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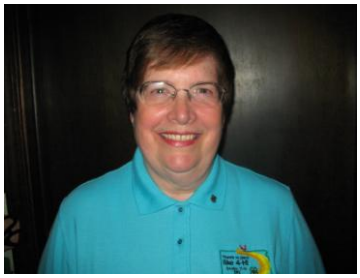

WELCOME EVERYONE -
to the great 4-H State of Kansas.

Beginning on 10-11-12, follow the Yellow Brick Road to the 2012 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum. You will experience such sites as Munchkin Land, Emerald City and Auntie Em's Kitchen during your stay.

Thursday, take the opportunity to explore the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center, experience our Western Heritage, take a tour of the New Holland manufacturing facility & Kansas Aviation Museum or take a self-guided tour within Wichita.

Michelle Cummings, M.S., a well known speaker, author, and leader in the Team Development industry and founder of Training Wheels, (a Training and Development company), will kick off our time in Oz with a keynote speech Friday morning. Michelle will share with us her knowledge on leadership, teambuilding, and experiential learning; skills we will be able to use in our 4-H activities and everyday life.

Our journey to Oz continues with a keynote speech by Kansas 4-H Director Dr. Barbara Stone on Friday evening! Barbara has returned to the Midwest to work with our 4-H program and has a heart for the development of 4-H volunteers.

Our guest speaker for our Saturday night banquet is Dr. Lisa A. Lauxman, a Kansas 4-H alumnus. Lisa is the Director of the Division of Youth and 4-H Institute of Youth, Family and Community (IYFC), 4-H National Headquarters. Join us in extending a warm welcome to our own "4-H Clover Lisa".

We extend our gratitude to the presenters of the 50 workshop sessions to be presented. Our presenters include 4-Hers, volunteers and state specialists from nine states sharing their knowledge and talents with an oz of educational materials.

Our "Yellow Brick Road" highlights the supporters of the 2012 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum. We thank them for making this forum possible. Thanks also to Monsanto for their generous sponsorship of our Forum. Thank you to the 4-H Kansas Foundation for generous support for scholarships for Kansas volunteers to attend.

Competitive bidding and unique items make the Silent Auction a fun event to participate in. Bring an item for the auction and take home some 'special' purchases. NEW this year is a live auction to be held on Saturday evening.

Community Service is a highlight of the 4-H program. This year our community service projects include: 1) donations of used books or cash for Reading, Kansas hit by a tornado in 2011; and 2) blankets for preemie babies at Youthville (a children's home) and Project Linus. We invite you to bring completed blankets or ones that need to be quilted or tied.

Our special team of 4-Hers and volunteers has been working hard planning and preparing for this event and stand ready to assist you with your questions. Look for them in the light blue forum shirts.

Thanks for being a part of the 2012 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum as we proudly say:

"There's No Place Like 4-H".

See you on 10 - 11 – 12.

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