

JUNIOR CAMPS

Number of camps held during summer of 1928.....

Number camps held for boys and girls.....

Number of girls attending.....

Number camps held for girls only.....

Number of girls attending.....

Number leaders attending camps.....

The necessity of using 4-H camps as a reward for club work well done has long been realized by the home agents. It is interesting therefore, to note the general trend away from the presentation of subject matter and how recreation is taking its place.

It is a source of pride to see the enthusiasm with which former club girls now in college assist in giving instruction and in sharing responsibility with the agent.

The following is a good example of how encampments are conducted.

"On Monday morning the boys and girls began arriving at six o'clock ready to go to camp, this kept up until two o'clock, when they left. Forty-seven girls and twenty-six boys had signed up to go but only thirty-two girls and seventeen boys came. Each boy and girl brought provisions consisting of vegetables, fruit, chickens, eggs, pickles, cakes, etc., and in addition paid one dollar each. This was supplemented by twenty-five dollars donated by the County Commissioners.

"The following persons went with us to assist with the recreation and swimming: Misses Louise Homewood, Gertrude Hobbs, Sara Foust; and Mr. B. A. Sides. At the camp we were joined by

twenty-six boys and girls from Rockingham County.

"Miss Keller and Mr. Walker, county agents, provided the chaperons and cooks. The chaperons were: Misses Ruth Humphries, Helen Smith, Keron Canady, Elizabeth Griffin, and Etta Jarrett.

"Upon arrival at camp the boys and girls were assigned their quarters and instructed to get them ready for night. No special program was carried out that afternoon, but after getting quarters ready all who wished took a swim. Others looked on or explored the grounds.

"The boys and girls were divided into four teams each with a captain and lieutenant. The teams were named Head, Heart, Hand, and Health. They were scored on the following points:

1. Cheerful obedience.
2. Prompt attendance.
3. Camp spirit.
4. Quiet after lights and rest period.
5. Inspection.

"Each night ribbons were awarded to the teams keeping these rules.

"All enjoyed a Brunswick stew with slaw, etc., for supper on Monday night, instead of the customary picnic which they usually had. After supper, songs and games were engaged in until bed time.

"The following routine was carried out each day:

7:00 Bugle.

7:15 Setting up exercises and swim.

7:50 Morning watch.
8:00 Breakfast.
8:45 - 9:15 Camp in order. Inspection
9:30 - 11:00 Instruction
11:00 - 12:00 Swim.
12:30 - 1:00 Dinner.
1:30 - 2:30 Rest.
2:30 - 4:00 Recreation.
4:00 Swim
6:30 Supper.
7:30 - 9:30 Vesper--songs, games, camp fire.

"For instruction on Tuesday, Mr. Walter E. Campbell, a nurseryman from Greensboro, took the children on a tour, selecting native shrubs suitable for home planting. Two groups went in the morning and the other after the rest period in the afternoon.

"On Wednesday morning we gathered and prepared honeysuckle to be used in making baskets. It rained Wednesday night so we had our exercises in the dining room. Mr. L. R. Harrill made a talk on the national club camp and directed the games and songs.

"Thursday Miss Georgia Clapp of Guilford County came over for two days' instruction in basket making. That afternoon Mr. James Cray, State Farm Agent, made an interesting talk on the history of agriculture. After vesper service songs and a stunt were given by each team. Mr. Harrill talked about the meaning of the 4-H's and directed the pageant, "Spirit of the 4-H Clubs," lighting the four small fires from the central fire and the candles of each team from their individual fire. This is always a very impressive service.

"Friday morning Miss Clapp gave further instructions in basket making. The boys had instructions in rope work and terracing, the latter given by Mr. A. T. Holman of Raleigh. At noon the final award of ribbons was made and prizes presented to the Heart team of girls and the Hand team of boys for winning the greatest number of ribbons. The Rockingham County Creamery donated five gallons of ice cream for dinner that day.

"We left camp at two o'clock on Friday, everyone saying they had had a good time and most of them wanting to stay longer."