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Happy New Year!



Happy 2014! I hope the New Year is off to a good start for each and everyone of you! We have a lot of new families and I am excited to see what 2014 holds!

With some changes already made and more coming down the pike, by hanging in there and helping each other out, we will all get through them together! Some of the changes have come down from the State such as the VIP changes. Others, we have been working on to streamline the process

and make things for more user friendly!

If you have a thought or suggestion of something that would help the process out, please let us know. We, by all means, can't change everything, but we can take a look to see if there's a way to make it more user friendly!

As we go through the year, remember, we are here to help! I say that honestly and sincerely. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail. I look forward to seeing you at events and working with you!

~Charlene

Record Books

You may recall, from back in November at the Achievement Celebration we had a record number of record books turned in! A wonderful group of volunteers got together to judge them.

6 of the County Champion record books were

turned in to be judged on the Regional level. Amanda Becker, Amy Varner, Danielle Chilcott and Faith Hadley each turned in books.

Danielle's Foods & Nutrition and Faith's Citizenship books were selected to be judged at the

State level. Both of those categories had several record books turned into be judged and theirs were selected as being in the top 2!

Congratulations to Danielle and Faith! We wish them the best of luck at the State judging!



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Knowledge for Life

Leader's Lounge

Calling all Community Leader's! Each month I will have a section for you as a "check-up" and serve as a reminder of things to do. If there is something you would like to see, don't hesitate to let me know!

We are into our third month of the new 4-H Year. I hope you are starting to settle in!

Review

- _____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- _____ Review information with your club

To-Do

- _____ Make sure all VIP's are turned in
- _____ Make sure all 4-H Enrollment cards are turned in
- _____ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed
- _____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office
- _____ Check your club's progress towards goal you set
- _____ Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- _____ Project Leaders conducting project meetings
- _____ Turn in registration for County 4-H Days
- _____ Watch closely for 4-H Days door monitor assignments

Promote/Recruit

- _____ 4-H Camp May 28-30
- _____ 4-H Discovery Days the first week of June
- _____ 4-H Camp Counselors needed for 4-H Camp (go up on May 27)

Remember

- _____ If you need to cancel for 4-H days, call the extension office by noon on February 7th
- _____ 4-H Days will be held on Feb 8th at the Community College
- _____ A new 4-H policy went into effect in Oct. If you are making changes to Bylaws etc, make sure they meet the policy!



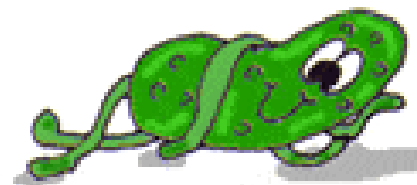
If your actions
inspire other to
dream more, learn
more, do more and
become more, you
are a leader."

~John Quincy
Adams

4-H Days

February 8th, 2014 at Butler Community College, 901 S. Haverhill Rd., El Dorado

- 1) Entries are due by 5:00 pm on January 22nd.
- 2) Scheduling—Scheduling of youth and events will take place on January 27th. We will have the schedule out just as soon as possible!
- 3) Room Monitors—Each club will be responsible for room monitors. Those will be assigned as we are doing the scheduling.
- 4) Cancellations—We know last minute events and illnesses happen. If at all possible, please let us know by Noon on Friday the 7th if you know you will not be there. If you wake up sick that morning, please stay home and call your community leader to let them know you won't be there!
- 5) Guidelines, Scorecards, Etc—Can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu. Community Leaders also have been asked to send them out to everyone!
- 6) Pickle Power: A No-Prep, Drop-In Event at 4-H Days! - Solve a dilemma, eat a pickle! 4-Her's of any age can drop-in from 1:30 pm—4:00 pm at 4-H Days to receive a dilemma.
- 7) Regional 4-H Days will be held on March 15th. Those receiving top blues at County 4-H Days will be eligible to participate in Regionals.
- 8) There will be no FCS judging contest at 4-H Days this year. Stay tuned for further information on FCS judging.



4-H Camp

May 28th—31st (counselors go up on the 27th)

- 1) Rookie Campers—Rookie Campers will BE LIMITED this year. 45 spaces are open and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Look to the back of this newsletter for the form, but please know, we CANNOT accept them until **FEBRUARY 3rd**. The sooner you get them to me, the better the chances of getting rookies in.
- 2) Regular Campers—Look for forms at the end of this newsletter.
- 3) Counselors—Counselors are needed, males and females for rookie and regular campers! If you are in 8th grade, consider being a 4-H Camp Counselor! We need you! If you are interested but have questions, give Charlene a call.
- 4) Cost—You will notice the cost has went up slightly. This is due to the increase in cost from Rock Springs.



Local News and Deadlines

4-H Council

- Next meeting is February 13th. Please have a representative from your club attend every meeting!

Horse Judging

- Are you interested in horses and/or learning how to judge them. Contact Charlene at the office or by e-mail at cmmiller1@ksu.edu for more information!

Foods Judging Workshop—Save the date for March 31 for a Foods Judging Workshop in El Dorado. This is open to adults. If you are a Junior Leader and interested in attending, contact Charlene. More information will follow soon.

Pin Applications

- Pin apps are being revised and anticipate being out by the first of February.

Youth Leadership Butler

- We are in the early phases of working with Becky Wolfe and Youth Leadership Butler to get 4-H participating with them once again!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 22—4-H Day pre-entries due

January 22—Fair Board Mtg

January 24—VIP Orientation Training Due

February 1—Market animal enrollment deadline

February 7—4-H Day cancellations due to Extension Office by noon

February 13—4-H Council

March 8—Market Beef Weigh-In

May 1—Market beef nominations due

May 1—ALL project enrollment deadline

May 1—Horse ID Papers Due

May 22 - Mini-Fair

June 7—Spring Horse Show

July 12—Co. Fair Horse Show

July 14—Supporter's Picnic

July 19—Fashion Review

July 26-31—County Fair

September 5-14—Kansas State Fair



“Believe in yourself!
Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy”
~Norman Vincent Peale



State 4-H News

4-H Day Presentations Fact Sheets

—Are available online at the State 4-H Website. Need help finding them? Contact Charlene and she can point you in the right direction!

AWARDS

- 4-H Scholarships for the State level are due by February 3rd. If you are interested in scholarship information, contact Charlene.

- Alumni Award—Do you know someone who is a 4-H Alum has made significant contributions and exemplifies leadership and citizenship? Consider nominating them for an Alumni Award. Contact Charlene for more information. Nominations are due March 1 into the State office.

CAMPS

- KSU Animal Sciences Leadership Academy, June 11-14, 2104 in Manhattan. Visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu for more info.

- Discovery Days is in need of Floor Counselors. This is open to 4-H Alums and even responsible youth that were not in 4-H. Contact Charlene at 316-321-9660 if interested

- Discovery Days is looking for anyone who would be interested in teaching a class. There

are 3 hour and 90 min spots available. Contact Charlene if you are interested.

- Photo Adventure Camp—June 14-17 at Rock Springs. Save the dates and stay tuned for more info!!

- Environmental Engineering Camp—March 21-23 at Rock Springs. Register at www.rocksprings.net by February 28th.

ESSAY/OTHER OPPORTUNITY

- DuPont Challenge Science Essay. Entries are due on January 31st. Students who are 13 and in a least 7th grade are eligible. Go to <http://thechallenge.dupont.com> for more info.

- No Bull Videos—promote the importance of being an upstander and creating a positive school culture to end cyber and all other forms of bullying on a global basis. Entries due April 30, 2014. www.nobullchallenge.org

HORSE

- 2014 SC District Horse Show will be on July 7th in Kingman, KS

- Horse judging contest at Equifest (KS Coliseum) on Feb 14. Registration due January 31 to State 4-H Office.

- Horse judging camps for beginners and advanced in June. Visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

- Are you a Key Award recipient or interested in going to National 4-H Congress and have never been? If you are interested in more information, contact Charlene

SHEEP

- Ks Junior Sheep producer day will be held on March 29th. Early registration is due on March 7th. Visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

- Instructor training will be March 28-30 at Rock Springs. Contact Gene Maggard if you are interested. More information will be available soon.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Kansas Youth Leadership Council met in January and elected the following officers:

President—Blake Foraker, Sg.Co.

Vice Pres—Anna Setter, Southwind District

Secretary—Jill Seiler, Sg. Co.

Public Relations Director—Jacqueline Clawson, Meade Co



4-H PARENTS PLEDGE

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Recently, we have been cleaning our offices and filing cabinets preparing for the new carpet to be installed. Upon digging in the filing cabinets, I found a letter to new 4-H parents from one of my previous 4-H agents, Mrs. Carolyn Mosiman, now Mrs. Webb! In it she had included a “4-H Parents Pledge” which is quoted from the Oklahoma 4-H Newsletter with credit to Retta Miller. I want to share it with you!

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether he has successes or disappointments.

I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

Walk Kansas—Will Your Club Join In?

How does Walk Kansas work? Co-workers, families, friends and neighbors form teams of six people. From March 16 through May 10 (8 weeks), participants log minutes of physical activity and cups of fruits/vegetables consumed each day. They report their numbers each week to the team captain. Captains report their team's progress weekly to the Butler County Extension Office.

Choose the Challenge for Your Team: Each team chooses ONE of the following:

Challenge 1: Each participant sets an activity goal for 150 minutes per week. If each team member reaches this goal for 8 weeks, the team would walk 423 miles. That's the **distance across** the state of Kansas.

Challenge 2: Each participant logs 5 hours of moderate/vigorous activity per week. Collectively, the team would walk 846 miles, the **distance across the state and back**.

Challenge 3: Each participant logs 6 hours of moderate/vigorous activity per week. Collectively over 8 weeks, the team would walk 1200 miles, which is the **distance around the perimeter** of the state of Kansas.

Is walking the only activity that counts? Any physical activity that is performed at

a moderate or vigorous level (for at least 10 consecutive minutes) can count. This could include activities such as swimming, jogging, bike riding, aerobic exercise, tennis, even pushing a lawn mower. Strength and flexibility exercises also count.

Stay tuned for more information on fees, entry deadlines, t-shirts, etc. Be a part of something great and consider forming a team or having a club challenge!



OZ-SOME 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

May 28-31, 2014

RETURN TO: K-State Research and Extension, Butler
County

DUE: April 24, 2014

**REMEMBER-Rookie Camp numbers are limited and
registration will open on February 3rd.**

Date Rec'd _____
Paid - Cash or Check _____
Amount Paid _____
Paragraph Scholarship _____
T-Shirt - SIZE _____

Name: _____ Club: _____
(Last) (First)

Circle one: BOY GIRL Grade (April, '14) _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Check one: _____ 4-H Rookie Camp (May 28-29) _____ 4-H Camp (May 28-31)
(Completing 1st-2nd grade) (Completing 3rd-7th grade)

Parent or Guardian _____

Phone: Home: () _____ Work: () _____ Cell: () _____

Home Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Friends I would like to live with at camp: (Include--Name, Grade, Club)

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Note: PLEASE ASK YOUR FRIENDS to list you on their registration. **Scheduling does not always permit "groups" or friends of different ages to stay together.** No more than four friends will be housed together, except under special circumstances. The Camp Association will make all reasonable efforts to house you with at least one of your choices.
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Camp Cost Information: Total fee payable upon registration.

Only full time registration accepted. Total camp cost including lodging, meals, nurse, adult supervision, t-shirt, special programs and use of Rock Springs is:

ROOKIE CAMP
_____ \$ 92 (members only)

4-H CAMP
_____ \$173 (members only)

Please make checks payable to **Butler County 4-H Council**

To be considered registered for camp **all forms must be completed and total fee paid, by April 24.**

Have the following forms been completed?

____ Registration Form (All 2 pages)
____ Camper release form/Code of Conduct (Page 2)

____ 4-H Member Scholarship form (if applying for one)
____ OzSome Camp is working on using a different medical program for 2014. Stay tuned for additional information. Make sure your 4-H Participation form is on file in the Extension office.

PLEASE MARK YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE - "ALL" CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE A SHIRT

Youth Sizes ____ Small (6-8) ____ Medium (10-12) ____ Large (14-16)

Adult Sizes ____ Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____ 2X-Large

CAMPER RELEASE/AGREEMENT FORM

Message to Parents and Campers

All reasonable efforts are made by the OZ-Some Camp Association to provide a safe, secure environment at 4-H Camp. As part of that effort parents and campers are asked to jointly complete the following information.

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT:

Attending camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center is a **privilege**; not a right. Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for exploring new interests, making new friends and learning to make decisions as a member of a group. To maximize this experience, each camper is expected to abide by the camp rules and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Please read and sign the agreement at the bottom of the page.

As a camper, I agree to:

1. Follow the guidance of the agents, counselors, and Rock Springs staff.
2. Attend all scheduled camp activities. If I am not feeling well, I will tell my counselors or an agent.
3. Use language and manners that will bring respect to myself and Kansas 4-H. Bad language will not be tolerated.
4. Treat Rock Springs 4-H Center, including the wildlife with respect.
5. Follow curfew and quiet time hours.
6. Do not bring water guns, water toys, radios, tape players, electronic games, weapons (knives, guns, etc.) matches, lighters, fireworks, cell phones or offensive magazines.
7. No cell phones are allowed. If a counselor or camper is found to have a cell phone, he/she will be sent home.
8. Abide by the OZ-Some Camp Group Dress Code:
 - Items of clothing advertising alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or drugs, or that have vulgar, obscene or offensive messages **are not appropriate**.
 - Undergarments should be worn but not seen.
 - Hats, caps, and visors are not appropriate inside buildings and at meals.
 - Shorts should be appropriate for school (Example: 3-5 inch inseam).
 - Shirts, blouses, tops and t-shirts cannot expose the midriff, the back, or cleavage. Tank tops are allowed as long as they are not revealing. See through shirts are not acceptable. Shirts cannot be altered.
 - One piece swimsuit is preferred.
 - When leaving the swimming pool area everyone must have a shirt on.
 - All wardrobes are subject to approval of adults in charge.

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CAMPER PICK-UP RELEASE INFORMATION

Please list below individuals who have your permission to pick up your child at the end of 4-H Camp. Your child will be released **ONLY** to those individuals. Include **yourself**, family members, other campers' parents or leaders.

NAME:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Is there anyone **NOT authorized** to pick up your child at camp?

NAME:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
|----------|----------|

Phone # which the parent/guardian may be reached at camper release time: _____

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My child and I have reviewed the above information and I understand that should my child choose not to obey camp rules, they will be asked to leave camp. I also understand that should my child have to leave camp for disciplinary or illness reasons, I am responsible for their transportation.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Camper Signature)

4-H REGULAR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Date/Year: _____

Requirements to receive a \$25 or \$40 scholarship for County 4-H Camp:

_____ Write a paragraph or poem about why you want to go to camp and attach to this form.

_____ 1st year 4-H members must meet 2 of the numbered requirements listed below. First year members can only receive the \$25 scholarship.

_____ 2nd year or longer members must meet 5 of the numbered requirements listed below for a \$25 scholarship. Nine (9) or more of the numbered requirements for a \$40 scholarship. All requirements must have been completed within the past 12 months unless stated otherwise.

_____ Turned in completed record book. A completed record consists of Butler County Simplified Record (for 7 & 8 year olds) to community club leader **OR** personal page, livestock and/or non-livestock record keeping worksheets for each project, permanent record, and story to community club leader **OR** Junior Award Application **OR** Kansas Award Portfolio for county judging in the prior 4-H year. This is not a requirement for first year members.

Check the requirements that you have completed.

_____ 1. Attended at least 3 club meetings since October 1 of the current 4-H year.

_____ 2. Participated in this year's 4-H Day (in a presentation, as a room monitor or a participant in gavel games).

Type of participation: _____

_____ 3. Presented a demonstration, illustrated talk or project talk at a club meeting.

Type of talk: _____ Month presented: _____

_____ 4. Exhibited at last year's county fair.

_____ 5. Worked in the concession stand at the county fair this past year.

_____ 6. Participated in a county event (other than the county fair) such as Mini Fair, Spring Beef Show, etc. (Participation means actual involvement, not just attending.)

Event: _____ Type of participation: _____

_____ 7. Attended the County Achievement Night, Supporter's Picnic, Officers Training or other county event this past 4-H year. Name of event: _____

_____ 8. Served on a club committee. Name of committee: _____

Please turn page over for more options.

____ 9. Exhibited at last year's Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
What event _____ What project _____

____ 10. Served as a club officer. Office held: _____

____ 11. Received an Achievement Pin at last year's Achievement Banquet.
Pin received: _____

____ 12. Provided leadership to club or county. Examples include help a project leader with meetings, help 4-H members with records, help with a division at the county fair. Explain leadership: _____

____ 13. Be a CloverBuddy or help with a CloverKid activity.
How you helped: _____

____ 14. Assisted with a community service project.
Project: _____
How did you help: _____

Signature of 4-Her

Signature of Community Club Leader

This application must accompany the registration form and payment for 4-H Camp when submitted to the Extension Office. 4-H member must sign this application before it will be accepted for consideration of a scholarship. Signature of Community Club Leader signifies that previous year record book was completed and turned in to them or to the Extension Office.

OZ-Some4-H Camp Counselor Application and Code of Conduct

(completed form due to Extension Office no later than April 11)

Camp Counselors must be 8th grade and older (May, 2014). Preference will be given to those in 9th grade and above.

All Counselor Applicants must attend Training on May 27 and 28.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____
(Street, Road) (City) (Zip Code)

Grade _____ Phone (____) _____
(Grade completed 2013)

T-Shirt - Adult Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

E-mail _____

Counselor Objective

Serving as a counselor at 4-H Camp is a rewarding experience. The personal growth and sense of accomplishment that counselors gain by providing educational experiences for campers is significant.

Counselor Agreement

I realize that as a counselor at Rock Springs 4-H Center for the Oz-Some 4-H Camp group, I will:

- ✓ **Must attend the Camp Counselor Training on May 27 and 28.**
- ✓ Be responsible for a group of 8-9 4-H campers from our camp group. This group will be of similar grades. This responsibility will be 24 hour per day while at camp, beginning when campers start arriving and ending when all campers leave camp.

This responsibility will include, but not be limited to the following:

- ✓ Getting campers to scheduled activities on time.
- ✓ Being with campers at all times! The only exception is counselor meetings.
- ✓ Being accountable for the camping group's behavior. Acceptable behavior and discipline policies will be discussed during counselor training and meetings.

Counselor Questions

Have you served as a camp counselor before?

CHECK: _____ 4-H, Years _____ Other, Years _____

Explain _____

Have you attended camps before?

CHECK: _____ 4-H, Number of times _____
_____ Other, Number of times _____

Explain _____

What camp experience would you prefer? Please rank all positions available.

Rank: _____ Rookie Camp (May 28-29)
_____ Regular Camp (May 28-31)

Explain _____

What previous experience do you have working with youth, small groups specifically? (i.e., church, school, community, etc.)

Why are you interested in serving as a camp counselor? Why should you be selected to serve as a counselor this year?

Have you read the camp counselor guidelines and job description? ____ After doing so, what is the role of a camp counselor? How can you fulfill this role?

What are some of the reasons for conducting 4-H Camp, besides fun???

What counselor responsibilities would you like to learn more about in the counselor training session?

Committee Selection: Please rank the following committees 1 thru 4 (All selected Rookie Counselors will be on a Rookie Committee)

____ Meals, Manners and Songs Committee

____ Flag Raising Committee

____ Campfire Planning Committee

____ Camp Closing Ceremony Committee

*****Essay:** By serving as camp counselors you are preparing yourselves for college and the workforce. Many of you will be applying for college, scholarships and jobs. Often times an essay is a part of this process. So, to apply for camp counselor this year, please practice your essay writing by completing a one page essay on a separate piece of paper, double spaced, typed preferred.

Essay Topic: Choose two of the Essential Elements and explain how they are practiced during camp.
The Essential Elements are: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity.

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As a camp counselor, I agree to:

- ✓ Follow the guidance of the agents and Rock Springs staff.
- ✓ Attend all scheduled camp activities and be on time. I will communicate with an agent if problems arise.
- ✓ Use language and manners that will bring respect to myself and Kansas 4-H. Bad language will not be tolerated.
- ✓ Treat Rock Springs 4-H Center, including the wildlife, with respect.
- ✓ Follow and enforce curfew and quiet time hours.
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 - One piece swimsuit is preferred.
 - When leaving the swimming pool area everyone must have a shirt on.
 - All wardrobes are subject to approval of adults in charge.
- ✓ Forfeit my camp counselor experience, if I am arrested and/or convicted of a DUI, MIP and/or other drug or alcohol-related offense after being selected as a camp counselor.
- ✓ Contact my Extension Agent to let them know I have been arrested and/or convicted of a DUI, MIP and/or other drug or alcohol-related offense.
- ✓ Attend Camp Counselor Training and fulfill my Camp Counselor time commitment.

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby give my permission to K-State Research and Extension to use any photography of my child taken by the official 4-H activity or 4-H conference photographer for programs, promotions or for any other use by K-State Research and Extension. I also recognize that these photographs are the property of K-State Research and Extension.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Date

I have read the Camp Counselor Agreement and completed the application to the best of my ability. I also understand that the decision to not behave acceptably or carry out my responsibilities in the accepted format could result in my being sent home at my own and parents' expense, i.e., transportation.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Counselor Signature)

OZ-Some Camp

Title: CAMP COUNSELOR

Purpose: Provide guidance and leadership for 8-9 campers in a safe, nurturing environment.

Responsibilities of Duties:

1. Complete the camp counselor application, arrange for interview time, and sign camp counselor code of ethics.
2. Attendance and participation in camp counselor training.
3. Welcome campers to camp and make them feel safe.
4. Create a team atmosphere among campers while participating in activities.
5. Observe campers and be aware of their health (checking health card and taking campers to nurse if necessary), safety and well-being. Report to camp nurse if necessary.
6. Know where campers are at all times and be present during critical times.
7. Observe the camp rules.
8. Initiate group decisions.
9. Follow camp schedule.
10. Communicate with agents any behavioral problems, sickness, etc.
11. ½ payment of camp registration (depends on your Extension Unit).

Skills/Knowledge Needed:

- Junior Counselor experience (preferred not required)
- Communication skills both written and verbal
- Organizational skills
- Ability to work with youth
- Listening skills
- Sensitivity to campers' personalities, differences, and needs
- Ability to motivate youth
- Small group decision-making skills

Time Required:

- 15 minute interview
- 2 day camp counselor training
- 4 days Rock Springs 4-H Center

Resources Available:

- Previous camp counselors
- OZ-Some Association members
- County/District Extension Agent
- Counselor Application

Benefits to Volunteer:

- 100% Camp fee provided
- Meet new friends
- Work with youth
- Leadership skills gained
- Opportunity to role model

Expectations Resulting from this Position:

- Fun, safe, camp environment
- Campers' feeling safe
- Self-confidence