Florida 4-H Camping supports the mission of 4-H Youth Development by using a learn-by-doing approach to help youth gain the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible, productive citizens. This mission is accomplished by creating safe and inclusive environments, involving caring adults, and utilizing the expertise and resources of the University of Florida and those of the nationwide land-grant university system.

RESIDENTIAL CAMPING is one of the most significant delivery methods in the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program, with nearly 4000 youth participants and 250 volunteers and agents attending camp each year.

How do we reach youth?

Summer of 2016 Youth Attendance:

- Camp Cherry Lake 4-H Youth 710
- Camp Cloverleaf 4-H Youth 601
- Camp Timpoochee 4-H Youth 535
- Camp Corral Youth 130
- Specialty Camp Youth 302

Camping provides an intensive learning environment focused on four essential elements of positive youth development:

BELONGING • INDEPENDENCE • MASTERY • GENEROSITY

4-H is the statewide youth development program of the University of Florida IFAS Extension.
What Does 4-H Camp Offer Youth?

Youth get to appreciate nature...
...in a safe, fun environment. Youth build relationships and learn skills they can use in the outdoors at 4-H camps. Specializing in environmental education, healthy lifestyles, swimming, kayaking, science and more.

Youth make more healthy choices...
...while growing their knowledge of healthy lifestyles. 4-H youth, regardless of their background, socio-economic status, race, or gender, thrive through health and safety they receive through 4-H programs.

Youth get to try new things...
...in a positive, inclusive atmosphere. Conducting science experiments, paddling a kayak, discovering marine life, performing a skit, and making new friends are just a few of the opportunities youth have to take part in new experiences.

Why Come to Camp?
Camp is a great way for youth to meet new people and make new friends. 4-H camps engage youth in activities focusing on:

- **Belonging** — Encouraging a sense of fellowship and connectedness.
- **Independence** — Learning to better understand themselves and become independent thinkers.
- **Mastery** — Immersive activities to master new life skills.
- **Generosity** — Presenting opportunities to value & practice service to others.

Who Came to Camp?
Campers 8—15 years of age:
- 41% Male — 59% Female

**Race & Ethnicity**
- 70% Caucasian/White
- 14% African American/Black
- 10% Hispanic/Latino
- 4% Native American
- 2% Asian American

**Residence of Youth**
- 38% Rural
- 39% Suburban
- 23% Urban