sessions, such as archery, canoeing and dance, and peer interaction, members who may have come to camp as shy and timid delegates left with a whole new sense of excitement, and a whole new set of memories, both of which they will take with them as they board their 4-H ship of adventure!

This year’s Combined camp was aptly themed *“Casting Off.”* Delegates, ages 10-13, who have previously attended junior camping programs, headed to Combined in order to take the self-awareness, learning and skill development that they had acquired through Junior camp to the next level.



For members who are hungry for more summer programming, Intermediate camp is the place to be! Delegates who were either new or old hands at the camp experience got the chance to extend or create the memories that are related to 4-H camps at this year's *Raising the Sails* program. In Intermediate camp members were given the chance to increase their knowledge of different issues during the "Appreciation" sessions held throughout the week. Also, the Overnighter, which is an activity unique to Intermediate camp, took place. Here members get the chance to sleep in teepees, have a campfire and sing camp songs until their heart is content. Members found all of these activities entertaining as well as educational.

Summer programs are touted as one of the top events that 4-Hers remember the most about their time in 4-H, and from the amount of fun, learning and exciting events that happen at all of these programs, it's easy to see why.



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