

**2026 4-H Geology State Field Trip – June 12 - 14 Southeast Kansas**  
**Registration Deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – No late registrations**

The headquarters for the 2026 4-H State Geology Field Trip is at the Parsons Middle School, located at 2719 Main Street, Parsons, Kansas.

This trip will focus on the Tri State Mining District, the Southeast Kansas Coal Mining Area and the Silver City Dome Mining Area. We will be collecting specimens from the Pennsylvanian and Mississippian age rocks of the Cherokee Lowlands and Osage Cuestas.

Registration is \$10 per person. **Every family member who attends trip must register including ages 0-150.** Field Trip t-shirts can be purchased for \$20. Exhibit boxes made of various wood and prices are also available, Cedar is \$55 and all other woods offered are \$65. T-shirts and exhibit boxes need to be purchased through the online registration system. We will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey as well as glass vial and plastic mag box specimen containers. Publications and specimen containers will be available for purchase at the field trip headquarters. Here is the registration link: <https://cvent.me/3owkLQ>

Big Brutus will be our lunch stop on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Participants may choose to enter the museum and Big Brutus grounds here with a group discount charge of \$4.00 per person, pay at the door for those who choose to view Big Brutus up close. There will be no charge for picnicing in the Big Brutus Parking Area. Participants will also be able to visit the Joplin Tri-State Mineral Museum near our last stop of the day on Saturday, free of charge, by showing your group badge. Museum will be open until 5:00 pm, on Saturday.

**Friday June 12:** Registration and judging contest will begin at 4:00 pm at the trip headquarters. No supper will be provided. The formal meeting will start at 6:00 pm with general information and orientation. Following the meeting, we plan to have a guest speaker. We will break into workshops afterwards, including Fossil ID, Mineral ID, Lapidary, and Geology 101.

**Saturday June 13:** Registration will resume at 7:00 am. The group meeting will be at 7:30 am at headquarters. Make sure to have a full tank of fuel in your vehicle. We plan to depart at 8:00 am for our first stop. Everyone should have a picnic lunch and drinks for the day. Saturday evening events, held at the headquarters (Parsons Middle School) include quiz bowl, judging contest, and specimen identification. Supper is on your own.

**Sunday June 14:** We will begin cleaning headquarters at 6:45 am. Headquarters will be put in order at 7:30 am. The group meeting will be at 8:00 am and we will depart at 8:30 am. Everyone should have a picnic lunch and drinks for the day, and a full tank of fuel.

**4-H Leaders and Junior Leaders** interested in helping on the field trip, please contact one of the leaders below. We will have a different colored t-shirt for the trip leaders and junior leaders again this year. You will need to purchase your shirts.

Indoor camping is offered at Parsons Middle School, and outdoor camping is also available nearby.

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