

2026 Robertson County Junior Camp Information Sheet May 25-29, 2025

- Monday, March 2** **Registration opens at the Extension Office**
1st payment (minimum (\$175) or total camp fee \$350 due
- Monday, May 4:** **Final payment due (\$175) if using payment plan**
F600A Activity and Event Acceptance form due
Copy of insurance card due
- Thursday, April 30:** **Parents Only Camp Informational Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at**
Robertson County Fairgrounds, Red Building
4635 Hwy 41 N, Springfield, TN 37172
- Monday, May 25:** **Arrive at the Robertson County Fairgrounds by 7:15 a.m.**
4635 Hwy 41 N, Springfield, TN 37172
- Friday, May 29:** **Return to Robertson County Fairgrounds between 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.**
(In the event of a delay, we will notify the Extension Office)

****PICK UP ON FRIDAY! ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONS MAY PICK UP CAMPERS UPON RETURN!**

To protect your child, please understand that campers will be released **ONLY** to persons authorized by parent/guardians. Names may be listed on the camp registration form. A photo ID must be presented to pick up your child on Friday, May 29.

Phone Calls: Do not expect to make phone calls from camp. In the event of a problem, illness, or injury, the camp leaders will phone parents/guardians. In the event of an emergency, parents may call 931-388-4011. Campers may receive and send mail. The camp address is:

Name of Camper- Robertson County
c/o W.P. Ridley 4-H Center
850 Lion Parkway
Columbia, TN 38401

***Please be mindful of the postal service turnaround when sending mail to camp. You may want to mail letters in advance to ensure arrival.**

F600A Form: Please complete all parts of the form. Both camper and parent must sign and initial the back page. Medication must be in the original container, clearly labeled and place in a zip lock bag with the **Supplemental 600M: Medication Form** (available at the Extension Office) including written instructions for dispensing. Behavior medication that is typical administered, should be continued while at camp. **A small photo is required on all F600A forms.** A copy of the insurance card (front and back) should be included. This form also includes behavior acceptance. We want every camper to have a safe and fun camp experience. We cannot guarantee that your child will not be injured, but every attempt will be made to encourage safe participation while minimizing the risk of injury.

IMPORTANT! A head lice check will be conducted on Monday, May 25 prior to camp departure. If you are aware of or suspect head lice, purchase the appropriate medicated shampoo that kills the live lice and nits (eggs) and use it prior to going to camp. Remove all nits from the hair. If you treated the week before camp, you should treat again. You should also wash and dry camp linens in a hot dryer and put them in a labeled plastic bag, ready for camp. ANYONE can get head lice. If head lice or nits have been discovered, campers will be required to go back home to perform the treatment and then have a check at the health department/doctor's office before coming to camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Health Department at 615-384-4504 for more information. Any observable health problems on May 25 may prevent camper from attending camp. IT HAS HAPPENED. If you have any concerns, PLEASE have the school nurse double check the week before and treat as needed.

When you arrive at the Fairgrounds for departure to camp:

- **DO NOT UNLOAD YOUR LUGGAGE until completing the head lice check and receiving camp nametag.**
- **If you have an extra key or combination for a locker lock, you may leave it with a camp leader.**
- **A nurse will conduct the head lice check.**
- **Pick up your name tag and put it on.**
- **If needed, check in at the medication table.**
- **Make sure ALL luggage, sleeping bags, duffle bags, pillows, etc. are labeled.**
- **Bring your luggage to the truck for loading.**

- **Last chance for a restroom break (trip is ~ 1.5 hours)**
- **Board the bus for camp and be ready to have fun!**

What to Bring (Label ALL belongings)

- 2 twin size sheets, blanket, quilt, or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towels and washcloths
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant
- Personal grooming items
- Swimwear
- Light jacket and/or raingear
- Casual clothes (several changes)
- Flip flops for wear to the pool
- Tennis shoes AND socks- A MUST
- Sunscreen (spray is best)
- Old shoes, water shoes, or sandals with a heel strap (for creek activity)
- Plastic bag for dirty and/or wet clothes
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight (optional)
- Camera (NOT cell phone and optional)
- Lock for locker (combination or key type) *Optional but recommended. Bring extra key/combination with you to camp check-in.*
- Personal spending money

DO NOT BRING

- Cell phones
- Electronic games, toys
- CD, DVD players
- Jewelry
- Drugs, tobacco, alcohol
- Chewing Gum
- Food (*unless needed for special diet*)
- Fireworks
- Pocket knives
- Roller skates
- Skateboards
- Weapons
- Anything not permitted at school
- Anything that causes harm to yourself or others

Optional: Ball gloves, musical instruments, or CDs for the Talent Show, etc. may be taken to camp. However, campers assume the responsibility of taking care of the items. Small lockers are available and locks are recommended. The Extension Office and camp staff are NOT responsible for the loss of jewelry, money, or other personal items.

Personal Spending Money: A ticket system is used at camp. Campers purchase tickets for \$1.00 each. Crafts and concession items may be purchased with tickets and will range from \$1.00-\$10.00. Tickets are not refundable.

Envelope System (Optional): Parents and campers can make a spending plan BEFORE going to camp. Please do not send any denominations larger than \$5.00. Send an envelope designated for each day. The canteen and craft house are not open on Friday morning. If camper was to make a t-shirt, put t-shirt money in a separate envelope.

Typical Prices at Ridley 4-H Center Concession (subject to change), Ticket Price \$1.00

T-Shirt Shop: Shirts are \$10.00 (10 tickets), Bandanas \$5.00 (5 tickets)

Canteen: Food Items \$1.00-\$2.00 (1-2 tickets)

Novelty Items \$2.00-\$6.00 (2-6 tickets), Postcards \$2.00 (2 tickets)

Souvenir t-shirts or caps \$10.00 (10 tickets)

Crafts: Range in price from \$1.00-\$10.00 (1-10 tickets)

The following code of conduct is on the F600A form. Please ensure that campers are knowledgeable of this code and the expectations for behavior at camp.

Code of Conduct

This 4-H activity or event is planned, conducted and supervised by UT and TSU Extension. All participants are responsible for their conduct to UT and TSU Extension personnel and/or 4-H volunteers supervising the activity or event. Specific guidelines for conduct include:

A. Participants shall be in their rooms and quiet at the time determined by UT and TSU Extension personnel and volunteers. Boys are not to go into girls' rooms and girls are not to go into boys' rooms at any time unless accompanied by authorized UT and TSU Extension personnel or adult 4-H volunteers.

B. Participants shall participate fully in all programs outlined for the activity or event.

C. Participants shall show respect for the property and facilities used during the activity or event and assume financial responsibility for any damages they cause.

D. Participants' conduct at all times shall be appropriate to the standards and image of the 4-H program. Tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, weapons and fireworks will not be tolerated at any 4-H event or activity.

Parents and participants understand and accept the responsibility for following the above guidelines, and realize that failure to do so may result in a participant being sent home from the activity or event at his or her own expense and/or made ineligible to participate in future 4-H events or activities.

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Springfield, TN 37172
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Dress/Dance Codes for Camp

The 4-H Center wants to ensure a positive, safe and healthy camp experience for all. To ensure this happens, the following dress and dance codes must be adhered to by all campers, leaders, agents and staff. If these guidelines are not met, you can be asked make the appropriate adjustments or will be sent home.

- Wording in songs should not be offensive to children, ethnic, or religious groups
- No sexually suggestive or explicit lyrics in the music
- Dances are to be properly and adequately chaperoned by 4-H agents and leaders
- Appropriate lighting provided during dances
- Shirts, blouses/sweaters, shorts/pants/dresses and shoes must be worn at all times—once inside the pool gates, shoes can be taken off
- Caps, hats, headbands, bandannas, toboggans, or hair stockings must be removed before entering the Dining Hall
- Shorts cannot be any shorter than fingertip length when standing
- Skirts and dresses cannot be shorter than four inches above the knee
- Shirts that have shoulder straps of one inch or wider are acceptable. If straps are any smaller, the person will be asked to change
- Muscle shirts must not have the sleeve opening cut open bigger than the arm size it is designed for—sleeveless shirts are allowed
- Bare midriffs, bare back, excessively baggy pants, excessively low cut, tight or see-through clothing is prohibited
- Clothing that in any way makes reference to illegal substances, drugs, alcohol, negative slogans, vulgarities, or brings undue attention is prohibited
- Do not wear pajamas outside the cabins
- Appropriate swimwear must be worn at the pool and creek—i.e. swim shirts, swim trunks (no cut-off pants or shorts can be worn in the pool); one-piece swimsuits or modest two piece suits are allowed
- Swimsuits can only be worn during swimming events.
- No swimwear can be worn in the dining room
- Footwear at the creek—only closed toe shoes, swim shoes or crocs with the heel-strap can be worn in the creek. Flip-flops cannot be worn in the creek
- Only dry clothes and closed toe shoes may be worn on the zip line
- Shoes must be worn at all times

Campers Insurance Program

The Campers’ Insurance Program covers participants in case of accidental death, dismemberment, or incurred medical expense while participating in “scheduled, supervised, and sponsored activities of the Policyholder”. Campers Insurance is excess to other insurance. This helps alleviate most out-of-pocket costs to the family for a covered claim. The purchase of Campers’ Insurance is optional and is dependent upon each department’s discretion.

The following programs are eligible for coverage:

- Daycare participants (Children and Staff)
- 4H Camp participants (adults and minors)
- Youth Sport Camp participants (Grades: K-12)
- Youth Academic Camp participants (Grades: K-12)

Benefit Information

Insurance Company: AIG

Accidental Death Max. Amount	\$5,000
Incurral Period:	365 days
Accidental Dismemberment Max. Amount	\$10,000
Incurral Period:	365 days
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	
Aggregate Limit	\$250,000 per accident
Accidental Medical Expense Max. Amount	\$25,000
Benefit Period:	52 Weeks
Incurral Period:	90 Days
Dental Maximum Amount per tooth	\$250 per accident