



## Indiana Conservation Officers Organization Karl E. Kelley Memorial Youth Conservation Camp

Dear Camper,

It is almost time to get ready to come to camp and I am really excited about seeing you there. I wanted to write and give you some important information that will help make your time at camp more enjoyable.

You will be assigned to a certain group a Bobcat, Falcon, Eagle, or Otter and your camper number will be given to you when you arrive.

Here is the schedule of events for the first day at camp, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Please ensure that you have eaten lunch prior to arriving at the camp. The first meal will be the evening meal!!!**

12:00 noon	Registration begins in Dining Hall
1:30 p.m.	Welcome and Orientation in Dining Hall (Bye Mom and Dad)
2:00 p.m.	Campers meet with staff in Tent City Group Photos

You will be provided with three camp T-shirts when you arrive. This is your camp uniform and must be worn at all times while at camp. There are a few other things that you may want to bring and a few you do not need.

Shorts and at least one pair of long pants  
Light jacket or windbreaker  
Poncho or rain parka  
Sturdy shoes (We do lots of walking)  
Beach shoes or old shoes that can get wet  
Sleeping bag and pillow  
**Air mattress** or foam pad (Our bunks are wooden sleeping platforms only!)  
Swimsuit (boxers or one piece please)  
Flashlight  
Towel and personal hygiene items (Yes, you will take a shower everyday)  
Disposable Camera (optional)  
I would not recommend bringing a regular camera. The chance of losing or breaking it is too great.

### Please do not bring any of the following items

Firearms  
Ammunition  
Knives  
Radios, CD players, tape players or video games  
(I hope it is unnecessary for me to say this but I will anyway)  
No alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs

## **Warning!**

**If you bring something to camp and the staff decides that it may be hazardous to you or someone else it may be taken from you and not returned.**

Fishing poles, bug spray, sunscreen and all other needed equipment will be provided. It is not necessary to bring your own.

If you need to bring prescription medication it must be turned in to the camp medical officer at registration. It should be brought in the original container in a Ziploc bag. Your name and camper number must be written in marker on the front of the bag. Complete instructions written on an index card should be included in the bag with the medication. There will be a medication pick up table at graduation. Any meds not picked up will be disposed of that day.

We are aware that some doctors will not provide tetanus shots unless there is an injury requiring one. If you do not have a current tetanus shot, please have your parents fill out the form below documenting that you will need one if injured. Bring this with you to registration and give it to the camp nurse. It is not necessary to bring any non-prescription medication. We will have an ample supply of aspirin, Tylenol etc. If you have any questions about medication, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please mark all personal items with your initials. There will be a lost and found station at graduation. The camp staff will dispose of any items not collected that day. They will not be returned to you unless you come to retrieve them yourself.

Please read and have your parents sign the enclosed discipline policy. Bring this with you to registration. **A signed copy must be on file.**

There will be emergency contact information available at registration for parents. Mail can be sent and received at the camp address available at registration. It is highly recommended to write letters to your child throughout the week.

Snack bar is provided free of charge so there is no reason to bring any money to camp (**BRING NO CANDY OR SNACKS**). Jewelry and other valuable property should be left at home as well.

All camp activities are outside. I strongly recommend that you start to get ready for camp by spending time outside and exercising. You should be able to walk a mile in 15 minutes or less and be able to do at least ten good push-ups. You will not have fun if you are tired all the time. We do not cancel activities because of rain or heat, so bring appropriate clothing for all possible weather.

There will be no refund of camp fee for cancellations after June 1, 2019. We will hold a short graduation ceremony at or around 10:00 a.m. on Saturday June 22nd, 2019. You are free to leave after graduation.

## **Contact Information**

In case an emergency arises while you are at camp and your parents need to get in touch with you they can contact Director Matthew Tholen for emergencies on his cell phone (765)237-7883. If need to, you can also contact DNR Central Dispatch (812)837-9536 and ask to get in contact with a staff member for the Karl E. Kelley Memorial Youth Camp.

In the past the children have really enjoyed “mail call” and as a parent you may consider sending some correspondence via mail.

**Letters may be mailed to your camper at the following address.**

**Name of camper  
C/o Ross Camp  
9225 West CR 75 South  
West Lafayette, IN 47906**

**Also we have implemented the use of technology for the families to use. You can send emails to your son/daughter. Please include their last name and group in the subject line. Please refrain from sending pictures with your emails.**

**[mtholen@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mtholen@dnr.in.gov)**

I am very excited about seeing you at camp. We will have lots of fun. If you have any questions please call or email me.

See you in June!

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**\*\*\*\*\*Please bring this to camp on registration day\*\*\*\*\***