

Science Summer Camp, June 25-29, 2018

During the week of June 25th many young and bright students came to the museum for the second annual science camp. The camp was led by over fifteen students in the Tonganoxie High School Science Club. The camp was the brainchild of Ethan Sandberg and Sierra Staatz last year. Co-leaders of the camp this year were Julia Westrich and Juliana Ballard.

Twenty-one youth entering grades one thru four were the lucky attendees. They spent three hours every morning Monday thru Thursday – and five hours on Friday – learning about science by participating in experiments and hands-on exercise in chemistry, physics, biology and ecology.

There were lessons and experiments in the barn and in the one room school house. Plants and animals came to camp, along with a replica of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The high school students used everyday materials to demonstrate science to their charges.

The high school students, while looking and feeling the heat of the 90+ degree days, looked happy and pleased. Their goal – to assure that elementary aged students get to know role models who want to be scientists and engineers, so that the younger students can aspire to those goals as well.

The Science Club is sponsored by John Tollefson. The Historical Society & Museum is pleased to be able to allow the Science Club to use our facilities at no charge.



Sierra Staatz, Alex Tucker, Julia Westrich, Morgan Brusven and Juliana Ballard, five of the high school science club members who worked to bring this science summer camp to elementary aged students.

Photo by Juliana Ballard



Learning about physics with everyday objects.

Photo by Kris Roberts



Hands-on biology.

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