Why Should My Family Choose Rock Springs 4-H Center?

Eight words explain why Rock Springs should be your place of choice as you and your children evaluate and decide how they’re going to spend their time this summer: Value, Quality, Variety, Consistency, Investment, Experience, Leadership, and Uniqueness.

**Value:** Even with the moderate increases in attendance fees the last few years, when you objectively evaluate what your child is receiving in return for what you’re paying, dollar for dollar, one cannot deny the programs at Rock Springs are of equal or better value than most other things you might sign your kids up for like sports camps, Scout camps, music camps, programs through childcare facilities, etc.

**Quality:** The quality of the amenities and equipment used at Rock Springs are second to none in terms of other facilities around the state and many parts of the country.
Variety: This summer Rock Springs will offer 37 new activities through a progressive-tier experience model along with the great things we’ve always had like horseback riding, canoeing, and rifle and shotgun shooting. These will include several new outdoor education programs, a climbing tower, mountain biking, UAVs (AKA: quadcopters or drones), model rocket building and shooting, 3D target and aerial archery, sling shots, and spar pole climbing.

Consistency: This is year marks Rock Springs’ 70th year delivering quality programs to youth, the 110th anniversary of 4-H programming in the state of Kansas, and 114th anniversary of 4-H’s founding. We have been delivering quality experiences to youth longer than anyone else.

Investment: Over the last few years, thousands of donors who understand and support the mission of the Kansas 4-H Foundation and the great work done at Rock Springs have given millions of dollars to fund capital improvements and program enhancements at Rock Springs.

Experience: You would be hard pressed to find a more experienced and committed staff, anywhere in the state at facilities similar to ours, than what we have at Rock Springs. A few examples include:

- Our current Director has over two decades of experience in program development, facility management, sales and marketing, and fund development with nationally respected youth development organizations nationwide.

- Our Food Service Director has years of experience in the food service and convention/conference center industries.
• Our new Equine Director comes to us with years of experience serving as the Barn Manager/Lead Trainer for a stables operation in Minnesota, teaching and mentoring youth having worked as a public school Paraprofessional, coordinating horse camp programs, and teaching riding lessons. She’s also very familiar with 4-H programming having served as a club leader for two years.

• There is also a handful of staff at Rock Springs that has been a part of the great work that we do for almost 30 years each.

Leadership: The Kansas 4-H Foundation which is the owner/operator of Rock Springs is the largest state 4-H foundation in the country, and has an incredible and influential board of trustees whose backgrounds are as diverse as the parts of the state they represent.

Uniqueness of Resources: We have elements and capacity at Rock Springs that you will not find at other facilities in the state comparable to us such as one of the largest natural springs in Kansas, housing capacity of almost 900 guests at one time, or a newly remodeled Heritage Hall which includes Spencer Auditorium capable of seating just under 400 people.

More important than anything, it is just an awesome place to have fun and create memories which will last for a lifetime! So don’t delay. Select your adventure today by visiting [www.rocksprings.net/camp](http://www.rocksprings.net/camp) to obtain information on your county’s 4-H camp session and other programs offered at Rock Springs.