How to Apply:

Enrollment for Sea Camp is open to teens ages 15 to 17 (as of camp). Preference is given to first time Sea Camp participants and 4-H members. However, all teens (ages 15-17) have the opportunity to apply. Enrollment is first-come, first-served. The earlier your registration is received, the better your chances of being accepted. Space is limited!

To apply, complete the registration forms found at: go.osu.edu/seacamp

Applications must be received by May 22.

Registration fee must accompany your application, health form, and waivers to reserve your spot. Your registration fee covers all lodging, meals, supplies, charter boat trip, and ferry fare.

Registration is $450 (with a $50 discount for youth who are enrolled in an OSU Extension program, such as 4-H or Youth Outdoors).

Camp applicants selected to attend will receive additional information by June 15, 2020.

Please send your check and application to:
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
Attn: Sea Camp
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, OH 43210

Please make checks payable to:
The Ohio State University

Thank you to the Ohio 4-H Foundation for their support!
Where and When?
Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is held at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp on Lake Erie from July 11-15, 2020!

Put a Great Lake in your life this summer and join us at Ohio 4-H Sea Camp!

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp invites teens age 15-17 (as of camp) from across Ohio to “get your feet wet” as you learn about one of Ohio’s most important resources: Lake Erie! You’ll be in, on, and around the water as you explore the science of the lake, learn marine-related skills, and discover the history and recreational uses of our great lake.

Mission & Objectives:
The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. The program is a supervised, educational environment fostered by Ohio 4-H and The Ohio State University.

Objectives of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp include:
• Participants will gain an understanding of safety applied to watercraft, sun, and open water recreation.
• Participants will explore a variety of potential career opportunities through learning from professionals in aquatic science, natural resources, and watersports.
• Participants will gain lifelong skills fostered through educational and recreational water-based activities, while developing lasting friendships and comradery with peers.

Sea Campers will learn about safe boating in Ohio and have the opportunity to earn their Ohio Boater Education Certificate from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources!

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For additional details and registration information:
Contact your local 4-H Extension Educator or Sea Camp Director Kayla Oberstadt at 614-292-3758, oberstadt.1@osu.edu

What Can You Do At Camp?
Sea Camp offers a variety of fun learning experiences including:
• Explore aquatic life of Lake Erie
• Learn fishing techniques, make lures, practice cleaning fish, and feast on the bass, perch, and catfish you catch
• Learn to sail
• Study island geology and fossils
• Learn water safety and rescue techniques
• Learn to operate power boats
• Build and paddle a cardboard boat
• Swim in Lake Erie
• Participate in your choice of one of these all-day adventures on Lake Erie:
  • Fish on a full-day charter boat trip
  • Snorkel iconic Lake Erie locations
  • Conduct aquatic science activities at OSU Stone Lab and tour South Bass Island Aquatic Visitors Center
  • Paddle sea kayaks in Lake Erie