



## 4-H STEM Camp at Canter's Cave

June 21 – 23, 2026

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Dear STEM Campers,

I hope everyone is ready for camp! We are so excited to welcome campers from across the state to Canter's Cave 4-H Camp for 4-H STEM Camp. As always, the nurse's station is the first place you will visit upon registration. Please enter through the Main Lodge doors and you will be directed from there to the nurses' tables for check-in. Reminder for those who are bringing medicine to camp it must be in its original container including camper's name and physician's directions. Please leave all your belongings in the car. After check-in you can take them directly to the cabin. There will be counselors and staff present to help you find your way. Please read the letter for pertinent information to make this a successful camp.

**Our science experiments begin: Sunday, June 21st with registration in the Main Lodge at 2:00 PM.** No early check-in. There will not be any supervision for youth who are brought to camp earlier than the listed registration time! Campers wishing to room with friends should plan to arrive at camp together. Campers can NOT sign other campers into their cabins.

**Once at camp, campers are expected to remain at camp** unless signed out by a parent or designated adult with written permission.

**Our science experiments end: Tuesday, June 23rd at 12:00 PM.** Parents may pick up campers by signing them out at the main lodge after 12:00 PM, and all campers need to be picked up no later than 1:00 PM. (Please note, for the safety of our campers, they must be released to a parent/guardian or another adult with written permission.)

**Health Concerns:** Please help us keep our camp safe and the camping experience enjoyable for all campers! **All health forms should be submitted online at <https://go.osu.edu/stemcamphealthform> at the time of submitting your camper registration.** Please indicate any special dietary needs or other special accommodations on these forms so that we can best prepare to accommodate your child's needs. For the health of camp, campers, counselors, and staff, temperatures will be checked upon arrival. Anyone found to have a temperature will be rechecked by the camp nurse and if found to still have a fever will not be allowed to stay at Camp. (They may return to Camp if their temperature returns to normal for 24 hours. However, they will be rechecked upon arrival.) Persons found to have head lice will also not be allowed to remain at Camp and will be sent home. Should your camper become ill or injured we will make every attempt to contact you by phone immediately. Please make sure the phone numbers you provide on your health forms are current, and please provide us with cell phone numbers and a backup emergency contact number of another family member. The nurse will collect all medications and they must be in the original container including physician's directions. The camp nurse will administer all medications listed on health forms.

**Camp Canteen:** Campers can choose to bring money to spend at the camp canteen. Please send small bills (\$1-\$5) with your camper. Change for larger amounts is not always available. Campers will not need large amounts of money during camp. (Camp shirts are again part of the registration fee). Snacks and drinks are also available during the week from the canteen (\$20 should be more than enough to cover any needs or wants your child may have at camp.) The Canteen will also be open during camp check-in and check-out if you would like to purchase something for your child. Canter's Cave is not responsible for lost or stolen money or for camp t-shirts found with no name.

**What to Bring:** Pillow, sleeping bag/bedding, twin sheets. Dirty clothes bag. Personal items (soap, toothpaste/brush, shampoo/conditioner, bath towel, shower shoes, deodorant, etc.) outdoor clothes, swimsuit (one piece is recommend), beach towel, sunscreen, small flashlight, small fan, insect repellent, water boots/shoes or old tennis shoes, (flip flops are not allowed outside of the pool/showers), disposable camera, 1-2 outfits per day, jacket or sweatshirt, jeans or sweat pants, pajamas, decorations for your cabin (best decorated cabin contest!). [A more in-depth packing list can be found in the camp handbook.](#)

**What NOT to Bring:** NO CELL PHONES, tobacco or marijuana products, alcoholic beverages, knives or firearms or other weapons, refrigerators, computer equipment, iPods, tablets or devices that connect to internet/use data, non-prescription drugs, explosives, fireworks, lighters or candles, personal sports equipment, and animals may NOT be brought to camp. The camp director may inspect or search possessions if there is a reasonable cause to suspect a camper may possess items which could cause harm. The use of cell phones at camp is against Ohio State University 4-H Camping policy. Campers found with prohibited items will be sent home.

**Strongly Discouraged Items:** Lots of extra food in the cabins (help us prevent critters!), anything of high value or sentiment. (Camp is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings.) Please label all items with the camper's name so they can be returned to your child if lost.

**In Case of Emergency:** Please call camp at (740) 286-4058 and ask for Maddie Allman-Winters, STEM Camp Program Director, or call her direct line at (740) 688-5032. If your call is not answered right away, please leave a message. You can also email at [allman.68@osu.edu](mailto:allman.68@osu.edu).

