

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp

Ages 6 - 12

Jimmy James Adventure Teen Trip and Travel Camp

Ages 12 - 15



Summer 2026

Parent Handbook

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

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Dear Camper Families,

Thank you for choosing **Jamestown 4-H Educational Center** for your child's summer camp experience. We know you have many options, and we are truly excited that you've chosen to be part of our camp family. We look forward to sharing an incredible summer through both our **Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp** and our **Teen Adventure Trip & Travel Day Camp** programs.

At Jamestown, we believe today's campers are tomorrow's leaders. Our camper-centered programs challenge youth in a safe, fun-filled environment where friendships grow and lasting memories are made. Whether your family is new to camp or returning, our staff are committed to helping each child thrive - both as an individual and as part of a group - while discovering more about themselves and the world around them.

Our dedicated staff, unique facilities, and intentional programming work together to build confidence and encourage independence within a nurturing camp community. Through hands-on, experiential learning, youth of all ages develop life skills that help them become **"Beyond Ready"** for the future. We are excited to partner with you this summer to support your child's growth and success.

Please review the enclosed information carefully as you prepare for this enriching experience. Our day camp program fills quickly, and we are typically unable to accommodate changes to week selections after registration. Please note that deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you and your camper. Be sure to explore our year-round youth and family programs on our website, as we continually add new opportunities for children and adults of all ages.

Thank you again for choosing Jamestown 4-H Educational Center.

Warmly,

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Welcome to the Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp

Adventure Day Camp is the perfect place for your child's summer to shine. Guided by our professional, caring staff, we provide a safe, engaging environment where children learn, grow, and thrive.

Campers take part in age-appropriate activities designed to build leadership, encourage independence, and spark lasting friendships. Our **Traditional Day Camp** welcomes children ages **6–12**, while our **Teen Day Camp** is designed for youth ages **12–15***.

**(Twelve-year-olds may choose the program that best matches their interests.)*

Each day begins with campers gathering together for smiles, songs, and a flag-raising ceremony that sets the tone for an exciting day ahead. Campers are then grouped into “Packs” of **8–12 peers of similar age**, led by enthusiastic counselors (age 18+) who are dedicated to creating a positive and memorable experience.

Our daily schedule is filled with a wide variety of activities, including **one hour of pool time** for both instructional and recreational swimming. Each week features a fun and creative **camp theme**, with Fridays reserved for our beloved **BIG Camp Day**- a highlight for campers and staff alike.

For those who want to dive even deeper, optional **boating lessons** add an extra splash of adventure to the summer. **Join us for a summer filled with growth, laughter, friendship, and unforgettable discoveries!**

SUMMER 2026

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Session 8	August 10– August 14	Legends of The Tide
Session 9	August 17- August 21	Aloha Summer



One-Week Sessions Monday-Friday **\$295/week**

7:30 AM– 5:30 PM Lunch and Snack Provided

Optional Program-

Boating Lessons for ages 9-12 (Must be a green or blue swimmer)

Monday-Friday **\$60/week** 4:30-5:30



We do not turn away families due to inability to pay. Ask about potential scholarships.

Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp Ages 6-12

Day Camp Schedule

- 7:30-8:45** Arrival and Welcome
- 9:00 Flag-Raising/Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 Activity One
- 10:15 Activity Two
- 11:15 Lunch
- 11:45-12:30 Siesta
- 12:30-2:00 Swimming
- 2:15 Activity Three
- 3:00 Snack
- 3:14-4:00 Activity Four
- 4:00 Flag Lowering/Awards
- 4:30-5:30** Departure
- 4:30-5:30 Watercraft– Boating Lessons*

*Additional Fee



Activities

Aquatics— Swimming, Corcl's, (all ages), Boating*

Creative Arts—Arts and Crafts, Music

Athletics- Cooperative Games, Rotating Sports

Nature Programs- Marine Ecology, Wildlife Ecology

Adventure- Challenge Course*, Archery*

Big Days and Special Events

Special guests and surprises related to theme!

*Age Restrictions



Theme Weeks– Traditional Day Camp Ages 6-12

Session One – Into the Wild

(June 15-June 19)

Lions and tigers and FUN- oh my! Campers will roar and explore their way through an exciting wildlife adventure filled with animal inspired games, creative crafts, hands-on activities, and nonstop laughs. From jungle journeys to wildlife wonders, this week is packed with discovery and excitement for every naturalist explorer ready to go... *into the wild!*

Session Two – Superhero Academy

(June 29-July 3)

Not all heroes wear capes! Campers will train like legendary superheroes while discovering the power of real-life, everyday heroes. Through epic missions, teamwork challenges, creative activities, and classic camp fun, campers will learn that courage, kindness, leadership, and teamwork are the true superpowers that make anyone a hero. Every camper has a superpower.

Session Three – Wizards and Wings

(July 6- July 10)

Campers will step into a world of imagination, mystery, and wonder- where creativity takes flight and every day feels a little enchanted. From wizard-in-training moments to winged adventures, campers will explore mystical challenges, whimsical crafts, and imaginative play as they laugh, create, and soar through a truly magical week.

Session Four – World Sports Week

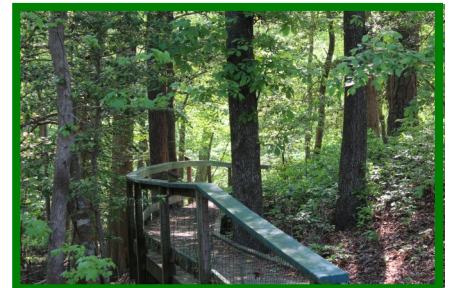
(July 13-July 17)

Travel the globe through sports and games from around the world! Campers will try new activities, learn about international cultures, and develop sportsmanship through friendly competition, teamwork and high-energy fun while celebrating the excitement of the World Cup with themed games, challenges and country-inspired activities!

Session Five – River Rangers

(July 20-July 24)

Adventure meets conservation! Campers will explore the wildlife that calls the river home while learning why protecting it matters. From curious critters to riverside discoveries, this week is all about getting a little muddy, working together, and enjoying the beauty of nature. Adventure, teamwork, environmental stewardship, and classic camp fun come together for an unforgettable outdoor experience.



Session Six – Jurassic Camp

(July 27-July 31)

Stomp, chomp, and dig into the past! Campers will travel back in time for a week of prehistoric fun. Filled with dino-themed games, hands-on activities, creative crafts, and exciting discoveries there will be an era for all. From fossil finds to Jurassic-sized imagination, this week is dino-mite fun for every budding paleontologist ready to explore

Session Seven – Jedi Training: Star Wars

(August 3-August 7)

Step into a galaxy far, far away at Jedi Training! Campers will train like legendary Jedi as they learn the ways of the Force, practice lightsaber skills, and take on thrilling galactic challenges. Through teamwork, courage, and imagination, young Padawans will discover the hero within them during an action-packed week of interstellar fun.

Session Eight – Legends of the Tide

(August 10-August 14)

Ahoy, young adventurers! Where the river meets the sea, legends come alive. Campers will dive into a world shaped by the tides- with pirate adventures, imaginative play, and classic camp programs. From daring challenges to salty sea stories, this week is packed with swashbuckling excitement and discovery.

Session Nine – Aloha Summer

(August 17-August 21)

Aloha! Get ready for a tropical adventure as we celebrate a legendary send-off to summer. Campers will dive into island-inspired games, create colorful crafts, and soak up the cheerful spirit of the tropics. With sunshine, laughter, and friendship, Aloha Summer is the perfect way to end the season on a high note!



Jimmy James Adventure Teen Day Camp

Our **Teen Trip & Travel Day Camp** is designed specifically for youth ages **12–15!** We continually evaluate and adapt our programs, and this year is no exception. As one of the six 4-H Centers in the Commonwealth, we are proud to support our teens in becoming **“Beyond Ready.”**

Beyond Ready is 4-H’s national initiative to equip 10 million youth by 2030 to thrive in a changing world — focusing not only on future careers, but also on developing essential life skills, resilience, purpose, and leadership to succeed in all aspects of life, today and tomorrow. We believe **camp is one of the best places to bring this mission to life.**

Our Teen Program is led by a team of enthusiastic, experienced Program Staff who are passionate about creating meaningful, engaging activities tailored specifically to teens. While the program runs alongside our traditional Day Camp, teens enjoy **exclusive experiences, special trips, and extended activities** designed to keep them active, challenged, and excited to participate.

Whether they’re building leadership skills, stepping outside their comfort zone, or simply enjoying time with peers, this program is intentionally crafted to give teens the **independence, connection, and unforgettable experiences** they’re looking for.

Space in our Teen Day Camp is limited, so don’t miss the chance to give your teen a summer filled with adventure, growth, and memories they’ll treasure for a lifetime.

SUMMER 2026– TEEN Schedule

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One-Week Sessions Monday-Friday are **\$380/week (TEEN DAY CAMP)**

On Monday/Wednesday/Friday all programs onsite at Jamestown 4-H

Tuesdays and Thursdays we will be offsite



Teen Program

Teens will spend three days onsite at Jamestown and two days offsite under the supervision and direction of the Jamestown 4-H Camp Staff and partnerships within our community.

Onsite activities will include classic camp favorites and offsite trips will provide new adventures and opportunities to connect with peers and explore new places.

Onsite Activities:

Aquatics

Swimming and Boating
Canoe/Kayak/SUP
Raft Building

Teambuilding

Group Games/Initiatives
Low Ropes Course
Leadership and Service

Creative Arts

Arts and Crafts
Music/Performing Arts
Photography
Woodworking
Leathercraft
Cooking

Nature and Outdoor Living Skills

Ecologies	Fishing/Kayak Fishing
Marine Science	Map and Compass/Orienteering
Outdoor Cooking	Beginner Camping

Athletics

Watersports
Court Sports
Field Sports
Biking (onsite and offsite)

Target Sports

Archery
Rifles



As part of the Teen Camp, teens will be invited back for future teen programs throughout the year to grow in leadership and build life-skills.

Offsite trips are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see next page.



For the Teens...

Week 1: Into the Wild

Teens step into the great outdoors to explore ecosystems, wildlife, and environmental science through hands-on adventures and nature discovery. From forest trails to interactive exhibits, this week sparks curiosity about the natural world and our role in protecting it.

6/16 – Chippokes State Park

Explore forests, river views, and Virginia history while hiking scenic trails, observing wildlife, and learning about local ecosystems along the James River.

6/18 – Science Museum of Virginia

Dive into interactive exhibits that bring science, technology, engineering, and discovery to life through hands-on learning and creative exploration.

Week 2: Superhero Academy

Teens train like real-life heroes by building teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills while learning how everyday people serve and protect our communities.

6/30 – James City Police Department

Meet local officers, explore police vehicles and equipment, and learn how teamwork and quick thinking help keep our community safe.

7/02 – James City Fire Department

Get an up-close look at fire trucks and gear while discovering fire safety, emergency response, and what it takes to be a real-world hero.

Week 3: Wizards and Wings

A week filled with wonder, gardens, and amazing animals inspires imagination and curiosity as teens explore magical landscapes and fascinating creatures.

7/07 – Maymont Park

Wander through beautiful gardens, visit historic spaces, and meet wildlife while learning how nature, history, and conservation come together.

7/09 – Virginia Living Museum

Experience native animals and habitats through immersive exhibits and outdoor trails that connect science, conservation, and hands-on discovery.

Week 4: World Sports Week

Campers travel the globe through athletic challenges, teamwork, and cultural exploration while learning how sports connect people across history and continents.

7/14 – Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Discover how sports, traditions, and teamwork shaped Virginia's past and present through interactive exhibits and storytelling.

7/16 – Stadium Behind-the-Scenes

Go on a behind the scenes tour of one of our local sports venues!

Week 5: River Rangers

Teens dive into aquatic ecosystems and environmental science as they explore waterways, marine life, and the importance of protecting our natural resources through exciting outdoor adventures.

7/21 – Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Learn from real scientists while discovering ocean research, coastal habitats, and the fascinating creatures that call Virginia's waters home.

7/23 – Discovery Boat Tours

Cruise the river and observe local wildlife while learning about maritime history, ecosystems, and life along the shoreline.

Week 6: Jurassic Camp

A prehistoric adventure brings ancient worlds to life as campers investigate fossils, explore nature, and uncover connections between long-extinct creatures and the animals we see today.

7/28 – Virginia Living Museum

Encounter reptiles, mammals, and engaging exhibits that reveal how modern wildlife links back to ancient times.

7/30 – York State Park

Explore wooded trails and open outdoor spaces perfect for hands-on discovery, observation, and adventurous exploration.

Week 7: Jedi Training

Teens sharpen their minds and bodies through science challenges, agility activities, and problem-solving missions while training like legendary galactic heroes.

8/4 – Virginia Air & Space Museum

Discover the wonders of flight, space exploration, and aviation technology through immersive exhibits and hands-on learning.

8/6 – Science Museum of Virginia

Dive deeper into exciting experiments and interactive displays that bring science and innovation to life.

Week 8: Legends of the Tide

Mystery and maritime history come alive as campers explore nautical lore, pirates, and life at sea through immersive experiences and seafaring adventures.

8/11 – Nauticus

Explore historic ships and maritime exhibits that celebrate naval history, ocean travel, and life on the water.

8/13 – Yorktown Pirate Ship

Set sail on a swashbuckling river voyage filled with pirate stories, hands-on fun, and high-seas adventure.

Week 9: Aloha Summer

Campers celebrate island-inspired creativity and culture through art, imagination, and hands-on exploration from around the world. Trips TBD!



Arrivals and Departures - Please REVIEW this carefully!

The daily schedule is planned with your camper in mind. Our camp day begins just as your child arrives and we have full days of activities planned with built-in transition times that work within our activity schedule. Late arrivals and early departures are discouraged as this impacts other members of your child's pack and can hold up activities for the entire group. We have **windows of time** "open for check-in/check-out" scheduled throughout the day when we have staff available to welcome your campers. Please review this information carefully as you plan your summer schedule.

Arrival time in the morning:

Campers are welcome as early as **7:30 AM** daily. We are not able to sign in campers before this time as our camp staff is preparing for the day.

Check-in is OPEN until 8:45 AM. Our programs begin promptly at 9 AM daily. Please make sure your camper is on time. By 9:00 AM all of our campers and staff are fully engaged in programs throughout the property. A late arrival takes our staff away from directly supervising children. For this reason, we have set the times that work within our schedule.

The check-in station will be **CLOSED** from 8:45 AM through 12 Noon, so please plan accordingly.

Check-in/out **OPENS** again from **Noon-12:30 PM**

This is our next available open window.

Departures in the afternoon:

We will OPEN up check-out at **4:30 PM daily for our TRADITIONAL DAY CAMP ONLY.** Children are actively engaged in programs throughout the property up until 4:30PM. Again, early departures are disruptive to the group. Please ensure you arrive at camp no later than 5:30 PM daily to pick up your child. Our day camp staff must quickly transition to dinner and our resident camp program. If your camper is participating in **BOATING LESSONS**, pick-up time is **5:30 PM.**

We will always do our best to accommodate you, but we ask that you follow these guidelines as you plan your summer schedule. We know that a doctor/dentist appointment may come up on occasion, and of course, we will make arrangements for you for in these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation

TEEN SCHEDULE- THIS PROGRAM RUNS MONDAY-FRIDAY with offsite travel on Tuesdays and Thursdays

TEEN Drop-Off Time: 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

TEEN Pick-Up Time: 5:30 PM

Please be aware that these times are firm, without exception, and we cannot accommodate early drop-offs, or early & late pick-ups due to traveling offsite. Your understanding and cooperation help us ensure a safe and organized program for everyone. If your teen cannot be here for the full camp day on Tuesday or Thursday. PLEASE do not sign up for that week or plan to keep your teen home the day of the scheduling conflict. Keep in mind, pick up time is at 5:30PM for all teens.

Staff

At Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp, our staff is the heart of everything we do. They are dedicated to providing an unforgettable camping experience that creates lasting memories, encourages authentic friendships, and builds essential life skills. Our staff is more than a team- they're mentors who create a sense of community, instill an atmosphere of belonging, and deliver programs designed to challenge and inspire your child to reach their full potential. Carefully selected for their enthusiasm, professionalism, and ability to serve as positive role models, each team member undergoes an extensive application, interview, and national background check process. Our diverse team includes local college students and International Camp Counselors from around the world, bringing unique perspectives and experiences to enrich our camp community. Every staff member completes two weeks of comprehensive orientation and training prior to the start of camp to ensure they are prepared to provide a safe, fun, and supportive environment for every camper. Our Day Camp staff are at least 18 years old and are guided by our year-round professional leadership team, ensuring your child has the best possible camp experience.



Lunch and Snacks

Lunch will be served daily for all campers/teens, along with an afternoon snack to keep your child energized and ready for fun! Please refer to the sample menu below for an idea of what to expect. We will have to-go lunches for the teen group on trip days.

If your child has a food allergy, please contact us before your camp week so we can discuss accommodations. While we do our best to meet dietary needs, if the menu doesn't align with your child's requirements, you are welcome to pack a lunch from home.

Please note: **We are a nut-free facility.** To ensure the safety of all campers, please do not send your child with peanut butter, tree nuts, or any nut-containing products.

Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable dining experience for every camper. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to our team!

Sample Summer Lunch Menu (2026 menu will be posted on our website in early May)

Monday	Turkey and Cheese Hoagies/Let/Tom Chips Apples/Oranges Brownies	Thursday Chicken Sandwich Waffle Fries Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Tenders Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Fruit	Friday Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Macaroni Salad Watermellon Big Cookie
Wednesday	Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza French Fries Carrots with Ranch Dressing	



Swimming

Swimming is one of the most popular activities. Campers will have the opportunity to enjoy pool time every day, supervised by our certified American Red Cross Lifeguards. To ensure the highest level of safety, we also have spotters and lookouts in the water alongside campers during all swimming activities.



Swim “Quest” for Safety

On the first day of camp, all campers will take a swim “quest” to determine their swimming level. For campers who are non-swimmers, we provide U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) during recreational swim time to ensure they feel confident and secure in the water.

Water Safety Is Our Priority

We take water safety very seriously at Jamestown. While your camper may be comfortable in the water at home or other swim programs, our staff will assign swim levels based on their performance in our swim “quest” prioritizing their safety above all else.

Waterfront Programs

Every camper at our Day Camp will have the chance to experience the beauty and adventure of our waterfront during their week with us. Our waterfront programs are designed to inspire curiosity, foster a love for nature, and provide hands-on learning opportunities.

Activities include:



- **Marine Ecology:** Campers will explore the fascinating world of aquatic life and ecosystems through engaging, age-appropriate activities.
- **Nature Walks:** Guided walks along our scenic Wetlands Walkway offer opportunities to observe wildlife and learn about the unique natural environment surrounding the camp.
- **Small Craft Adventures**– We may introduce the use of corcl’s, canoes or kayaks based on skill level throughout the summer. All waterfront programs are taught and supervised by American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguards. All waterfront activities are led by trained lifeguards who are also certified to facilitate specific boating programs, ensuring both safety and fun for every camper.
- **Evening Boating Lessons**- For campers looking to enhance their skills on the river, boating lessons are available for campers ages 9-12, giving them a chance to explore new water-based skills and adventures. *additional fee

What to Bring and Wear to Camp

Each camper must wear closed-toed shoes, such as sneakers. Most activities done at camp require such footwear at all times. We also recommend clothing that can get dirty, since camp is mostly outdoors! Campers need to bring the following items daily:

- **Water Bottle**
- Swimsuit/Towel
- Change of clothes
- Sunscreen
- Closed-toes shoes (worn for most activities)- Water shoes or flip flops ok at pool only. *CROCS are NOT considered closed toed shoes.*

Items Not Permitted at Jimmy James Adventure Camp

Cell phones, Smart Watches, computers, video games, knives, weapons, fireworks, aerosol spray, wheeled shoes, skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates and money. Please make sure your camper leaves their favorite toys/games/trading cards at home! If these items are brought to camp, they will be held by the Camp Director and returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the day.



Medications

Children may not keep medications with them. All medications must be turned over to our medical staff upon arrival. Medication **MUST** be in its original container and clearly labeled with written directions signed by the parent. If your camper has medication such as an inhaler or Epi-Pen, their Pack Leader will carry it with them. **Our Medical Staff will not administer any medications not in the original container or without a doctor's prescription.**

Lost and Found

Please make sure all of your camper's items are clearly marked with his/her first and last name. We try to manage lost and found items continually throughout the camp season, but it is a challenge! If you discover your child is missing something upon their return home, please notify the Day Camp Director, in writing, so that we may assist you in finding your lost items. Lost and found items are not the responsibility of Jamestown 4-H Educational Center.

Camp Store

Campers will have the opportunity to visit the camp store on Thursdays. We do not accept any cash. Money can be left on your camper's account in CampMinder. Store items will be posted on our website in May.

Behavior at Camp

Our staff will make every effort to provide positive, realistic expectations for your child. Campers that cannot live within the rules of camp, or those that are adversely affecting the experience of other children, will be dismissed without a refund. In this case, it is the parent's responsibility to come to camp to pick up their children.

Zero Tolerance Policy

For the safety of your child and everyone at camp, the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center will not tolerate any of the following:

- Offensive or threatening language
- Bullying (physical or emotional)
- Physical violence or abuse
- Possession or use of any illegal substances, alcohol, tobacco, lighters, matches or knives (including pocket knives) or any other instruments that may be construed as a weapon.

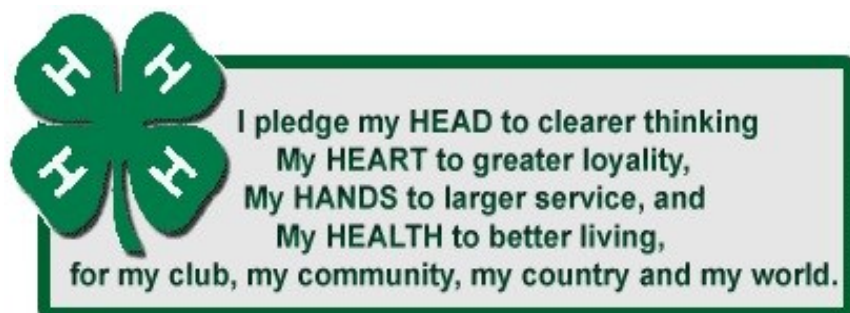
Any of the above actions will require immediate dismissal from camp with no refund.

Licensing and Accreditation

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center is inspected annually by the Virginia Health Department. Additionally, we are accredited by the American Camp Association. We are proud to meet and/or exceed the nationally recognized standards of quality for youth camping.

Pack-Mate Requests

We will begin accepting pack-mate requests **in writing starting on June 1st**. Campers are grouped by age based on their exact birthdate. Enrollment varies each week, and rosters for the upcoming week are finalized on **Thursdays**. All requests must be received **by end of business (EOB) on Thursday** to be considered. While we do our best to honor requests, we cannot guarantee placement due to age group structures and weekly enrollment numbers. On rare occasions, we may move an older child into a younger age group; however, we will not move a younger camper into an older group. We accept **one-to-one (1:1) requests only**. This helps ensure every camper has the opportunity to make new friends. We try to avoid placing a camper into an established group of returning friends when they are new to camp. In our experience, one-to-one requests lead to the most positive social experience for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Meet a few members our Team!



Hi! My name is Louise, many people also call me Ether. I'm from Scotland and have been working with children of all ages for around 10 years. I've always known that working with children is my passion, and I'm thankful that I get to fulfill that passion. I will be one of your Day Camp Directors this summer! I first came to Jamestown in 2022 as seasonal staff and quickly fell in love with the camp and everything we do here. Five summers later, I'm still here and continue to enjoy every moment. I love crafts, playing games, dancing, and spending time with as many campers as possible. I'm very excited for another summer at Jamestown, reconnecting with returning campers and welcoming a whole new group. I can't wait!



My name is Rob, though at camp I am known as Ren. I joined the Jamestown 4 H Center staff in 2023 and quickly found a home working with campers of all ages, especially teens. I began as a counselor with the Jimmy James Adventure Day Camp, where I worked with many campers who are now part of our teen program. I currently serve as the Outdoor Education Coordinator, a role that allows me to combine my academic background in wildlife conservation with my passion for experiential learning. I enjoy introducing campers to a wide range of outdoor activities, including boating, biking, swimming, archery, and other hands on adventures that build confidence and connection to the natural world. In the summer of 2025, I stepped into the role of Teen Day Camp Director, which has become my favorite program at the center. I take pride in mentoring teens as they develop independence, communication skills, and sportsmanship while challenging themselves in new ways. My goal is to help create a welcoming environment where every camper can grow, feel supported, and leave with lasting memories and friendships.



Hello! My name is Benjamin, or camp name Lightyear, and I am the full-time Program Director. I am also the Summer Resident Camp Director for the 4-H Junior Camp. I started at Jamestown in Summer 2025. I am originally from Florida. I started camping at 4-H camp when I was 10 and never stopped. I have worked as summer staff at both 4-H Camp Cloverleaf and 4-H Camp Timpoochee in Florida. Some of my favorite activities at camp are archery, general sports, and lifeguarding. Outside of camp, I love photography, the art of Bonsai, and keeping up with my favorite sports teams. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at camp this summer!



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