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Youths enjoy fun, learning at 4-H camp

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Lincoln and Taylor County youths recently returned from what might have been the most memorable experience of their lives: 4-H Summer Camp.

Twenty-nine campers, eight camp counselors, and eight adults braved the wilderness of Trails End Camp in Bruce from June 11 to 14. Many fun and exciting educational experiences made

AMANDA KOSTMAN this year's 4-H summer camp truly an event to remember.

This year's theme was Super Hero and was used throughout the camp activities. The older youth counselors had fun with the theme when they planned, organized and facilitated nearly all of the activity and art sessions at the camp. Campers participated in a DNA science project facilitated by Science Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, canoeing, basketry, field games, team challenges, nature exploration, shooting sports, campfire snacks, skits and fun.

The activities at 4-H camp are intended to be educational for both the campers and the camp counselors. They give the participants a taste of

the wide variety of activities available in the 4-H program, and they give older youths an opportunity to develop leadership skills. 4-H is open to all youths in Kindergarten through one year after high school graduation, regardless of where you live.

4-H is open to all youths in Lincoln County. The 4-H program provides equal opportunities in programming. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations may be made before the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. For more information, call the UW-Extension Office at 715-539-1072.

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Above: 4-H summer camp campers and counselors sit together for a group photo.

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First step to shooting: find out which eye is dominant.



Left: 4-H campers entertain each other with skits.



Kasey works on tie-dyeing while wearing the super-hero mask she made earlier that day to go with the camp theme.



Keia shows Jessica the critters she has discovered in the river.



Andrew seems proud of the amount of DNA he was able to produce and examine