

## Extension Notes

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Russell County 4-H members that attended camp.

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Russell County 4-H members attended 4-H Camp in Jabez during the week of June 21-24, 2022. Russell County took 81 participants (youth, teens, and adults) to this actionpacked, exciting week. The week was filled with fun activities, educational learning,

and memories made. Russell County camped with LaRue, McCreary, Taylor, and Washington counties this year with approximately 355 in attendance.

The theme for 4-H Camp 2022 was "Blazing Trails at 4-H Camp.:" Each day began with breakfast in the new Leadership Center dining hall. During the day, the campers attended 6 classes. The classes

offered this year were low ropes, lake (with canoe/kayak/lake swim), recreation, high ropes, outdoor living, caving, rifle, archery, swimming, leather crafting, and sports. During downtime, the campers could enjoy a game of gaga ball on the playground or sports field.

After dinner, the campers attended a rotation of evening activities that included a pool party, scavenger hunt, and field games. After evening recreation time, the 4-H campers had reflections and refreshments before returning to their cabins. The week was full of many activities, and most of the campers said that they had a lot of fun and learned something new!

Thank you to all of the adult and teen leaders that volunteered their time to make

this a successful week. Thank you to the many businesses and citizens of Russell County that donated money to help the youth attend 4-H Camp. Finally, thank you to Sherri Coffey and Patricia Richards for managing the camp forms and reports. For more information about the Russell County 4-H Program please visit our website and follow us on Facebook. Educational

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## **Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch** Open for the 2022 Camping Season



Russell County Pictured are boys in attendance the week of June 27-30 from Russell County- Cash Chism, Blake Davis, and Mason Davis, with Camp Coordinator Jessie Moore and Russell County Sheriff and Mrs. Derek Polston.

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## By Jerry Wagner, Executive

The Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch opened for their 47th camping season on Monday, June 13, 2022! We are excited to welcome campers and look forward to a fun, memorable summer. Camp will run throughout June and July, serving both boys and girls alternating weeks, throughout the camp season.

The Boys & Girls Ranch is a non-profit organization serving Kentucky's youth through a camping program designed to build their self-esteem, while teaching them respect for themselves, others and law enforcement professionals. The camp is free to campers thanks to the dedication and support of our Sheriffs, members, and contributors. The cost of serving the children costs about \$500.00 per week per child. With continued donations and support from our contributors, we will continue reaching Kentucky's youth. Remember, 100% of your donation(s) diregular camp activities such as arts & crafts, nature, sports, swimming, fishing, archery, etc," Wagner said. "It is a week filled with fun and learning and our hope is for the campers to create a lifetime of memories during their stay, as well as learn the value of respect

and other life skills."

Wagner added. "On behalf of the campers and staff, we send our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped—not only this year, but since our inception. Were it nor for all of you, we would not be able to continue to make a difference in the children's lives and your support is greatly appreciated."

Boys in attendance the week of June 27th are from the following counties: Anderson, Crittenden, Franklin, Greenup, Henderson, Livingston, Marshall, Owen, Russell, and Union.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Ranch or how you can invest in a child's life and help build Kentucky's youth, call the Ranch at 270-362-8660





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