Our classes are enthusiastically "non-academic". They focus on creativity, exploration, trying new things, building new friendships, and simply having fun outside!

In advance of their camp sessions, Campers select TWO classes to participate in.
**Environmental Education**

**Ranger**
Ages 12 and up

Our Ranger class is dedicated to enjoying a good walk in the woods, traversing 4-H Camp’s trails and venturing off into surrounding Stokes State forest, including a 6-mile lunch hike on the Appalachian Trail.

**Survival Challenge**
A woodland game show set in the middle of 4-H Camp’s forest! Campers will learn to make a fire, obtain clean water, and build a shelter through a series of fun, competitive team-work related challenges.

**Environmental Explorers**
An introductory ecology class for campers to explore the trails, forest, and streams around camp, gaining a greater knowledge and appreciation for the 108 acres of 4-H Camp by observing the plants and animals that we share the place with.

**Fishing**
Campers will enjoy the serene view from the shore of Lake Shawanni as they learn how to cast, catch, release and identify fish with the help of Camp’s patented bait...leftover breakfast sausage.

**Canoe-nity Cooking**
Based in our Canoe-nity Garden, campers will learn about and care for the variety of vegetables and herbs in our garden, and then use those ingredients to construct some creative meals over the campfire.
**Disc Golf**
Combines a fun and simple sport with exploring some beautiful sections of Camp’s forest. Campers will learn to throw discs for distance and accuracy, and then refine their skills by spending the majority of the class playing our woodland Disc Golf course.

**Archery**
A Camp classic. Campers will learn the safety principles and basic mechanics needed to operate our bows, and how to patiently acquire accuracy and how to take steps to improve regardless of skill level.

**Long Range Bullseye**
Ages 12 and up
Our advanced archery class builds on campers’ existing archery abilities through a series of different challenges and contests. This class allows archers to try their skills at advanced distances and will feature all sorts of various games, moving targets, and puzzles that will need pin-point arrow accuracy to beat.

**Throwing Stuff**
As self explanatory as it comes. Campers will hike back to our secluded Throwing Range and safely engage in the time-honored tradition of throwing rocks at old tin cans, as well as hurling other objects at a variety of targets in a series of Camp-made, rustic, natural and wild carnival games.

**Fun-nanza!**
New for ‘22! If 4-H Camp is largely about playing outside, then this class is ENTIRELY about playing outside. Campers will be introduced to some classic outdoor leisure games, some exciting run-around games, and some wacky 4-H Camp-only games. They’ll play in pairs, on small teams and large teams, they’ll sometimes keep score and sometimes the points won’t matter at all, and they’ll build to helping create a brand-new game all of their own for the entire Camp to play near the end of the session. Essentially, Fun-nanza is exactly what it sounds like.
Pottery

Campers will experiment with the many ways to mold clay, get to spend some time learning and practicing the art of the pottery wheel, and walk away from the class with some memorable Camp-made keepsakes.

The Improv Show

Campers will learn the virtues of being loud, imaginative and spontaneous by playing a variety of fast-paced theater games. In addition, they’ll help provide some entertainment for our Talent Show as they assist in putting on the production.

Camp Colors

Some classic arts and crafts. Campers will explore color theory and complimentary colors as they tie dye, paint, and blend oil pastels.

Junkyard Jamming

Between some old musical instruments lying around Camp and a pile of junk from which campers can create their own instruments, campers will have all the tools they need to form their own Junkyard Band. They will then compose and practice some tunes and perform them as the house band at our Closing Campfire.
Campers will document, record, and expound upon the goings-on and unique experiences of their Camp week. The class will travel to all sorts of peaceful and inspiring sections of 4-H Camp, and a variety of writing prompts will be certain to get their creativity flowing!

Strings n' Things
Tying string into some knots can quickly become a dynamic and eye-catching piece of art. Campers will learn the basics of macrame and crochet and have the chance to advance their friendship bracelet making skills to the next level!

Dramatic Storytelling
Campers work together to create their own unique characters and act out original tales, while learning some basic story-structure and story-telling vocabulary along the way. The class culminates with a skit for our Closing Campfire.

Eco Art
The forest itself contains some of the best art supplies we could ask for! Campers will use the sticks, moss, rocks, and woodland canvas of 4-H Camp to create their work, as well as practicing sustainable art by incorporating recyclables and repurposing otherwise disposable items into their creations.

Camp Journal
Campers will document, record, and expound upon the goings-on and unique experiences of their Camp week. The class will travel to all sorts of peaceful and inspiring sections of 4-H Camp, and a variety of writing prompts will be certain to get their creativity flowing!
**Watercraft**
It’s a boating bonanza! Campers will learn the basics of operating our canoes and kayaks, and get plenty of hands-on-experience paddling and exploring all around the lake.

**Splashy Time**
It’s all in the name! This class is designed for our campers to just splash around, get in some swimming, and play fun water games - regardless of their skill level.

**Lake Shawanni Adventure**
A little bit of everything that makes the waterfront such a fun place to be! There will be swimming, jumping, boating, and some brand-new games and activities featuring water-gear exclusive to Lake Shawanni Adventure.

**Lifeguard 101**
Ages 12 and up
This class will go into the basics of various rescuing skills and techniques, as well as some basic lifeguard drills and lifeguarding philosophies and protocols. Members of the class will get some great water safety tips and experience, both for themselves and others who will be swimming with them.

***Offers no certifications and is not part of any professional lifesaving curriculum.***
Counselor In Training
Leadership Programs

CIT I: The Camp Community
15 year old campers

Our CIT I class allows them the opportunity to engage in a deep examination of what makes this Camp community tick, and to begin to take a behind the scenes look at the work needed to create the kind, respectful, and supportive environment that we endeavor 4-H Camp to be. The class features various team-building activities, and some Camp service projects, as well as a CIT I camp-out and the opportunity to recognize a member of our camp community at the Closing Campfire.

CIT II: The Camp Counselor
16 year old campers

Our oldest campers will take a deep look into what it means to be a residential summer camp counselor, and even get to experience some of it firsthand. Campers will reflect on what Camp has meant to them, and investigate how they have changed as they’ve grown up over their years here. They will each be assigned counselor mentors, assist in running some activities, and even help put the younger campers to bed in the evening. This class is a celebration of our oldest campers as they age out of our Summer Program. Graduates of the CIT II program are eligible to apply to be Junior Counselors the following summer season.
In addition to Camp classes and programs as usual, campers will enroll in one "BIG" class for the duration of their stay. This will allow them to really dive into one of their favorite elements of 4-H Camp for approximately 25 whole hours of class time!

1. **Lake Shawanni Life**
   
   Some campers never want to leave the lake - now, they very rarely have to. Lake Shawanni Lifers will experience all the swimming, jumping, watersliding, canoeing, kayaking, corcling, and hanging out in the sun on the dock, that our camper’s could dream of.

2. **Extreme Survival Challenge**
   
   Campers will dive into the wilderness skills of fire building, shelter making, outdoor cooking and more,. They'll team up for a whole series of challenges and scenarios in various remote and wooded spots around 4-H Camp.

3. **Disc Golf Open**
   
   Ever since we installed our Disc Golf course, it’s become one of our most popular camp activities. However, there never seems to be quite enough time to play the whole thing. That’s an issue no longer! Campers will have more than enough opportunities to master the course, try for their personal best scores, and even take a shot at the course record.

4. **Points Make Prizes!**
   
   Come one, come all to the point-iest point earning class you’ll find at 4-H class. Take part in all your favourite rec classes and more as you earn points for yourself and your team as you work towards the end of session extravaganza. It would be point-less to miss out!
Pottery Masters

Pottery has long been one of the most in-demand 4-H Camp classes, and new for ’22 we have a whole BIG CLASS devoted to it. Campers will have the opportunity to spend an extensive amount of time on the wheel, building their skills and trying new techniques on a variety of different pieces. The class will also get to take advantage of the extended duration by firing multiple finished pots in our kiln.

Hiking Club: Ranger and Ultra-Ranger

4-H Camp is surrounded by criss-crossing trails which take campers all over Stokes Forest. Our Hiking Club will get the chance to hike and map almost all of these trails, and explore the woods of Stokes more thoroughly than any other campers have before. Our Hiking Club will also get to take the Appliance Trail, and through Tilman’s Ravine, along the Appalachian Trail, and into the Delaware Watergap National Recreation Area and completing several hikes of 10 miles or less (still a challenge!).

Ranger level will thoroughly explore all the trails here on Camp and the neighboring ridges, lakes, waterfalls, and more venturing into the Delaware Watergap National Recreation Area and completing several hikes of 10 miles or more. Ranger level will thoroughly explore all the trails here on Camp and the neighboring ridges, lakes, waterfalls, and more venturing into the Delaware Watergap National Recreation Area and completing several hikes of 10 miles or more.

Our Ultra-Rangers will engage in several full day hikes exploring neighboring ridges, lakes, waterfalls, and more venturing into the Delaware Watergap National Recreation Area and completing several hikes of 10 miles or more.
4-H Camp News Team

There’s gonna be A LOT going on during 18 days in a row at 4-H Camp, and our ACTION NEWS TEAM is who we trust to report it all. From news casts during meals and morning meetings to a newspaper distributed to the cabins, our Action News Team will be writing (and performing) the first draft of Camp History.

The Lights Out Puzzle Society

New for ‘22!
Based in our brand-new 4-H Camp Library, this crew will play and participate in a variety of escape rooms, board games, camp-wide puzzles and mysteries as well as dabbling in some photography, filmmaking, and more.

Kid-Guarding 101

New for ‘22!
An exciting new component to our Leadership Training Programs, open to all campers 12 and up.
“Kidguarding” will give campers the opportunity to undergo the official American Health and Safety Institute training, administered by our own Infirmary Staff, and receive CABS (Child and Babysitting Safety) certification by the end of the course. They’ll also get to help organize, design, and run some 4-H Camp games and activities for their fellow campers.