

CAMP KELLEYS ISLAND FAQ

OHIO MILITARY KIDS

2020



In 2020 Camp Kelleys Island will undergo a change in scheduling. Instead of running a simultaneous youth and teen camp on Kelleys Island on two different properties, youth and teen camps will be held on SEPARATE dates back-to-back on the same camp property, Erie County 4-H Camp.

DATES OF CAMP FOR 2020

August 3-7: Ohio Military Kids TEEN CAMP (ages 12-15) at Erie County 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island

August 7-11: Ohio Military Kids YOUTH CAMP (ages 9-11) at Erie County 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island

Ohio National Guard and Ohio 4-H are proud partners in offering Ohio Military Kids (OMK) activities! OMK has hosted camping programs on Kelleys Island for fifteen consecutive summers. In 2020, we celebrate our sixteenth year of offering a residential camp to youth of military families. Over the course of history, Camp Kelleys Island (CKI) has evolved based on camp enrollment numbers, schedule changes, and staffing updates. Although some of these changes have affected what camp looks like year to year, what remains is the joy and positive experience shared by campers!

To help all families, new and returning, we ask that you review the following information thoroughly

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What will registration for camp look like? As in past years, registration for CKI will be available online through Cvent. This will be the same as previous years and the links will open March 17, 2020.

2. What is the price of Camp Kelleys Island? CKI camp registration will remain \$75 per camper.

3. I have one child who is the age of Youth Camp and one who is the age for Teen Camp. Can they enroll for the same week? No, they cannot enroll in the same week. We recognize that this year will look different for families who have a child in each age group. Since we do not have the availability of two camp locations, we will not be able to host both Teen Camp and Youth Camp at the same time.

4. What will check-in/check-out look like this year for Teen Camp and Youth Camp? A camper attending Teen Camp will check-in at the ferry dock on August 3 and will check-out on August 7. A camper attending Youth Camp will check-in on August 7 and will depart on August 11. Parents/guardians will be able to pick up a teen camper and check-in a youth camper within the same timeframe on August 7.

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5. My child is within one year of the age difference, can they attend the camp indicated for the other age? (example: I have a child who recently turned 12, can they be at Youth Camp?) No, parents or guardians must enroll their child based on the age that they will be at the time of August 3, 2020. We will be monitoring camper ages on the registration form and making sure the ages match those for the camps. If we have concerns that a child has been enrolled for the wrong camp week, we will be contacting you. Registering for the wrong week of camp affects the opportunity for another child to appropriately enroll for their respective age group when a waiting list develops.

6. Why isn't Camp Patmos hosting an OMK camp this year? Camp Patmos has been a respected host for Camp Kelleys Island and Family Camps for many years. Camp Patmos' primary mission is to serve clientele who are within their teachings of faith. When a faith-based user group requests dates for camp programming, Camp Patmos honors these requests as "internal" user groups prior to "external" user groups. What this means is that Camp Patmos did not have space in their schedule for OMK to host programs in 2020.

7. Teen Camp used to take place at Camp Patmos, which had a variety of "additional" activities. Will there be anything added to the camp environment at Erie County 4-H Camp to reflect those previously offered programs? Yes, we understand that a draw for attending Camp Patmos included its swimming pool, motorboats with tow-behind tubes, mini golf, and more. Our camp planning team assures that there will be additional age-appropriate activities added for Teen Camp so that older campers do not feel they will experience the same programming they experienced when they were at Youth Camp.

8. Why does OMK offer two separate camps based on age breakdowns? Dividing based on age is a common practice in schools and youth organizations because children learn best when they are in an environment of similar ages. Age-specific environments are ideal for social growth and physical maturity to be similar for all participants. Youth development professionals serve as camp directors and plan age appropriate activities at camp, as well as train camp counselors for unique needs for each age group. Through years of offering camps, we see young people thrive in supportive atmospheres relevant to their ages.

9. Does a parent/guardian need to be the person to pick-up and/or drop-off a camper? No, if the appropriate paperwork is completed by a parent/guardian prior to camp, any trusted adult may transport a camper. An out-processing card is to be completed with names of individuals given permission to pick up your child. Although a parent/guardian is often the person who knows their child best to answer any final questions from the wellness staff or offer support to a child upon dropping them off at camp, another trusted adult (arranged by your family) is welcome to pick-up and drop-off a camper. A camper will not be released from camp to someone NOT on the out-processing card. It is suggested that multiple trusted relatives or family friends are listed on this card and that these names are shared with the camper before camp, so they know who they might be seeing at the ferry dock for pick up.

10. Because of the two separate camps, it will be difficult to arrange transportation on three different days for children going to youth and teen camps. Can OMK staff give me names of other campers from our area so that we can carpool? No, we cannot give information of registered youth campers or their parents. Due to confidentiality, we cannot share any contact information or even the names of other campers attending. Our staff understands that the change in camp schedule may present hardship for requesting days off work or other barriers that conflict with camp pick-up or drop-off. By giving notice of these dates months in advance, we hope your family can make appropriate arrangements that are most suitable for you. If you intend to carpool with other trusted families, this agreement must be arranged by the families involved (note the information in Question 9).

11. Will OMK Camp Kelleys Island be structured like this in the future? As we approach the summer of 2020, we cannot confirm what camp will like in 2021 or beyond. Our organization is dependent on venues being available for our use, schedules of staffing, and many other factors that contribute to planning a successful camp. We appreciate the continued involvement of our military families knowing that we have their best interest in mind as we plan high-quality programs for their children.