

4-H Members Discover the World of 4-H...and Beyond!



(COLD SPRINGS, ON) – Over 45 youth from East Central Ontario gathered in Cold Springs on June 6th for an “Out of this World” experience at Region 3 Discovery Day. This opportunity enabled 4-H members and their friends, ages 10-12, to explore the diversity of the 4-H program, while the 2009 “Out of this World” theme allowed the participants to learn about the universe beyond 4-H and life on Earth! It was a great way to celebrate 4-H activities and 2009’s Year of Astronomy.

Enthusiasm was high throughout the day as members rotated through five space stations where they decorated theme related picture frames for a group picture, played the 4-H game show “Go For The Gold”, as well as games to learn about livestock husbandry. They also created chocolate space creatures and planted earthly spring seeds.

A big hit at lunch was the ‘make-your-own sundaes’, as well as meeting with past 4-H Ontario Ambassador Jessie Hubbs and current 4-H Ontario Ambassador Stephanie Warner. Also on hand to address the group was Dan Ferguson, Ontario Cattlemen’s Association representative.

Lunch was followed by a presentation on the “Vastness of the Universe” by members of the Durham Region Astronomical Association who allowed members to view the sun through a solar telescope. Following the presentation, participants played a variety of group games - allowing everyone to burn off excess energy before they headed for home.

Claire Doris, a 4-H member from Peterborough, commented that “4-H is a great place to make friends” while Shae-Lynn Bell, a Prince Edward County 4-H member summed up the day by stating that “Discovery Day is the best 4-H event!”

Since 2005 4-H Ontario Discovery Days have been made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Ontario Cattlemen’s Association.

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