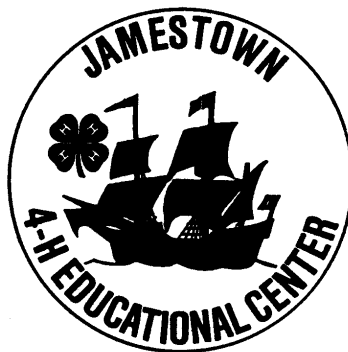


Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp

Summer 2018

Parent Handbook



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Dear Camper Families,

Thank you for choosing Jamestown 4-H Educational Center for your child. We recognize that you have many options when selecting a camp and we are happy that you have decided to become a part of our family. Please review this information carefully as it will help you and your camper prepare for the Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp experience.

We believe that today's campers are tomorrow's leaders. Our progressive, camper-centered programs are designed to challenge every child in a safe, fun-filled environment while creating friends and memories that will last a lifetime. Our staff, programs and facilities unite to support our campers as they make friends, learn new skills, build self-confidence, and gain a sense of independence in our nurturing camp community.

If you need any assistance in choosing the right program to suit your child, please call our camp office and we can assist you. In addition to Day Camp we offer 4-H Junior Overnight Camp for children ages 9-13 and year-round programs for youth and adults. We would be happy to provide a tour for you and your family. **You are also invited to join us on Sunday, June 3 for our Camp Open House and Family Fun Day.** This is a great opportunity to meet some of our staff, enjoy time on the shores of the James River with your family, and learn what camp is all about.

We look forward to seeing you this summer.

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WELCOME!

Adventure Day Camp at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center is a perfect place for your child's summer. Our professional staff provide a safe, fun environment where children can learn and grow. Boys and Girls ages **5-10** participate in age-appropriate activities that encourage leadership, independence and friendship.

Families and campers are greeted at our Administration Building every day and the day begins with new friends, songs and flag raising. Campers are assigned to their "Pack" of 8-12 campers of the same age with two adult staff. The schedule is filled with a diverse activities including one hour every day at the pool for both instructional and recreational swimming. Each week has a Theme and Friday's are our BIG Camp Day!

The Day Camp hours are from 8:30AM until 4:30PM, Monday-Friday. We also provide early AM SPARK Programs (Before-Care) and late PM SPARK Programs (After-Care) for working mom's and dad's. This special time of the camp day allows campers to try new activities that "spark" their interest and ignite their imagination! Please call our camp office for additional information!

SUMMER 2018

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>
Session 1	June 18 - June 22	Under the Big Top
Session 2	June 25—June 29	Superheroes
Session 3	July 2—July 6	Holidaze
	*no camp on July 4th	
Session 4	July 9—July 13	Olympics
Session 5	July 16—July 20	Sense-Sational Science
Session 6	July 23—July 27	Treasure Hunters
Session 7	July 30—August 3	H2Overload
Session 8	August 6—August 10	Once Upon a Time
Session 9	August 13—August 17	Star Wars
Session 10	August 20—August 24	Zootopia

One-Week Sessions Monday-Friday are **\$160/week** - ***Lunch is Included***

Before Care **7:30AM-8:30AM** **\$25**

After Care **4:30-5:30PM** **\$25**

Both Before and After Care **\$40**

Staff

At Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp, we have a staff team that is dedicated to providing an exceptional camping experience that will create lasting memories, foster friendships and build life-skills. All this happens because our staff create a sense of community, instill an atmosphere of belonging and facilitate a program that will challenge your child to meet his or her potential. We carefully select and train our staff to serve as positive role-models and leaders in our camp community. We strive to provide a fun, safe experience where children can excel as individuals and thrive as members of a group. All staff are individually selected after an extensive application, interview and national background check process.

Lunch

Lunch is provided for all Day Campers. Meals are prepared by our professional food service staff. If you prefer to send your child with their own bagged lunch (that does not require refrigeration), that is also acceptable. Please make sure to include any food allergies or dietary restrictions on your required health history form. **Jamestown 4-H Educational Center has a peanut butter sensitive kitchen.**

Swimming

Swimming is a popular activity at Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. Campers will have the opportunity to swim every day. Our pool is supervised by American Red Cross Lifeguards. We also have spotters/lookouts in the water with the campers during all swimming programs. Campers have a “swim test” on their first day of camp to determine swimming level. All “non-swimmers” will wear an appropriate sized PFD during recreational swim.

Health Care

Each camper must have a completed Health History form 2 weeks prior to their first session at camp. All staff are trained in CPR and First Aid. In the case of serious accident, or illness, you will be contacted by our medical staff. In an emergency, we can transport your child to the local hospital. If your child becomes sick during the day, we will ask you to pick up your camper at camp.

Medications

Children may not keep medications with them. All medications must be turned over to our medical staff upon arrival. Medication **MUST** be in its original container and clearly labeled with written directions signed by the parent. If your camper has medication such as an inhaler or Epi-Pen, their Pack Leader will carry it with them. **Our Medical Staff will not administer any medications not in the original container or without a doctor's prescription.**

What to Bring and Wear to Camp!

Each camper must wear closed-toed shoes, such as sneakers. Most activities done at camp require such footwear at all times. We also recommend clothing that can get dirty, since camp is mostly outdoors! Campers need to bring the following items daily:

- Swimsuit
- Beach Towel
- Jacket or sweatshirt depending on the weather

Items Not Permitted at Jimmy James Adventure Camp

iPods, MP3 players, computers, video games, cell phones, pagers, knives, weapons, fireworks, aerosol spray, wheeled shoes, skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates and money. If these items are brought to camp, they will be held by the Program Director and returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the day.

Behavior at Camp

Our staff will make every effort to provide positive, realistic expectations for your child. Campers that cannot live within the rules of camp, or those that are adversely affecting the experience of other children, will be dismissed without a refund. In this case, it is the parent's responsibility to come to camp to pick up their children.

Zero Tolerance Policy

For the safety of your child and everyone at camp, the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center cannot and will not tolerate any of the following:

- Offensive or threatening language
- Bullying (physical or emotional)
- Physical violence or abuse
- Possession or use of any illegal substances, alcohol, tobacco, lighters, matches or knives (including pocket knives) or any other instruments that may be construed as a weapon.

Any of the above actions will require immediate dismissal from camp with no refund.

Licensing and Accreditation

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center is inspected annually by the Virginia Health Department. Additionally, we are accredited by the American Camp Association. We are proud to meet and/or exceed the nationally recognized standards of quality for youth camping.

Talking with your Child About Camp

There is nothing more exasperating than asking your child, "What did you do today at camp?" and getting the following response, "Nothing." While some children are bursting to share their experiences on the ride home, others are tired or may simply need a little more time to process. Over the week, draw your child out slowly by asking specific questions about their pack and counselors, or ask your child to show you a camp skit or sing a song.

Lost and Found

Please make sure all of your camper's items are clearly marked with his/her first and last name. We try to manage lost and found items continually throughout the camp season, but it is a challenge! If you discover your child is missing something upon their return home, please notify the Day Camp Director, in writing, so that we may assist you in finding your lost items. Lost and found items are not the responsibility of Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. After the camp session, we will donate any unclaimed items to a local charity.

Surveys

We will provide a survey upon your camper's departure. We value your feedback in order to improve our programs and services for your children. If at any time you have a concern or question, please contact Sue Williams, Center Director at 757-253-4931

Facebook, YouTube, etc.

Many camps, schools and youth agencies have struggled to deal with adolescent behavior on public forums on the World Wide Web, Facebook, You Tube, etc. We have found many of our campers registered on these sites ourselves.

Please know our camp discourages camper-staff interactions on such sites throughout our staff training. If, however, your child seeks to "friend" camp staff after the summer is over, it may be very difficult for a young adult to "deny" or "ignore" the request (despite our best efforts to train them to do so). After all, we also train our counselors to be attentive role models for your children. If your child speaks to you regarding this issue, please explain that staff members "need their space" during their time away from camp.

We do encourage you to visit our official Jamestown 4-H Educational Center site on Facebook rather than contact any individual camp staff member. We also encourage parents to talk to their children about this issue, and research their own children's activities to stay informed.

**Thank you for choosing Jamestown 4-H Educational Center and
Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp!**

We look forward to serving you and your family this summer!

The Staff at Jamestown 4-H Educational Center