

Switzer/KSU Ag Camp for Youth!

Growing New Gardeners One Peony at a Time!

About Me!

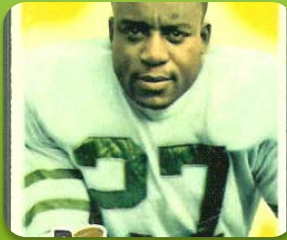
- ▶ 4th generation descendant of original settlers to Historic Nicodemus, KS
- ▶ My lineage is the Charles Williams family
- ▶ My father worked on the Webster Dam and met my amazing mother
- ▶ Raised a phenomenal family here!
- ▶ Worked at Fort Hays State, University of Missouri - Columbia, and retired from Kansas State University
- ▶ Living legend and cousin Veryl Switzer and I started the camp. We celebrate our 10th year this year!

Bragging a little





Switzer/KSU Agriculture Camp for Youth 2007 - 2017



Veryl dreamed of a Ag camp

- Statically underrepresented youth are not exposed to Agriculture and farming
- Statistically this group graduate high school at a lower rate than their counter parts



1 out of 10 low-income youth have been to a farm

- 1 out of 8 youth have been to a farmer's market
- 1 out of 4 youth eat fresh foods on a regularly!



Girls do not think they can be farmers!

- 23% of the 2017 graduating class at KSU in agronomy were women.
- 15% of the producers and sellers at farmers markets are men!

About the Camp

- ▶ Curriculum developed in partnership with College of Agriculture, Agriculture in the Classroom, and the K-State Extension office.

June 26-30, 2017 Switzer/KSU Ag Camp Schedule

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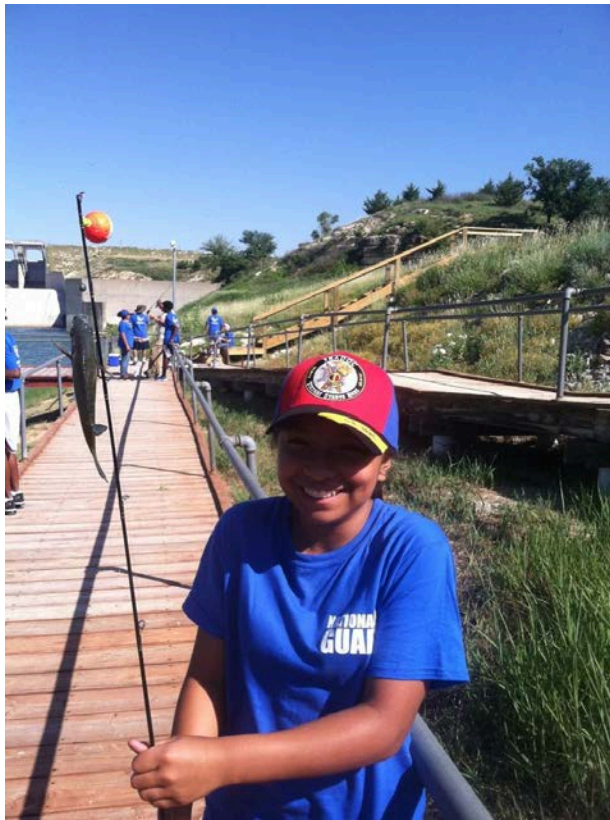
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 am		PF/Breakfast	PF/Breakfast Osborne, KS	PF/Breakfast	PF/Breakfast 8-9 am
9		Agronomy	Water Quality Field Day	Fishing @ Webster State Park – Mark Shaw	Service Learning Farmers Market Nicodemus, KS
10		Grain, Milling, and Baking Sciences Tour	Osborne, KS – Steve Spike	↓	4-H Group Projects presentation post-assessment survey
11	Check Into Dorms	↓	↓	Alexander Farms	Awards Ceremony - Villa
12	Lunch Ag Pre Assessment	Lunch	Forever Pheasant group - Osborne	Lunch	Lunch
1pm	Coach Bill Snyder and Football Complex Tour	Kansas Wheat and Innovation Center	Travel to Nicodemus/Stockton	Horse back riding and grooming alternate with Jr. Ranger Program Hill City High FFA & Community Garden Green House/Extension	Packing and depart for Manhattan, KS
2	↓	Insect Garden Sheep and Goat Meet Lab	↓	↓	↓
3	Kansas Department of Agriculture Tour	↓	Check into lodging	↓	↓
4	Call Hall Ice Cream Tour and Treats	East Side Market Tour	Alexander Farms	↓	Pick up Topeka/Lawrence
5	Dinner – Derby Dining Hall	Dinner Derby Dining	Dinner – Ernestine's Café w/	Dining at the Farmer's Table – Chef Willie T	
6	Hiking Konza Trail	Leave for Osborne, KS Water Field day (Wed)	Hill City High FFA & 4-H Project Tours	↓	
7	Manhattan Community Garden	↓	Community Garden Green House/Extension	Alexander Farms Horse back riding	
8	MANRRS and COA presentation	Aqua Awesome and 4-H group prep time/bus	↓	Buffalo Soldier Curtis Clark	
9	4-H assignments and group meeting	Group meeting	Daily Reflections	Campfire S'Mores and Wagon Ride	
10 pm	Showers/Lights Out	Showers/Lights Out	Showers/Lights Out	Showers/Lights Out	

USDA-NRCS Supports the camp!

- ▶ NRCS supports the camp each year by providing a water field day at Osborne and Pheasants Forever provides us with a BBQ lunch!



Webster State Park and the Stockton Bait Shop has supported the camp!



In Historic Nicodemus Kansas



At KSU









What's Peonies got to do with it?

Our theme for camp this year is:
Growing Gardeners one Peony at a time!

We will bring the campers for a tour here in
Stockton and,

Each camper will be given a bulb to plant at
their home or apartments. Containers
(recycled) will be decorated and given to
each camper with potting soil!