

New Jersey 4-H Camp Statement on Community and Lodging

It is the New Jersey 4-H Camp's utmost priority that each and every camper feels welcome in our community, and that after their time here they feel the camping program was specifically designed to support their success. Our staff look for the opportunity to tailor our 4-H Camp program to the needs of each individual camper, and when possible to move the program toward the camper instead of the other way around.

4-H Camp operates under Rutgers University's Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment (60.1.12) and is committed to the mission of ensuring all members of our community have the opportunity to fully participate in the living environment at Rutgers. The University recognizes the human dignity of each member of the Rutgers community and believes that each member has a responsibility to promote respect and dignity for others so that all are free to engage an open environment and share equally in the University's opportunities. To achieve this end, the University strives to foster a living environment that is free from discrimination and harassment.

At 4-H Camp, cabins are assigned based on both age and by gender, as selected on the Registration Form filled out by the camper's parent/guardian. Campers are never in the cabin without a counselor present; and any time the cabins are occupied, consistent supervision is provided. Though our cabins are inherently very communal spaces, changing screens do offer a limited amount of privacy to our campers. All cabins and cabin groups have a co-ed aspect, and will be visited and assisted by supervisory or support staff from all over camp throughout the session.

Within the cabin and 4-H Camp as a whole, our staff strive to ensure that campers are called by the name they wish to be called, referred to as they like to be referred, and in general treated as they wish to be treated. A private, gender-neutral restroom/shower is available to any camper who wishes to utilize it.

Everything wonderful we are able to achieve at 4-H Camp is achieved because we are a community dedicated to treating each other well. All members of our community are expected to strive toward our cardinal principles of "kindness and respect" - to treat each other, our 4-H Camp environment, and ourselves with thoughtful, respectful decision-making and kind, generous actions.