



2018 4-H Geology State Field Trip – Northern Smoky Hills

The Northern Smoky Hills State Geology Field Trip will be headquartered at Republic County High School, in Belleville, KS. Belleville is located a little over an hour north of Salina on US Hwy 81. The high school is located in the southeast corner of Belleville at the intersection of 24th and P Streets, just north of US Hwy 36. Our collecting will include Cretaceous and Pleistocene rocks, fossils, and minerals.

Housing will be at motels in Belleville and Concordia (listed below) and Rocky Pond Recreation Area (785.527.2288). It is advisable to make reservations ahead of time. There will also be indoor and outdoor camping and showers available at the high school.

Exhibit box orders are not being processed through the field trip registration this year. Everyone enrolled in the geology project should have already received a notice to order boxes. If you ordered boxes, they will be available for purchase and pick-up at the field trip registration table.

Friday, June 8: Registration and judging contests begin at 4:00 PM. You are on your own for supper. Our formal meeting will start at 6:15 p.m. with a general information/orientation session, followed by workshops. Workshops will include Fossil ID, Rock ID, Mineral ID, Exhibit Box preparation, Lapidary, and Beginners.

Saturday, June 9: Registration will resume at 7 AM. A group meeting will take place at 7:30 AM in the headquarters. We will leave Belleville promptly at 8:00 AM to begin the field trip. Everyone should start the day with a full tank of gas and bring a picnic lunch and drinks for the day. We will return to headquarters around 5:00 PM. An evening meal will be available – tickets must be purchased when you register for the trip. Saturday evening events will include quiz bowl and specimen identification.

Sunday, June 10: We will begin cleaning the facilities at 7:00 AM, followed by a short general meeting. We will leave at 8:00 AM for the day's collecting. You will again need a full tank of gas, picnic lunch, and drinks for the day.

Belleville and Concordia motels:

Super 8 Motel
1410 28th Street
Belleville, KS
785.527.2112

S & H Motel
1415 28th Street
Belleville, KS
785.527.2408

America's Best Value Inn
1616 US Hwy 36
Belleville, KS
785.527.2231

Rodeway Inn
89 Lincoln Street
Concordia, KS
785.243.4545

Super 8 Motel
1320 Lincoln Street
Concordia, KS
785.243.4200

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
2175 Lincoln Street
Concordia, KS
785.243.2700

4-H Junior Leaders interested in helping with workshops and/or other aspects of the trip should send your name, address, email and/or phone number, along with the area in which you would like to help, to Lois Larson at loisllarson@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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