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To: Session Two: ROOKIE 4-H Campers 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 at **8:45 a.m. on Friday, June 15** at **Hansen Cottage**. Upon arrival at Hansen Cottage, you will meet the adult Rookie Advisors and your child's camp counselor

**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 and bee allergies. You will stop at the nurse's station to drop off medicine BEFORE leaving to go to the housing area. **You will give the medicine to the staff at Hansen when you drop your child off.**

**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 your Rookie Camper 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, however with the number of youth attending in the camp

group, we can't always honor each request. We hope camp will be a great opportunity to make new friends. Campers will receive their living assignments at check-in on **Friday, June 15th**

**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 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 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 week.** 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 the 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:** Included with this letter is a price sheet to help with planning on how much to bring.

**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 8:45 a.m. on Friday, June 15th at Hansen Cottage. Nobody will be checked in prior to 8:45 a.m.

**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 Rookie Camper Check-Out Procedures**

On **Saturday, June 16, 1:15 p.m.**, parents of Rookie Campers may go their child's housing area and pickup them up. The procedure is quite simple – parents: watch for signs or agents directing traffic and please stay in the vehicle. Rookie Campers will not be released until after their afternoon activities are completed, so there is no need to arrive before 1:15 p.m.

When you arrive at camp:

1. Drive directly to living area which is Hansen (map provided and watch signs).
2. Visit with an agent or counselor to verify who is picking up the camper.
3. Locate your camper(s).
4. Sign the child out on the form the counselor has.
5. Load luggage.
6. 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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