2013 Oklahoma 4-H High Adventure
Backpacking Program Information and Application

If you want ADVENTURE...THINK 4-H!

If you want a CHALLENGE...THINK 4-H!

If you want the ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE...THINK 4-H HIGH ADVENTURE!

Interested in a challenge...one that requires outdoor skills in backpacking, camping, compass/map reading, outdoor cookery, safety and working with other people? A challenge demanding physical conditioning to take on mountain hikes of 4-5 miles a day carrying a 35-45 pound backpack? The 2013 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Program can offer you those challenges. Crews made up of 4-H youth and adult volunteers from across the state will have the opportunity to experience this unique and challenging program.

The 4-H High Adventure Program is an outdoor leadership program designed for teens with guidance from adults. The purpose is to develop character and integrity in young people through the teaching of teamwork, leadership and outdoor skills; and allows them to share their knowledge and skills with others. It provides participants the opportunity see themselves from an entirely new perspective. Experiencing the challenge of the out-of-doors, participants grow personally, developing an understanding of themselves and their limitations. By being a member of a crew they learn to understand and appreciate the needs of others and their team. Involvement in the program instills a new respect for the natural environment, and helps participants develop those key life skills. It is a comprehensive education program that encompasses many 4-H project areas and develops in young people an appreciation for and respect of the outdoors, animal life and other areas of nature.

A required one-day training will be held in March for participants and at least one parent/guardian along with another weekend training for the High Adventure participant in April. The climax will be a 7-day trip to the Pecos Wilderness area in New Mexico June 24-30, 2013. The Pecos Wilderness Northeast of Santa Fe, New Mexico is located in both the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests and encompasses approximately 230,000 acres. Plans are to have 4 backpacking crews. Youth must be 14 years of age by January 1, 2013.
WHO: Youth who are 14 years of age by January 1, 2013, and adults 21 years of age or older (Adults must be certified 4-H Volunteers and Lead adult advisor must be 25). Two selected adults/crew will serve in advisor roles.

DATES: March 30, 2013 - Parent/Camper Training - Oklahoma County Extension Office - Required for participant and one parent/Guardian

April 26 - 28, 2013 - Shakedown Training - Location TBD - Required

June 24 - 30, 2013 - Trip to New Mexico

COST: $630 per participant. Fees include Parent/Camper Rally, Shakedown Training, transportation for participants, meals in the backcountry, lodging and insurance. (Participants will be responsible for four meals while on trip).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a $210 registration fee (Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE unless the trip is cancelled due to lack of participation). The deadline for applications is March 22, 2013.
Oklahoma 4-H High Adventure
Youth / Adult Basic Registration Application
(Please Print)

Please return application and registration fee return to:
OK 4-H High Adventure Program
Oklahoma State 4-H Office
205 4-H Youth Development
Stillwater, OK 74078

County ____________________________

Full name __________________________________________________________
First   Middle   Last

___ Youth   ___ Adult   Age (as of 1-1-2012) ______ Birth Date __________

Home Address
Street _________________________________________________________________
City _________________________________________________________________
State __________ Zip ________
Phone ______________________
E-mail ______________________

Emergency Information
Person to contact _________________________________________________
Emergency Phone Number _________________________________
Street _________________________________________________________________
City _________________________________________________________________
State __________ Zip ________
E-mail ______________________

$210 Registration Fee is due with application. Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE unless the trip is cancelled due to lack of participation.

Make checks payable to: Oklahoma 4-H Foundation

__________________________________________________________ Date
Participant Signature

__________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature

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County Extension Educator Signature