Springing into the fun of college preparation

Let the learning begin!

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP, Region 2, has a full slate of educational opportunities this spring. We have everything from financial literacy and The Game of Life to STEM programs with LABO and marbles, as well as fine art programs at The Nelson-Atkins and The Coterie Theater. We also provided opportunities for completing/revising FAFSAs and writing essays for scholarships. It is the meaningful engagement of youth in our programming that makes a difference in planning for their futures. We also provide high school grades/credits to help students see the benefits of staying focused during the school year.

The spring semester has been slow to start with all of the winter weather in the Kansas City area. Students had anywhere from six to nine snow days until late February. The state-wide ACT testing for all was postponed until April 2 due to another snowstorm! We were able to go to Ft. Scott Community College between weather events in February. It was a fun-filled day of walking the campus and learning about various programs and majors available at Ft. Scott.

Washburn University in Topeka is always a great campus visit for youth to attend because of the KKGU alumni who are there and the fantastic programs they have on site to support our youth. Washburn also accepts students who don’t have the ACT score required for other universities. There will be two more visits in April to help students get a glimpse of life on larger campuses to K-State and KU.

Identity in the Civil War: Secret Soldiers were female

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP, Region 2 provided an extended historical lesson about the U.S. Civil War by attending Secret Soldiers: Heroines of the Civil War at The Coterie Theater. This was a great learning experience about women who were disguised as men and fought side-by-side with male soldiers during the war. Primary resources were used to create the characters and students were involved in the production by being medical staff that had to decide whether or not military medical records should reflect the actual gender of the female soldier (denying a military pension) or if the secret could be kept and allowing the concealment of gender to provide the military pension.
Upcoming Programs  Region 2 KKGU

SPRING CELEBRATION!!!

In partnership with The Darol Rodrock Foundation, KKGU Region 2, will be celebrating our seniors who are graduating this year with a picnic and festive afternoon. Please plan to come and bring family/friends.

**Senior pictures will be taken by volunteers on site.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
1-5 PM
ANTIOCH PARK-SHELTER #3
6501 ANTIOCH ROAD MEERIAM, KS
RSVP: 913-627-7904

Arrowhead Stadium Careers

Interested in sports careers?

Learn about various jobs within a professional sports team. Take a tour of the home of the CHIEFS!

Limited to 12 students. First Come/First Served.

Let your KKGU Advisor know you're interested.

Saturday, May 11, 2019
RSVP: 913-627-7904

Gandhi: “Happiness is when what you think and what you do are in harmony.”

Benefits of Community Service

Kansas Kids @ GEAR Up Region 2 provides several service-learning programs throughout the year for youth to engage in actively. Many youth don’t understand how helping others translates into benefiting from it personally; however, there is research to substantiate personal gain from community service. Studies show that people who help others are consistently happier individuals. Students can become happier through volunteering, and they can learn new skills that help them to succeed. According to researchers, students who do community service are more likely to do well in school. Volunteering also looks great to employers and shows an employer that the students care about their community. There are also health benefits of volunteering indicating that volunteers are less likely to have depression and are less likely to become ill than non-volunteers. Giving back to the community is a great way to engage with KKGU programming!

www.greatvaluecolleges.net

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- FAFSA completed
- College Application/Acceptance
- Scholarships Completed (www.kkgu.org)
- Financial Aid Award Acknowledged
- Housing deposit
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY FOR INFORMATION FROM YOUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

ACT TEST

RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2

Scholarships!!

Saturday, March 23, 2019
2:00-5:00 PM
JOCO Central Resources Library
RSVP: 913-627-7904
Get your scholarship applications completed. FAFSA make-up day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
1-5 PM
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### 2018-2019 ACT TEST DATES

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See your KKGU Advisor or school counselor about test fee waivers.

**STATE-WIDE ACT TESTING IS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019.**

***** NEW FREE ACT TEST PREP to ALL KKGU STUDENTS USING WAIVERS FOR THE ACT TEST

GO TO: [http://www.actstudent.org/onlineprep](http://www.actstudent.org/onlineprep)
KKGU: Region 2 would like to thank all of our partners for their continued support. With your help we are able to better serve youth in our area.