River Valley Summer Programming

River Valley 4-H is pleased to announce that they have hired four summer educators to continue bringing summer programming to our local communities. Kansas 4-H Youth Development has collaborated with the Kansas Department of Education to provide hands-on summer learning opportunities that were lost as a result of COVID-19. This collaboration is impacting local communities in 63 counties across the state of Kansas with a total of 75 interns educating youth for twelve consecutive weeks.

The River Valley District is partnering with school districts, libraries, and local business owners to provide hands-on, project-based learning to youth in Clay, Cloud, Republic, and Washington counties. The activities are developed from research-based curriculum in areas of S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), Foods and Nutrition, Animal Science, Plant Science, Photography, and so much more. Our local interns will be holding day camps, project meetings, and school enrichment sessions. Project meetings will include, floral arrangement workshops, leather workshops, sewing workshops, charcuterie board nights, and more.

Research shows that positive youth development improves youth’s social and emotional skills, attitudes, and academic performance, while seeing reduction in internalizing symptoms and risky behavior. Positive youth programming will also allow are older youth the opportunity to be role models to younger members and to develop their leadership and citizenship skills.

River Valley 4-H will be offering summer programming for youth ages 5 to 18. Any youth in local and surrounding areas are welcome to join in on the fun, hands-on learning. We are excited to welcome our four interns at the end of May, and to see their engagement with youth in our district.

We will be providing specific dates, times, and locations for the educational opportunities. If you would like to be added to our mailing list for this summer to receive this information, please contact Macy Hynek at mhynek@ksu.edu or at 785-527-5084.

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