

**Northeast Iowa 4-H Adventure Information Sheet**  
**Intermediate 4-H'ers (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**  
**June 19-20, 2007**

**About the Trip**

The Northeast Iowa 4-H Adventure is a special program planned by teens for teens. As an intermediate 4-H'er, you will hike the National Park to view the Effigy Mounds left by the Plains Indians, canoe the Turkey River, visit the Ertl Toy Factory, and play on the Field of Dreams on this summer adventure. The group will travel to Northeast Iowa on a chartered bus on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, and return on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Along the way you will meet new friends, visit cool sites and learn new skills during your trip. On Tuesday night you will be cooking and camping in Pikes Peak State Park

**Cost**

Cost of Northeast Iowa 4-H Adventure is \$80 per youth. Check with your county Extension office to see if your county provides financial support to attend. Fee includes transportation from pick-up points, food and meals that you will cook on the first day, and all admission fees. Participants are encouraged not to bring large sums of cash but may want to purchase some souvenirs.

**Registration Procedure**

Complete application, code of conduct, and health form (if you do not have one on file at the Extension Office from the beginning of the 4-H year). Submit all forms and check to Northeast Iowa 4-H Adventure, West Pott County Extension, Iowa School for the Deaf Campus Careers Building, 3501 Harry Langdon Blvd., Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 beginning May 14<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be accepted between May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications postmarked before May 14<sup>th</sup> will go to the end of the list. The first two applications received with a May 14<sup>th</sup> or later postmark will be accepted and any additional applications from a county will fill any open seats not used by other counties.

**Cancellation Policy**

If for any reason you need to cancel your reservation for the trip, please provide a written letter of notification. Send letter of cancellation to West Pott County Extension, Iowa School for the Deaf Campus, Careers Building, 3501 Harry Langdon Blvd., Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503. If you cancel by May 29<sup>th</sup>, you will be charged a \$10 cancellation fee and will be reimbursed the rest of your registration fee. Cancellations between May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 12<sup>th</sup> will be charged a \$50 fee. No refunds after June 12, 2007.

**What to Bring**

Comfortable walking shoes (no flip flops), pair of jeans, t-shirt, sleep wear, light jacket or sweater, and toiletries. Pack light in a small suitcase. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. A more complete packing list will be mailed to all participants closer to the trip.

**Trip Highlights**

**Field of Dreams** Is this Heaven? No, it's Iowa. A place of fertile soil, traditional values and simple pleasure. And in Dyersville, Iowa, at the 91-year-old Lansing family farm with its quaint, and oh so recognizable house, baseball still ranks as a favorite pastime for all ages. What better place to carve a baseball diamond from a corn field and to make a movie about pursuing one's dream, no matter how much effort it takes?

*Field of Dreams*, released in 1989, is a movie that has inspired millions and became an Academy Award nominee for "Best Picture of the Year." Grab a ball, gloves and bat—all provided and head to the field to play a quick baseball pick-up game on the original "Field of Dreams" made famous in the Iowa based movie that was made famous by Kevin Costner and the arrival of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the 1919 Chicago White Sox Team.

**Effigy Mounds-- Before** Europeans arrived, a unique American Indian "Effigy Mound" culture developed in the upper Midwest building thousands of earthen mounds in the shape of animals across the landscape. Today, over two-hundred mounds are preserved intact here; thirty-one are

effigies in the shape of bears and birds found along hiking trails offering magnificent views of the Mississippi River.

The mounds preserved here are considered **ceremonial and sacred sites** by many Americans, especially the Monument's 16 associated American Indian tribes. A visit offers opportunities to contemplate the meanings of the mounds, the peoples who built them and the relationships to their modern decedents.

**Canoe the Turkey River** You will canoe the Turkey River, the largest river in Northeast Iowa and along the way visit the Motor Mill, a large river based Mill that is known for the incredible hand stone work of four German craftsmen that built the Mill over 100 years ago.

**Visit the National Farm Toy Museum** The National Farm Toy Museum features over **30,000 toys and exhibits** between its two floors. Tractors, implements, trucks, miniature farm dioramas, toy manufacturing information, and pedal tractors are on display around the museum. Also displayed are two Doug Schlesier sculptures, plaques honoring inductees into the National Farm Toy Hall of Fame, and a plaque honoring the founders of the world's largest farm toy manufacturer headquartered in Dyersville, the Ertl Company.

**Cook and Camping in Pikes Peak State Park**—On Tuesday night you will pitch tents and hang out around the campfire in this beautiful Iowa State Park.

#### **Planning Committee Members**

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