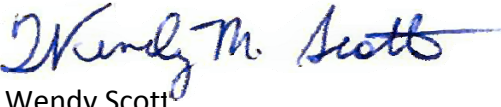


DATE: May 27, 2009

TO: All Panhandle District (1) County Extension Agents
All South Plains District (2) County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2009 4-H ELECTRIC CAMP – July 27-31, 2009
Aspendale Mountain Retreat Center, Cloudcroft, NM

FROM: 
Wendy Scott
4-H and Youth Development Specialist

Workshops & Objectives of Electric Camp:

- ✓ Workshop sessions will be on Wiring, Safety (everyone makes an extension cord), Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency.
- ✓ Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings to everyday living.
- ✓ Develop self-confidence through leadership.
- ✓ Strengthen local 4-H units by becoming involved in leadership responsibilities and encouraging other youths to do so.
- ✓ Develop positive character traits, sportsmanship, decision-making capability, and public speaking skills through participation in 4-H activities.

4-H members should be at least 13 and not past 19 years of age on August 31, 2008. There is no county quota. We have room for 112 campers and they will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

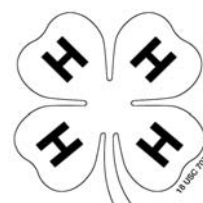
Camp Agenda will be sent at a later date.

REGISTRATION:

Please notify your participants they must register for Electric Camp on 4-H Connect. All registration fees will be submitted to the Texas 4-H Foundation. Online registration will open on June 5 and close on June 26, 2009 (or when at capacity).

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County Extension agents attending camp DO NOT register through 4-H Connect. There is no registration cost for agents.

Families who wish to pay by credit card, may do so on 4-H Connect. We will not charge their credit card until July 13, 2009. We will delay credit card charges due to fire danger weather conditions and credit card refund policy, which could result in a massive loss to our camping program fund. County checks should be made payable to "Texas 4-H Foundation - Electric Camp" and mailed to:

**Texas 4-H Foundation
P O Box 11020
College Station, TX 77842**

COST:

Cost of the camp is \$140.00 per camper.

CANCELLATIONS:

No refunds will be made until all bills are paid. (If youth cancels within two weeks of camp date, no refund will be made.) There is a non-refundable deposit of \$95.00 per person; therefore, cancellations will only receive \$45.00 refund. We will refund the full amount if we have to cancel for any reason (i.e. fire danger).

We will pay for lunch en route to camp. All food during camp, including lunch on the return trip to Lubbock, will be furnished by Xcel Energy Corporation and registration fees. Only a small amount of spending money will be needed.

TRANSPORTATION:

Everyone attending Electric Camp will ride the bus. See the attached schedule for pick-up/drop-off locations and times. Participants will be dropped off where they were picked up, unless prior arrangements and a letter confirming the different location is presented on July 27 at the bus stops.

WHAT TO BRING:

- A. Personal toilet articles, hand mirror, shower shoes, insect repellent.
- B. Flashlight.
- C. Sheets, pillow and case, towels. A sleeping bag is desirable.
- D. Jacket and warm clothing. Raincoats or windbreakers are usually needed.
- E. Hiking clothes and sturdy shoes. Two or more pairs of shoes may be needed. Sandals and slides are not suitable for most activities. Be realistic when planning what clothes to take.
- F. CD's if desired, in order to have a greater variety of music.
- G. Appropriate swimsuit.

HOW TO PACK:

Pack in sturdy luggage. Garbage bags do not make suitable luggage! Each item to be carried in the luggage compartment of the bus and/or stock trailer should be labeled with:

NAME
COUNTY
BUS STOP

NO TRUNKS ALLOWED!

ORIENTATION:

PLEASE prepare your 4-H'ers for a camping atmosphere in the mountains – and camp-type food. Discuss with each delegate personal hygiene, community living, cooperation with others, work assignments, and code of conduct...

4-H'ERS SHOULD...

- A. Know that there are four classes on electricity and safety during the week.
- B. Follow the camp rules set by Xcel Energy Corporation and Texas AgriLife Extension Service.
- C. Know the 4-H pledge, the 4-H prayer and Texas pledge.
- D. Be on time and ready to participate in all ceremonial services.
- E. Show courtesy during ceremonial services.
- F. BE PREPARED TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CEREMONIALS, PARTIES, ETC.

SUPERVISION:

4-H members from counties with no agent or leader will be assigned to another adult prior to camp arrival. Prepare youth to respond to supervision by another adult if one from your county is not attending.

All adults should attend educational workshops along with 4-H members. Xcel personnel serve as hosts and teachers, but are not expected to maintain discipline or enforce camp rules directly.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL CARE/CODE OF CONDUCT:

Four forms should be completed and signed by the parent or guardian AND can be witnessed by any of the county Extension agents or assistants. 4-H'ers who do not have these forms or whose forms are incomplete will not be allowed to board the buses. The forms to complete are:

- 1) Code of Conduct
- 2) Consequences of Misbehavior
- 3) Authorization for Medical Care
- 4) Medical Information

Adults attending may desire to complete and sign an “Authorization for Medical Care” form and have the signature witnessed by a co-worker. This would be a valuable document in the case of agent/leader accident or illness.

The insurance for Electric Camp is only intended for 4-H’ers to cover accidents occurring during or on the road to and from Electric Camp. This policy covers a very minimal amount of expenses. IT WILL NOT COVER ANY PRE-EXISTING INJURY OR ILLNESS.

OUT-OF-STATE AUTHORIZATION:

A request for out-of-state authorization will be submitted for the county Extension agents who will participate in the camp. The following CEA’s will be serving as chaperones:

- Todd Beyers
- Kenny Brdecko
- Shonna Covin
- Marcel Fischbacher
- David Graf
- Leonard Haynes
- Benji Henderson
- Nancy McDonald
- Ashley Piercy
- Mandi Seaton
- J. R. Sprague
- Amy Wagner
- J. W. Wagner
- Dawn Watson

WS/mf
attachments

cc: Mr. Miles Dabovich
Mr. Danny Nusser