

DATE: February 11, 2025

TO: All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents, 4-H Parents, and 4-H Members

SUBJECT: **2025 District 2 4-H JUNIOR LEADER LAB**

FROM: Cari Snider
4-H Youth Development Specialist

CAMP DATE: May 28 -30, 2025
CAMP LOCATION: CETA CANYON- HAPPY, TEXAS
<https://cetacanyon.org/>

4-H ONLINE OPENS: April 1, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

4-H ONLINE CLOSES: At 180 registered or April 18, 2025 (whichever occurs first)

CAMP FEE: \$275

WHO? Junior Leader Lab is for District 2 4-H members who have completed 3rd to 7th grades in the 2024-2025 school year.

CONTACT: Cari Snider. Cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

2025 Camp Theme: "TBD"

This 2025 District 2 4-H Lab letter contains the following:

- Registering for Lab
- Preparing for Lab
- Packing for Lab
- Coming to Lab
- Time at Lab
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Registering for Lab

PRICE INCREASE: There is a price increase compared to past years. Here is what your child is getting in return:

- 2 nights lodging
- 6 Meals
- Ice Cream
- Smore's Party
- Trained Ceta Canyon camp staff
- Ceta Canyon facilities and equipment
- Trained medical staff
- 2 T-shirts
- Snacks
- Workshop materials
- A true camp experience

REGISTRATION: 4-H Online will open for registration on April 1st at 7:00 a.m. 4-H Online will close on April 18, or when 180 have registered – whichever occurs first. Registration fee (\$275) may either be paid by credit card or county check (discuss with your agent on this option). **No refunds will be made after April 18th**

When registering be prepared to answer the following:

- Gender
- Grade
- T-shirt size
- Allergies/Special Dietary Requirements
- Special Accommodations (this does NOT include rooming assignments); If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the county office or Cari Snider, cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu two weeks prior to the event or place accommodation on 4HOnline.

This camp will fill up quickly. If you attempt to register and it is closed, e-mail cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu with child's name, county, and grade. A waiting list will be based on date/time e-mails were received.

Preparing for Lab

We understand that Leader Lab may be the first away-from-home experience for some of our 4-H members. Parents should have a conversation with the youth about what to expect at camp.

Youth will be actively participating in events from early morning to very late into the evening. If you are not comfortable with your child staying up past 11 pm, Leader Lab may not be the best choice for him/her.

DORMITORY ASSIGNMENTS: The girls will be staying in Garrison Lodge (<https://cetacanyon.org/portfolio/garrison-retreat-lodge/>) and the boys are in (<https://cetacanyon.org/portfolio/trust-cabins/>). If you have a special room request for your child, e-mail Cari no later than May 1, 2025 at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu There is NO guarantee that we will be able to accommodate rooming requests.

Packing for Lab

- Tennis Shoes,
- Casual clothes for active sports – no halter tops, crop tops, be mindful of shorts length
- Pillow, Sheets (twin size), blanket, or sleeping bag
- Bath towel, wash cloth, shower shoes, Soap Beach towel, Appropriate Swimsuit
- Toiletries – especially deodorant and toothbrush Bug Spray, Sunscreen, Flashlight
- Clothes for cool evenings Dance clothes for 2 nights!
- There is a vending machine at the dance if you want to send quarters!

DANCE THEMES: TBA

Cell phones- Ceta Canyon has no cell phone service. Please do not send a phone with your child.

Swimsuits: Ceta Canyon recommends one-piece swimsuits for the girls; however modest tankinis are also permitted. Bikinis may be worn with a tank top or t-shirt worn over the swimsuit. For guys, we do not allow speedos. Modest swim trunks (no short shorts) are best. T-shirts do not have to be worn, but some boys choose to wear them for modesty

We will not be responsible for any item your child brings to camp. Please consider what you allow your kid to bring.

Coming to Lab

ARRIVAL: Check-in will be Wednesday, May 28 from 10:15- 11:30 at Ceta Canyon (specific place will be designated later). At check-in, campers will receive their rooming assignment. They are not allowed to change rooms. The camp opening ceremony will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Please arrive with:

- 1) Code of Conduct
- 2) Medical Authorization Form/Assumption of Risk
- 3) Medical Information Form
- 4) Ceta Canyon Medical History, Agreement to Participate, Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Form (this is all one form) and
- 5) ANY MEDICATIONS.

All Forms can be found at: <https://d24-h.tamu.edu/events/junior-leader-lab/>

Time at Lab

- ALL campers will have the opportunity to participate in ALL sessions! Activities include: waterslides, swimming, low ropes, outdoor learning center, fishing, hiking, ziplining, big swing, jumping pillow, basketball, sand volleyball, gaga ball and several sessions taught by our counselors. Some of these activities will be a “challenge by choice.” To see all the activities, go to <https://cetacanyon.org/activities/>
- Please have a discussion with your child about “checking their cool at the door.” The more involved they are in activities, the more they will take away from lab.
- Youth will be actively participating in events from early morning to very late into the evening.
- All campers are expected to observe the designated curfew and ‘lights out’ times.

Supervision at Lab

Background checks and CPT training are current on all employees. Agents will go through an orientation upon arrival and have been given a chaperone position description.

Campers will be placed in color groups that are directed by two high school counselors. These counselors are selected through an application process. They are required to attend multiple trainings conducted through Teams prior to lab. They also arrive one day early to prepare for lab.

CONTACT INFORMATION: During the day, you may call Ceta Canyon at 806.488.2268. If it is after business hours, call the same number and leave a message.

Departure from Lab

Lab will finish at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 30th. A County Extension Agent or counselor must check your child’s room before departure.