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STUDENTS CAN LIVE LIKE SOLDIERS AT FORT HAYS YOUNG TROOPERS CAMP

HAYS, KS—The 12th annual “Young Troopers” camp at Fort Hays State Historic Site will take place June 19-21, 2009. The camp is open to boys and girls who have just graduated the fifth grade and only 20 children can be accepted. The camp is designed to give the children first-hand experience in living the life of a soldier at Fort Hays in 1869 including sleeping in tents, eating food cooked over a campfire, and learning to march in formation. They will also learn about local and state history and explore the stories of Native Americans living in western Kansas during the 1800s. The fee to attend the camp is \$10. The Young Troopers camp is sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Society of Friends of Historic Fort Hays. Three museum staff members and 17 volunteers will share the duties of directing the camp.

For more information contact Bob Wilhelm at Fort Hays State Historic Site at 785-625-6812.

Fort Hays State Historic Site is located four miles south of I-70 exit 157 at Hays. The site is one of 16 administered by the Kansas Historical Society. For more information contact Fort Hays State Historic Site, 1472 Highway 183 Alt., Hays KS 67601-9212: 785-625-6812; thefort@kshs.org; kshs.org.

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