

## 2019 4-H Geology State Field Trip – Northern Smoky Hills

The Northern Smoky Hills State Geology Field Trip will be headquartered at the Republic County 4-H Building in Belleville, KS. Belleville is located a little over an hour north of Salina on US Hwy 81. The 4-H Building is on the Republic County Fairgrounds, at 901 O Street, in the northeast part of town. 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 fairgrounds.

The registration deadline is 12:00 noon, May 24. Registration expenses must be paid prior to the registration deadline at your County Extension office. Exhibit box orders will be included in the registration process, but you will not pay for exhibit boxes with other registration expenses. Exhibit boxes will be available for purchase at the field trip headquarters registration / check-in area.

**Friday, June 7:** 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 Beginners/Cloverbuds, Fossil ID, Exhibit Box preparation, Dinosaurs, and Tectonic Plates.

**Saturday, June 8:** 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 9:** 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](mailto:loisllarson@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please contact:

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