Sign-ups open for Kentucky Forest Leadership Program

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Senior 4-H’ers who are interested in the environment and think they may want to pursue an environmental-related career should check out the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program.

The weeklong, intensive summer program is taking signups now through May 21 and is open to youth who are currently in high school. Enrollment is limited this year due to COVID-19 guidelines, so register early.

During the week of June 6-11, young people can immerse themselves in the state’s natural environment while they live, work and play at the University of Kentucky’s Robinson Forest. Young people can choose to focus on either entomology, forestry or wildlife during the week. All programs are taught by forestry, entomology, wildlife and natural resources professionals from UK, the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Conservation and the Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Interested young people can find out more information and apply on the program’s website [https://kflp.ca.uky.edu/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkflp.ca.uky.edu%2F&data=04%7C01%7Ckatie.pratt%40uky.edu%7C21643e9c80bf46ae2f4808d8dfe91c97%7C2b30530b69b64457b818481cb53d42ae%7C0%7C0%7C637505539581754089%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=S6lZ2lLiWXqXf6tvGUzY%2B3Qem60xS2io3izmZIKTP3Y%3D&reserved=0) or by contacting the (COUNTY NAME) office of the UK Cooperative Extension Service. Students will need a recommendation from their high school guidance counselor or principal for the application. There is a fee to participate in the program, and scholarships are available.

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