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To: Regular 4-H Campers (3rd-7th Grade) and Parents

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Are you ready for "Oz-Some" 4-H Camp 2018?! This year's camp there is "Pirates of the CAMPibbean and we are bringing back t-shirts!!! Enclosed you will find **IMPORTANT** information about 4-H Camp and the experiences that are in store for your child. I know this is long, but **PLEASE** read all information carefully. If you think of any questions prior to camp feel free to call, email or come visit me!

Check-In (NOTE CHANGES): Campers will check-in from **2:10 -2: 30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13th** at **HERITAGE HALL**. Do not unload luggage until you go to your living area. Parking is located at the top of the hill on the West side (right hand) of the road. Doors will remain locked until 2:10 p.m. When opened, you will come in and find the Marion County check-in area where Tristen will provide directions and your living area assignment.

Medication: Prior to arriving at camp, **please make sure prescriptions are labeled correctly in original RX bottle with child's name, dosage and required time for taking and place them in a Ziplock bag marked with the camper's name. You must also print off and bring with you the Medical Form from CampDoc. Failure to do this will delay your check-in process.** Please make sure that CampDoc medical info has been completed and all information matches the prescriptions. Campers must be supervised by the nurse when taking any medication with the exception of inhalers. **You will stop at the nurse's station to drop off medicine BEFORE leaving to go to the housing area.**

Transportation: You are responsible for arranging your child's transportation to and from camp. Combining rides with friends is recommended. Parents, or a previously arranged person may pick-up Regular campers on **Saturday, June 16th** at **approximately 1:15 p.m.** Please refer to the end of this letter for camper release procedures. Be sure the information is completed on CampDoc if there is anyone who cannot pick up your child.

Getting to Rock Springs: Rock Springs Ranch is located 17 miles north of Herington on Highway 77 and about 4 miles west on Highway 157. Watch for the sign on Highway 77 at the corner. If you get to I-70, you have gone 8 miles too far!

Housing: The camp group tried their best to house friends together as they requested. We hope camp will be a great opportunity to make new friends. Campers will receive their living assignments at check-in on **Wednesday, June 13th**

Dress Code: Wear proper, becoming shorts, shirts, swimming suits, etc. and no offensive t-shirts (wording or pictures) or too revealing clothing (NO backless, off-the-shoulder, crop, or belly button exposing tops or low-rider bottoms). Remember to wear what you feel comfortable in, but that you are representing Marion County and Kansas 4-H while at camp. Please pay special attention to the Horse Barn Rules and Swimming Rules found in this letter.

Packing for Camp: Camp takes place both indoors and outdoors. Please check the weather forecast prior to packing. Please read the copy attached of the Camp Dress Code. You may need the following items for Camp:

- Several changes of clothing, undergarments, socks
- Closed toe shoes for mountain biking, and horse riding
- Comfortable shoes with backs
- Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, plastic bag for wet swimsuit
- Hygiene items: toothbrush and toothpaste, brush, shampoo, soap, deodorant, bug repellent, bath towel, washcloth, shower shoes, plastic bag for dirty clothing
- Pillow, twin sized sheets and blankets or a sleeping bag

Things to leave at home: Camp is an outdoor environmental experience with pre-planned activities. Please leave cell phones, water guns/toys, radios, electronic games, iPods, portable DVD players, pagers, 2-way radios, knives/weapons, silly string, etc. at home.

Also note that CELLULAR PHONES are NOT allowed on camp grounds by campers OR counselors. This rule will be strictly enforced throughout camp and any youth found having a cell phone will be asked to contact a parent to come pick them up for the rest of camp. We hope you talk with your child about this prior to camp and make sure all cell phones are left at home. If you have any questions about this camp group policy, please contact Tristen prior to camp.

More about calls: Camp policy does not allow campers to make phone calls. Parents- please positively encourage your camper about their upcoming experience and they fun they will have while attending! Please don't tell your child they can call home if they are feeling homesick as this simple act puts undue pressure on most children. If there is an emergency, an Extension Agent will help the child call home. **Again, DO NOT send cellular phones or pagers.**

Contacting Campers: The address for writing campers is: Rock Springs 4-H Center, 5405 W. Highway K-157, Junction City, KS 66441. Write your camper early because mail will not be forwarded home. Please write "OzSome 4-H Camp" somewhere on the letter or postcard.

If for some reason you need to get your camper a message, call Rock Springs 4-H Center and leave a message in Tristen's name. We will see that it reaches your camper. The emergency number is 785-257-3221.

Money for Camp: So, how much money should I take?! That is really up to you, but here are some estimated costs. Snack Bar: \$.50-\$3.00 (pop, candy, snacks); Rifle Range: \$.50/5 shots; Trap: \$.50/shell; Souvenirs: clothes, pens, bottles, etc. (\$5-\$15). Please send \$1 bills instead of large bills. Counselors will help campers keep track of their money while walking around camp. You can also find a price list included with this letter.

Swimming Test: Campers will be required to swim the width of the swimming pool without touching the bottom if they want to swim in the deep area and/or dive off the boards. All campers interested will take this test during the first swim.

Remember: **Check-in is 2:10 p.m., Wednesday, June 13th at HERITAGE HALL** . Nobody will be checked in prior to 2:10 PM.

Camper Dismissal Policy: Campers may be removed from camp for inappropriate behavior following a meeting with the grievance committee, OR for being found with a cell phone at camp.

Attendance and participation in any 4-H trip, conference and/or camp is a privilege and not a right. If a member chooses to violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct, the 4-H member or guest will be sent home at the parents' expense. Furthermore, based upon the severity of the violation, the 4-H member may be suspended from future attendance or participation in out-of-county events for a specific length of time determined by the 4-H Agent, County Extension Director and the member's parents. In addition, if the 4-H member is sent home for any reason and received a scholarship or partial scholarship, the amount of the scholarship provided must be paid back in full.

Check-Out Procedures: The next page highlights the check-out procedures for both Rookie and Regular 4-H Camp. Please read it carefully!

CAMP IS ONE WAY TRAFFIC!!! WATCH SIGNS CLOSELY!

4-H Regular Camper Check-Out Procedures

On **Saturday, June 16th 1:15 p.m.**, parents of campers may arrive at the Johnson Administration Center, Rock Springs 4-H Center. The procedure is quite simple – parents: watch for signs or agents directing traffic and please stay in your vehicle. Please do not arrive before 1:15 p.m. Campers will not be at their housing area from their final activity and will not be released.

When you arrive at camp:

1. You will be required to wait in the designated area until 1:15 p.m. Someone will be there to dismiss you at 1:15 to go pick up your child
2. Drive directly to living area (map provided and watch signs).
3. Locate your camper(s).
4. Visit with counselor(s) and sign the form they have. This is our method of knowing the child has been safely released.
5. Load luggage.
7. Follow the road direction signs. TRAFFIC IS ONE WAY! The signs will take you around the entire perimeter of Rock Springs.

See You Soon!!!

If you or your parents have any questions about camp, please give me a call at the Office 620-382-2325 or my Cell Phone 620-381-3647. Cell phone reception is not reliable at Rock Springs, so you might not be able to reach me on my cell phone. If there is an emergency and you need to contact me during camp, please contact the Rock Springs emergency number at 785-257-3211.

Sincerely,

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