

**Georgia 4-H Summer Camping Program  
Junior Camp  
Fortson 4-H Center**

**PARENTS GUIDE**



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4-H CENTER**

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999 Fortson Road  
Hampton, Georgia 30228

Dear Parents:

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in Summer Camp at Fortson 4-H Center. The Georgia 4-H Summer Camping Program is one of the top summer camping programs of its kind in the nation.

Your child will experience one of the best weeks of their life. Our well trained summer camp staff has experience working with youth and is some of the best trained summer camp counselors.

During the week your child will participate in classes and events that will enhance their skills and knowledge in leadership, citizenship, and healthy lifestyles all skills that will make a positive impact on their lives for years to come.

The summer camp staff and I can hardly wait for the start of camp. I am confident that your child's week of summer camp will fun, exciting, and educational.

Sincerely,

Susie Greer

**University of Georgia / Georgia 4-H**

**Fortson 4-H Center**

**4-H Center Director**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Office: (770) 946-3276

After Hour Emergencies: 770-946-9717 or 706-980-3256

Website: [www.fortson4h.org](http://www.fortson4h.org)

## **SUMMER CAMP STAFF**

Susie Greer – Fortson 4-H Center Director

Crew Chief

Crew to be named January 2011

## **PHONE INFORMATION**

Campers may not receive or make phone calls while at camp. Campers are not permitted to call home. Direct phone calls to campers are discouraged as they may trigger homesickness and interfere with camp activities. Only adult leaders are allowed to use the phones

### **Parents should not:**

- Call the camp to find out if the county has arrived safely, instead contact their local county office
- Expect a call from a camper during the week
- Call the camp to check on their child.

### **Parents should expect to:**

- Leave a message if they call camp after business hours
- Contact their local county office with any questions or concerns
- Have important messages delivered to an adult on the same day they call
- Relay after hour emergencies to

## **OUR LOCATION**

Fortson 4-H Center is located 30 miles south of Atlanta in Hampton. The center is behind the Atlanta Motor Speedway nestled in the in woods away from the surrounding busy suburbs of Atlanta.

## **SENDING MAIL**

Campers are allowed to receive mail while at camp. Please do not send food to campers. Parents are encouraged to send mail the Friday, prior to the week attending to ensure that the mail arrives on times, especially counties in south Georgia.

*Send all mail to:*

Camper's Name

Camper's County

Fortson 4-H Center

999 Fortson Road

Hampton, Georgia 30228

## **VISITORS**

Campers are not allowed to receive visitors while at camp. This includes off center activities and events (e.g. Six Flags Atlanta, Motor Speedway, etc.). This poses as a security risk and can interfere with camp activities. In the event of an emergency and the parent or guardian needs to come to camp to pick up a camper, please contact the center or county office before arriving.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP**

It is important to label all items with the campers name and county before packing.

### **ITEMS NEEDED**

- Daily change of clothes (shorts, shirts, underwear, and socks)
- Linens (sleeping bag or sleeping bag)
- Pillow
- Towels and washcloth
- Swimming Suit (only 1 piece for females)
- Tennis shoes (mandatory for ropes course)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Sunglasses and/or hat
- Plastic bag for wet items
- Sandals (must have back strap no flip flops allowed)
- Money for canteen and off center venues (Six Flags, Cola & Atlanta Motor Speedway)

### **OPTIONAL ITEMS**

- Shower shoes
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Talent show props, costumes, CDs, etc
- Paper, stamps, and envelopes

### **DO NOT BRING**

- Knives, firearms, fireworks, or any other violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Video Games, IPODs, MP3 Players, Radios, Cell Phones (if brought must remain in dorms and not allowed to use and interfere with camp activities)
- Excessive amount of money
- Anything of great value

*\*The Georgia 4-H Program and Fortson 4-H Center are not responsible for items that are lost or stolen.*

### **CLOTHING INFORMATION**

- No clothing should be worn that violates the 4-H Code of Conduct

- Underwear should be worn at all times and never be visible
- Bring only clothes that can get wet and messy
- Bring extra socks and underwear
- Shoes/sandals will be required in outdoor water games (no flip flops)
- Shorts that extend below the mid-thigh will be needed for the ropes course. Cheerleading shorts are not acceptable.

## **CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Ropes Course**

Every camper attending Junior Camp will have the opportunity to participate in one of the best Ropes Course in the South Metro Atlanta Area. Campers will be climbing the Climbing Wall and zipping down the fast paced Zip Line. The Ropes Course provides team building opportunities for youth.

### **Other classes will be held in:**

#### **Herpetology**

Students get the opportunity to handle, observe, and learn about reptiles and amphibians. Characteristics and adaptations of snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs, and more will be discussed. Many of the misconceptions about these beneficial, but often misunderstood, animals will also be dispelled.

#### **Health Rocks**

Students will use nationally developed curriculum to establish healthy lifestyle choices.

#### **Archery**

In this class students will be introduced to some basic archery skills (safety, history, and shooting technique). After going over the history, types of bows, and safety, students will use what they have learned to use compound bows on the archery range.

#### **White Water**

Dive into a Travel Channel Top 10 Water Park. With 50 amazing attractions, there's so much to do here. Enjoy Cliffhanger's 90-foot free-fall, the turbulent Tornado, and great family areas, like Little Squirt's Island and Atlanta Ocean wave pool. For more information go to <http://www.sixflags.com/whiteWater/>

#### **Stone Mountain**

This year, we will be spending more time at Stone Mountain. The campers will have access to the Sky Hike, 4D Theatre, ride to the top of the Mountain or on the train around the mountain. We will enjoy a chicken dinner and then settle down to watch the Laser Show. For more information go to:

<http://stonemountainpark.com/>

#### **Thursday Night Thunder**

Campers will go to the Atlanta Motor Speedway to watch the Thursday Night Thunder races. Thursday Night Thunder is a smorgasbord of games, contests, giveaways and hot on-track racing excitement. There are different themed nights where campers can dress up to the different theme of the week. For more information go to [www.atlantamotorspeedway.com](http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com)

**Wet Games (If permitted by drought)**

After spending the days in the hot Georgia sun, campers will participate in wet games. These games will promote team building and lots of fun. Campers will need shoes that can get wet. If we are not able to have wet games, other field activities will be held.

**More Swim Time!**

**Movie complete with Concession Stand Pop Corn! Or other night activities.**

**FUN beyond compare!**