Youth Camper Supervision

1. 4-H Camps will recruit, train and bring to camp enough staff, ages 16 to adult to provide a minimum of 1 staff person for each 8 campers at camp.

2. Of the staff used to provide the 1:8 youth camper supervision ratio, 80% must be 18 years of age or older.
   a. Example Camp 1
      62 campers are expected to attend camp
      8 staff are needed to meet the 1:8 staff: camper ratio
      7 of the 8 staff must be 18 years of age or older
   b. Example Camp 2
      156 campers are expected to attend camp
      20 staff are needed to meet the 1:8 staff: camper ratio
      16 of the 20 staff must be 18 years of age or older

Teen Participant Supervision

3. For the purposes of supervision of youth campers, 4-H participants, ages 14-15 years of age, are not considered staff.

4. Camps may include 4-H participants ages 14-15 in junior leadership capacities or CIT type programs.

5. Camps may recruit, train and bring to camp more youth ages 16-17 than are needed for the 1:8 staff: camper supervision ratio.

6. To supervise each teen participant, ages 14-17, camps will recruit, train and bring to camp one staff person 18 years of age or older for each 10 teen participants. 4-H camps often bring a large number of teen participants to camp in learning and leadership roles. This policy is intended to provide adequate supervision of the teens without penalizing 4-H camps for the large number of teens enrolled in their leadership programs.
   a. Example Camp 1
      2 junior leaders are 14-15 years of age
      6 staff are 16-17 years of age
      8 total teen participants need supervision
      1 staff person 18 years of age or older is needed in addition to the 7 staff needed in Example 2a above
      8 total staff members must be 18 years of age or older
   b. Example Camp 2
      6 junior leaders are 14-15 years of age
      14 staff are 16-17 years of age
      20 total teen participants need supervision
      2 staff persons 18 years of age or older is needed in addition to the 16 staff needed in Example 2b above
      18 total staff members must be 18 years of age or older

Please see worksheet on page 2 –
# Oregon 4-H Youth Development Camp Supervision Worksheet

## Camper Supervision

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<td>(1)</td>
<td>Enter the number of campers to be enrolled in camp</td>
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| (2)  | Divide the number of campers in box (1) by 8, round up to the nearest whole number.  
*This is the minimum number of staff needed for camper supervision.* |
| (3)  | Multiply box (2) by .80, round up to the nearest whole number.  
*This is the minimum number of staff age 18+ needed for camper supervision. 80% of the staff required in box(2) must be 18+ years of age.* |

## Teen Participant Supervision

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<td>Enter the number of participants ages 14-15</td>
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<td>Enter the number of participants ages 16-17</td>
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<td>(6)</td>
<td>Add box (4) and box (5) =</td>
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| (7)  | Divide box (6) by 10  
*This is the minimum number of staff age 18+ needed for teen supervision* |

## Total number of staff ages 18+ needed for camper & teen supervision

Add box (3) and box (7) = (8)

## Overall Staff: Camper Supervision Ratio

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<td>Enter actual number of staff ages 16-17 planned at camp</td>
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<td>(10)</td>
<td>Enter actually number of staff ages 18+ planned at camp</td>
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<td>(11)</td>
<td>Add box (9) and box (10) =</td>
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<td>(12)</td>
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| (13) | Divide box (12) by box (11), round up to the nearest whole number.  
*This is the number of campers for each staff person. This number should be 8 or less. A minimum 1 staff person for each 8 campers is required.* |

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