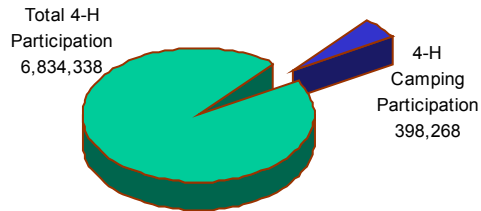


# 4-H CAMPING

Camping has long been used as a means through which to recruit and involve youth in the 4-H program throughout the United States. 4-H Camping has and continues to be a proven and effective method of reaching and teaching youth educational programming since the first county 4-H camp was conducted in 1915.

With a rich history of 4-H camping programs conducted at the county, district, and state levels, both residential and day 4-H camps have been used as a tool to involve youth in hands-on life skill development.

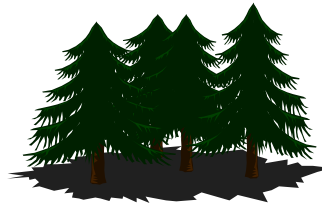


The 4-H National Council website lists over 130 camps in 37 states that are used by over 398,000 youth of all ages. Over 2.5 million youth indicate being involved in short-term projects such as day camps or environmental educational activities. In addition to residential and day camp programs, 4-H has urban camps and centers located in major cities like Atlanta, Detroit and Los Angeles.

The National 4-H Conference Center has many programs offering courses in leadership, citizenship, government and history.

In every activity area 4-H focuses on youth development, self-esteem, team building and learning by doing. Many of our camps are staging areas for intrastate, international and high-adventure activities. And enjoy diverse social populations.

To find out what camping, educational and social adventure experiences are available, call your local Cooperative Extension Service, which has over 3,000 county locations across the Country.

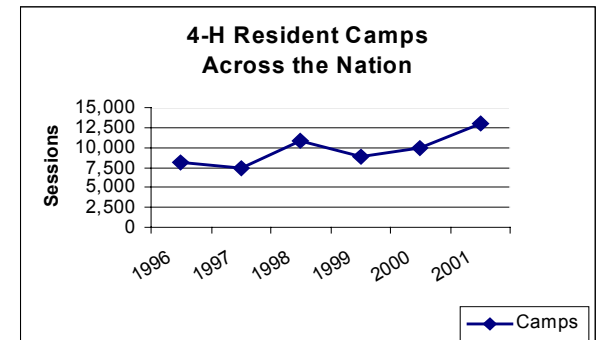
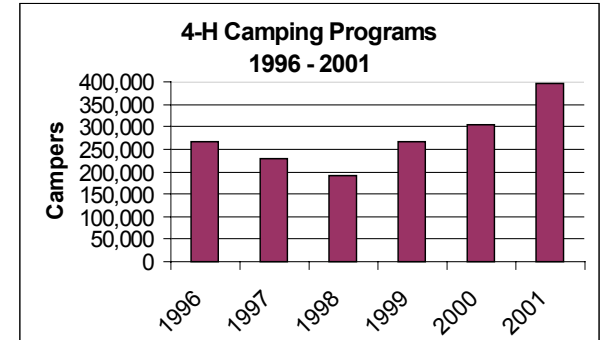


## OUR GOAL

*To advance the knowledge of camping and environmental education subjects to NAE4-HA members and communicate the value of this to administrators in every state.*



# 4-H STATISTICS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES 1996-2001



## Just A Few of the Benefits a 4-H Camp Experience Can Supply

- ✻ Exposure to the 4-H Philosophy and programs.
- ✻ Realizing the satisfaction and dignity of work.
- ✻ Developing leadership and followership talents and abilities.
- ✻ Helping youth learn the decision-making process.
- ✻ Learning intelligent self-direction with a concern for the rights of others.
- ✻ Exploring career opportunities and continuing needed education.
- ✻ Learning constructive use of leisure time.
- ✻ Practicing healthful living.
- ✻ Seeing one's relationship to your environment.
- ✻ Appreciating nature.
- ✻ Strengthening personal standards and citizenship ideals.
- ✻ Cultivating a desire and ability to cooperate with others.
- ✻ Character building.

## Camping and Environment Education Programs Sub Committee

*The success of the NAE4-HA committees depends on the involvement of the membership participating in the work of the committee at the National Meeting. We strongly encourage each state to have at least one member become involved in our committee work. Our committee would like to have a state representative on each of our Task Forces. Come join us! Many hands working together can accomplish a great deal that will benefit personally and professionally.*

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## National 4-H Camping

