

Floating on Leadership



June 16, 2026
Shady Beach Noel, MO

Junior Leader,

I'm excited you'll be joining us for Floating on Leadership on **June 16** at Shady Beach in Noel. We will be floating in rafts with 20 youths from across the Wildcat District, and I'm excited for you to meet these youths! We are doing the 4-mile trip, but plan for it to take all day as we stop at sand bars to swim, eat, and play leadership games. Our goal is to get down there and be on the water by 9:30-10 a.m. There is the potential that we will eat dinner as a group in Joplin depending on what time we get off the river depending on how the day goes and what the group wants to do.

We are watching the weather and water height. If water levels are too high or it rains, our backup is to go to SOAR in Joplin. We'll touch base via email/phone the week of the trip.

Food

Breakfast- Encouraged to eat breakfast before you get in the van. We will be stopping at Casey's in Columbus to meet another van you may grab something there

Lunch- Lunch will be provided to you on the water. We will have ham and turkey sandwiches, chips, granola bars, and drinks. You may bring your own snacks for the water.

Supper- We may stop in Joplin to eat as a group depending on time and what everyone wants to do. Bring money just in case.

Drinks- We will have water and Gatorade available on the water, for lunch, and supper. Youth are welcome to bring drinks in addition to what is provided and put them in our cooler or leave in your snack bag. Please don't bring your own big, hard sided cooler. Any type of 31 bag/lunch box/snack bag, etc. is welcome to keep with you.

Snacks- Youth are welcome to bring their own snacks in a water proof bag and keep with them.

Packing List

- Swimsuit- Please wear that morning with a cover-up.
- Towel for floating
- Draw string or water proof bag
- Dry change of clothes left in the van for supper and coming home
- Trash bag for wet clothes/towel
- Beach towel to leave at the van
- Sunscreen- We will have some available
- Sunglasses- Recommend a cheap pair in case you lose them 😊
- Hat
- Water shoes- Any type of shoe you don't mind getting wet
- Football (optional) (water super soakers will be packed by agents)

Travel Plan

I plan on everyone meeting me in Girard please let me know if a stop on the route is better for you.

7:30 a.m. Girard Extension Office

8:00 a.m. Caseys in Columbus, KS we meet up with others.

9:00 a.m. Arrive at Shady Beach in Noel Missouri.

We will ask youth to notify their parents when we are leaving Shady Beach in Noel and headed home.

Technology

- **Cell Phones-** Cell phones are allowed on the trip because we want youth to become connected and build a lasting friendship but we strongly encourage that they are left in the van and not taken on the water. Agents will have waterproof cases to take our phones but we will not share our waterproof box.
- **Speakers-** Agents will pack a Bluetooth speaker that youth may utilize

Permission Slip

At Shady Beach each 4-H member will be required to sign a waiver in order to be allowed to float on the river. By signing or typing your name below, you are authorizing your child and an extension agent to sign Shady Beach's waiver on your behalf. (We have asked twice for Shady Beach to send us this form in advance, if we are able to get access to the waiver we will provide it to you to fill out and return.)

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: