

## 4-H Camps – Fun with Fire

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**Junior Camp** – *Striking the Match* 

With so many junior members attending their first 4-H camp, this summer was all about lighting that internal 4-H fire. With junior camps being the initial step to a successful summer program experience, camps are formatted to instill the basic skills needed for delegates to move forward in their 4-H career as well as their day-to-day lives. Throughout the week members also had the opportunity to learn skills of a different sort; whether it be canoeing, archery, enjoying the sun at the beach front or learning what it takes to build a really fast slip 'n' slide, there was fun to be had.

## **Combined Camp**

Framed by the theme "Fanning the Flames," members attending the Combined summer camping program were presented with opportunities to take the interest in 4-H initially sparked in Junior camp, and fuel it into a blazing fire. Delegates are given new exposure to specific skills, such as teamwork, leadership and self-awareness, all of which are valuable to their learning and their skill set development. Members attending Combined camps took part in various skill sessions such as learning how to craft a chia pet and putting forth their leadership skills to help plan daily activities. With these new





skills, Combined delegates can work on fanning their 4-H flames into a brilliant blaze.



## **Intermediate Camp**

At the Intermediate summer camping program delegates came equipped with the excitement and enthusiasm necessary for creating a bonfire of personal development, learning and most of all, fun. Skill sessions, games, mini-Olympics, decision-making workshops and appreciation sessions on 4-H, agriculture and the environment were just some of the activities that kept delegates busy. Combine all of these things and you



will ignite an experience that truly was an unforgettable roaring inferno.

## **People Developing People (PDP and PDP Plus)**

Aptly themed "Carrying the Torch," the PDP program is designed to switch the focus of building skills within delegates to focusing more on personal development. PDP gives delegates the opportunity to look within themselves and recognize that it is the various strengths that roar inside of each delegate that causes their torches to burn brighter than ever.

At PDP, delegates will gain a greater understanding of the responsibility needed to successfully keep that fire burning. The focus of PDP is to foster and grow strong community leaders, giving delegates new ideas to take back and implement in their communities. Delegates will learn new ideas on how to make positive changes in the world around them and will be given the tools they need to carry their torch into their communities to be a leader.



