

Dear 4-H families,

The Monterey County 4-H camp applications are now open! Known as Camp McCandless, this has been a tradition for 4-Hers for years. Now held at the Camp MayMac location in the Santa Cruz Mountains, this 5 day summer camp is filled with 4-H fun.

We will take camper applications on a first-come-first-serve basis using a **4-H online registration**. When we reach our limit of 100 campers (50 girls & 50 boys) - a wait list will be created and managed by our committee. Campers must be enrolled and nine years old by December 31st, 2018.

Families are to complete the online registration found here: <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27060>

A full payment of \$300 is expected along with a signed medical release form **within one week of completing the online application** or the application will be moved to the bottom of the list. This payment is to be sent to: 4-H program, 1432 Abbott St, Salinas, CA 93901. Check should be made payable to the Monterey 4-H Camp. Or, full payments can be taken at the 4-H office counter between the hours of 9am – 4:30pm.

This Camp Program is only partially supported by the 4-H Council and, the camp committee has to invest in the location upfront. We are operating on very little funds. Please consider helping us find company donations to offset costs. See our donation letter on the 4-H camp page. We encourage clubs to provide scholarship money to help campers or counselors offset their fees.

The Camp McCandless committee meets every month as listed on the Monterey County 4-H website and we invite all parents or certified adult volunteers in the 4-H program to come and work towards finding long term funding and ways to build our adult volunteer support team and other camp programming ideas. Together we can continue to build a strong youth camping program and find the financial support we need.

In addition, our volunteer nurses remind you as parents that ALL medications your member(s) take must be logged into the medical field in their 4Honline registration. This is how they cross reference what you member needs as part of the camp application process. Members who are sent to camp without prescribed medications will be sent home and we cannot offer a refund.

If this is your camper's first year, we are working with our teen counselors each month to prepare them for their role as leader. We will be holding a **Camp Information Night** on Monday, March 25th, 2019. Meeting will be at 5:30pm and take place at the Lutheran Church on Blanco St in Salinas. For more information, contact the 4-H county offices at lhofmannlurz@ucanr.edu.

Sincerely,

Michael & Stefanie Burgess, Co-Camp Directors Rod Ichikawa, Co-Camp Director