



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -- Hundreds of young students from Nebraska and Kansas will gather at the South-Central 4-H Camp and Harlan County Dam on Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25 for the 2013 Water Jamboree.

The Water Jamboree has become somewhat of a “rite of spring.” Entering its 21st year, the Jamboree brings together fifth (and some sixth) graders from area schools for a fun and educational opportunity to learn about our water resources. Students come from communities in south-central Nebraska and north-central Kansas are immersed in interdisciplinary water activities relating to aquatic life, recreational uses, water quality, non-point source pollution, irrigation, historical aspects of water, plants and water and how water quality affects wildlife.

This activity is a cooperative effort by the Tri-Basin NRD, Lower Republican NRD, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Kansas State Research and Extension.

The first sessions begin at about 9:30 a.m., and the event ends around 2:15 p.m.

The Water Jamboree has become a very popular event with the students, teachers and other volunteers. More than 500 students and approximately 60 adult volunteers gather for sessions involving water use and water science, all in the name of learning about the importance of water to our area.

Students from the following schools are scheduled to attend this year: Holdrege, Franklin, Minden, Kearney, Axtell, Alma, Southern Valley, Elwood, Bertrand and Cambridge. Kansas students attending the Jamboree come from schools in Agra, Kensington, Logan, Phillipsburg, Smith Center and Norton.

The 4-H Camp is located on the north side of the lake about three miles west of Republican City. Signs are posted to help visitors find the camp. The events at the lake sites are held at the Gremlin Cove camping area and below the dam’s spillway.

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