ABSTRACT
Early summer, there are many youth opportunities available however by late summer, youth are starting to get bored and parents are running out of fun ideas to keep them engaged. To address this need and focus on the 4-H initiative of Science, Engineering and Technology, 4-H Summer Adventure Day Camp made its debut. The purpose of the camp was to give youth ages 7-11 the opportunity to come together, learn new skills, have fun and explore the world around them.

Through a partnership with the WSU Center for Civic Engagement, a grant was written and awarded to fund a WSU intern to provide the leadership for planning and organizing the day camp. With guidance from the Extension Educator, the summer intern planned the activities, developed the brochure, publicized the event, conducted the camp and completed the evaluation. At the conclusion of the camp, an evaluation was given to the parents and a survey was given to the youth. Seventy-five percent of the youth respondents gave the camp an A grade. Highlights from the camp were learning how to use a GPS unit, cricket races, making ice cream, teamwork, learning about the animal kingdom, working together to solve problems and making snow through science experiments. The camp was a success due to the leadership of the summer intern, the dedicated resource personnel, great kids and supportive parents. The Extension Educator would like to offer camp every summer however, future camps are contingent upon availability of funding for a summer intern.

RESULTS and CONCLUSIONS
At the end of the camp, a retrospective evaluation was given to the parents to ask their perception of what they think their children learned from the camp experience. Parents said youth learned the most about:
- Animal groups
- Care and handling of animals
- Details about bugs and insects
- The science of making snow
- Socializing with others while learning and having fun!

A simple five-question open-ended verbal evaluation was given to the youth. Youth said that they learned the most about:
- Insects and crickets
- Teamwork
- How to work together to solve problems
- How to use a GPS
- Balance nutrition with exercise
- Some chemical reactions give off heat
- The science of making ice cream
- How to take care of animals

In summary, the camp was a success with 80% of the parents rating it as excellent and 75% of the youth gave the camp an “A” grade. One parent said kids enjoyed camp more this year than last and kids said that they would like camp to be longer. Summer Day Camps are an effective method to teach youth about science, life skills and broaden their understanding of the world around them, all in a fun, interactive manner.