**4-H Camp Owahta Parent Information Sheet**

**4-H Camp OWAHTA telephone# - 607-836-6230 – CCE of Cortland Co. 607-753-5077**

**Resident (Overnight) Camper:**  Are to arrive at Camp Owahta between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday of camp week. The Registration facilities will not be available before 1:00 p.m. and it is highly recommended that you do not arrive before that time.

**Day Camp Arrival and Transportation**

Day campers will be provided transportation on a daily basis from the locations listed below. It is highly recommended that your child wear his/her swimsuit to camp daily. They may change out of their swimsuits after swimming or prior to their departure home.

**Bus Schedule:**

The following is a schedule of pick-up times and places as well as returning times and places. Please help your camper arrive on time so he/she does not miss the bus. If you are dropping your child off at the day camp building at Camp Owahta, please continue to supervise your child until the day camp bus arrives. The bus typically arrives at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that we will have counselors at each daily bus stop to provide you with weekly information and permission slips for activities as they happen. Your child(ren)will be under the supervision and chaperoned by the counselors at all times.

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| ***Drop Up*** ***Time:*** | ***Bus Schedule - Place-Location*** | ***Return*** ***Time*** |
| 7:55 AM | **Old Cortlandville Fire Dept, Route 281, (East of Salvation Army)……………...** | 4.50 PM |
| 8:10 AM | **Homer Village Green………………………………………………………………………….** | 4:35 PM |
| 8:20 AM | **Corner, Hickory Park Road & Kennedy Parkway (Yaman Park Area)…………** | 4:25 PM |
| 8:30 AM | **Cortland County Office Building, Parking Lot – 60 Central Ave.,………………..** **You can drop off campers at this spot starting around 7:45 as we’ll have staff waiting. We drop staff here first thing to allow you to get to work on time.** | 5:05 PM |
| 8:40 AM | **United Methodist Church, Main St. McGraw…………………………………………..** | 4:15 PM |
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Please note that at most of the stops our Day Camp staff will be on the bus and check in your campers as they walk onto the bus. We drop off staff at the County Office Building first thing and they sit and wait for your campers with the idea that you’ll be able to get to work on time. This stop is also our last of the day so if you miss a connection you can always find your campers here at 5:05.

**Departures and Friday Night Pick up for resident and Day Campers**

Day Campers are invited to spend Friday Dinner in camp and have their parent pick them up that evening. The Day Camp Director will provide permission slips for day campers to stay Friday evening each week.

***Resident and Day Camp Parents*** are invited to attend the campfire Friday night. The campfire will start at approximately 6:45 p.m. Parents may pick up their children any time between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. It is expected that the campfire will be over around 7:15 p.m.

**Regulations for Leaving Camp**

1. Each camper must be signed in/out by an appropriate guardian. This paperwork is located in the Health Care Center. Campers can only leave with a parent or legal guardian that is on the camper registration form, unless written permission has been provided to the Camp Director for alternate arrangements.
2. Each camper is responsible for taking home his/her own clothing and equipment, personal property, etc. Please check the lost and found box (located in the Mess Hall) for any of these items.

**Equipment:** Items marked ***“recommended”*** should accompany your camper or at least suitable substitutes. Items marked optional may be brought at your discretion depending on camper interest.

All other equipment will be provided by 4-H Camp Owahta. ***(Please Label all of your items!)***

***Cell Phones are not allowed – please do not bring them!***

***Recommended DAY Camp Equipment:***

**□** Play clothes and Foot Wear **□** Rain Gear and a Change of Clothes  **□** Swim Wear and sun Screen

***Recommended Thursday Night Supplies for DAY Campers***

(for those who choose to overnight with us)

**□** Sleeping Bag or Two Blankets & Sheets, Pillow **□** Flash Light **□** Soap, Towel, Tooth, Paste, Comb

***Recommended RESIDENT Camp Equipment:***

**□** Sleeping Bag or Two Blankets & Sheets **□** Pillow w/case, Gym bag **□** Rain Coat/Poncho, Hat

**□** Waterproof Boots, sneakers and sandals **□** Windbreaker and a warm Jacket **□** Sweater

**□** Sweatshirt, one long sleeve t-shirt **□** two pairs of jeans **□ Small Flash Light**

**□** One pair of pajamas **□** Four t-shirts, Shorts **□** Six pair of underwear/socks

**□** Non-Aerosol Insect Repellent **□** Soap, Towel, Toothpaste and Brush **□** Swimwear & Sun Screen

***Optional RESIDENT and DAY Camp Equipment***

**□** Fishing Equipment, Sports Equipment **□** Camera **□** Reading Material **□** Day Pack

***Please Don’t Bring……* Note - Items such as:** Axes, Hunting Knifes, Radios, Cell Phones, I-Pods, CD, MP3 and Tape Players, Candy, Soft Drinks, any Food Items, Matches, New Clothing, or Dress Clothing should not be brought to Camp. ***Camp will not be responsible for missing or stolen items.***

***Camp Store:***

Each camper will be provided, ***Free of Charge***, a non-refundable $5.00 coupon each week. The coupon is for craft projects, camp souvenirs, and the camp store. Camp (Swag) apparel can also be bought but is also offered on-line during the registration process at a reduced rate. It is recommended swag is bought at that time as inventory during camp will be minimal.

***Directions to 4-H Camp Owahta:***

From Cortland - (Route 81–Exit 10), go south on Route 41 through the town of McGraw. Travel approx. 3 miles, left hand turn onto Syrian Hill Road. Travel north 3.0 miles to 4-H Camp Road, entrance is on ***the right hand side***. (Travel time: Approx. 15 min. from Cortland).

From Route 13N – East Homer: travel on 13 N to Young’s Crossing (***right hand turn***) go across bridge and take left onto East River Road. Travel short distance, turn right onto Maybury Road and travel 3 miles. ***Turn left*** onto 4-H Camp Road, up the hill and camp gate entrance approximately ½ mile.

***Lost and Found:***

We do our best to keep lost and found to a minimal, however, we often find beach towels and swimsuits and other items around camp. The Lost and Found on the porch of the mess hall and also on the fence in front of the mess hall. All **unclaimed** items will be washed and cleaned and donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the following week.

***Emergency Release and Medical Forms:***

We strongly recommend your camper have a complete physical prior to camp attendance. We reserve the right to send home any child sent to us with a communicable disease or otherwise in such poor health as to preclude normal camp participation. (See Camp fee refundable policy).

***Email, Snail Mail and Phone Use:***

It is suggested that parents who wish campers to write letters to please send stamped envelopes and paper or postcards. Letters are welcome and should be sent to your child, C/O 4-H Camp Owahta, 4826 Knecht Rd, McGraw, NY 13101.

If you wish to send an e-mail, due to changes that are happening… please contact CCE of Cortland Co, for more information.

We encourage parents not to call their child at camp since it infringes on your child’s camping experience and in many cases encourages homesickness. ***Under no circumstance is a child to have a cell phone in camp***. If there is an emergency or a problem at camp, your child can contact the Camp Director to arrange the use of the camp phone or the Camp Director will personally contact you.

***Refunds:***

The registration fee will be refunded (less $50 deposit fee), if the cancellation is given in a two-week notification for health and family related emergencies. If the two-week notification is not met, camper fees will not be refunded.

***Helping Camp Owahta***

As a non-profit organization camp is always looking for a way to improve programs and facilities, while the same time trying to keep the cost to attend camp at a reasonable rate. Below are some suggestions as to how you could help Camp.

* Provide used athletic equipment, games, costumes, or other items that you no longer have a use for but they would be beneficial to camp. We really need used baseball gloves.
* Make a financial contribution to a specific program or facility at 4-H Camp Owahta.

*Sincerely,*

*4-H Camp Owahta Staff*