

Shopper's Guide Article for 5-30-2017

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4-Her's Fill Summertime with Camp

When school is out, summer fun begins! Individuals who are involved in 4-H are given the opportunity to attend different camps. Camps are a great way for the youth to develop the Kansas 4-H Life Skills. These life skills include: healthy interpersonal relationships, sound decision making, a positive self-concept, an inquiring mind and concern for the community.

Butler County 4-Her's will attend two different camps. The last week of May, 10 Butler County 4-H delegates will Make A Splash at Discovery Days. Discovery Days is held on the campus of Kansas State University and open to youth 13 to 18 years old. Youth get to explore many different educational opportunities that would help them find their passion and further their knowledge in their anticipated career field. This experience was focused on action oriented learning activities, fun tours and evening social events where they meet new people, build leadership skills and grow as a person. These opportunities included: exploring the health care field, nutrition, leadership, photography, cake decorating, veterinary medicine, zoo careers, Tuttle Creek Lake experience, technology in agriculture, Outdoor games for fun and fitness, bowling, and the Sheep & Meat Goat Center tour just to name a few.

Rock Springs provides another great opportunity to 4-Hers to enhance their 4-H Life Skills. 7 youth in 1st and 2nd grade, 30 youth in 3rd through 7th grade and 9 youth counselors will embrace their opportunity to spend a few days at Rock Springs attending OzSome 4-H Camp. The children, under the watchful eye and mentoring of their counselors will explore canoeing, archery and rifles, and horseback riding along with various other activities such as the Prairie Learning Center, Migration Madness, Stream Study, Arts & Crafts, leadership adventure course, and other fun hands-on activity. All of these activities engage youth in group activities, communication, team building, leadership skills, meeting new people, and growing as a person. Social events also available included a night swim, campfire, movie and dance.

Neither of these camps would be possible if it was not for all of the adults and volunteers who commit their time to making them a success. I am confident that Butler County youth will Make A Splash and have an OzSome time at the respective camps this year! If you are looking for great group and fun activities for your children, consider joining Butler County 4-H! You can find us on the web at www.butler.ksu.edu or by calling our office at (316) 321-9660.