

2010 Kansas 4-H Venturers Program

A Backpacking Wilderness Adventure!!!!

Pecos Wilderness Area — New Mexico

July 27-August 4, 2010

The Kansas 4-H Venturers Program will be joining the Arkansas 4-H High Adventure Program in the Pecos Wilderness Area in New Mexico in 2010! Both programs are designed for teens and adults who are interested in and have a passion for outdoor adventure experiences, including backpacking, canoeing and rafting. Since its inception in 1997, the Kansas 4-H Venturers Program is known for its emphasis on leadership development, youth and adult partnerships and low impact camping techniques in wilderness settings. Check out the Venturers Video at [http://www.kansas4-h.org/Venturers/About Us.htm](http://www.kansas4-h.org/Venturers/About_Us.htm) for additional information on the program!

What: Backpacking in the Pecos Wilderness Area, north central New Mexico with Arkansas 4-H! The 9-day trip includes 5 days of backpacking in the Pecos Wilderness area in New Mexico, located in both the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests. Unique dimensions to the trip include exploring the Capulin Volcano National Monument in northern New Mexico, exploring and touring the Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, Texas and attending the Texas Outdoor Musical Drama. Plus, you will prepare 15 meals in the outdoor environment — either on the road trip or in wilderness areas!

Who: Teens and adults who want to experience backpacking in a wilderness setting plus.... seek a challenge that requires mental and physical skills in leadership, teamwork, outdoor cookery, safety and coping with nature's elements! Maximum size of the Kansas group is 24 participants, to be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. *Note: Adults registering after May 1 will be placed on a waiting list.*

Youth: Must be 14 years of age before January 1, 2010 or have completed 8th grade by June, 2010. Must complete a sports medical physical.

Adult: Must be Registered VIP through local extension office, willing to work in partnership with teens, loves the outdoors. Must complete a sports medical physical.

Important Dates:

May 1	On-line Registrations Due (www.Kansas4-H.org)
May 1	\$250 deposit due in local Extension Office
June 4	\$250 (<u>approximate</u>) fee payment and other required forms due
June 4	Medical Physical Form due
June 4, 5 & 6	Shakedown Training — Rock Springs 4-H Center (required)
July 27-August 4	Backpacking Trip

Registration: Please register for the program utilizing the on-line registration process. Go to www.Kansas4-H.org , click on “Register for Events” in upper left corner and follow instructions. You will receive via snail mail additional information, including an invoice and forms which will require parental signatures and must be returned to the State 4-H Office.

Fee: Approximately \$500 (\$250 deposit due May 1, \$250 due June 4). The 9-day trip fee includes transportation, program fees, campground fees, insurance, 15 meals, shirt, equipment and supplies. Participants will be responsible for their personal clothing/gear and purchasing 7 meals on the road trip. Crew equipment will be provided; participants will be responsible for personal gear (see Gear Info on the Venturer’s website for more details).

Tentative Schedule:

Tuesday, July 27	Depart Kansas, camp at Black Mesa State Park, Oklahoma
Wednesday, July 28	Travel to Santa Fe, explore Capulin Volcano National Monument, NM; meet up with Arkansas 4-H’ers and prepare for the trail
Thursday, July 29	Travel to Pecos Wilderness Area — hit the trail!
Friday, July 30 – Aug. 2	Hike 30-40+ miles, carrying 35-45 lb. backpacks!
Monday, August 2	Come off the trail, travel to Amarillo, TX
Tuesday, August 3	Explore Palo Duro Canyon & see the Texas Musical Drama!
Wednesday, Aug 4	Travel back to Kansas

What are the medical requirements?

Because this is a physically and mentally demanding experience, it is very important that participants be in good physical condition. Specific requirements include:

- * Physical medical examination (due June 4)
- * Tetanus shot or booster (within 5 years)
- * Top physical condition (those who have marked obesity for height and/or are physically inactive will not be accepted)
- * No medical conditions that are aggravated by strenuous activity include asthma, high blood pressure, heart conditions, poorly controlled diabetes.

Additional Information:

- For general information, www.Kansas4-H.org/Venturers
- Gear information, <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Venturers/GearEquip.htm>
- Photos of previous trips
http://www.kansas4-h.org/Venturers/Trip_Info_From_Past.htm
- Black Mesa State Park (Oklahoma), www.oklahomaparks.com
- Capulin Volcano National Monument (New Mexico), www.nps.gov/cavo
- Pecos Wilderness Area, www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/recreation/wilderness.htm
- Palo Duro Canyon (Texas), www.palodurocanyon.com/
- Texas Musical Drama, <http://www.texas-show.com>

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