

# Make safety a priority

Sleeping bag? Check. Hiking boots? Check. Safety guidelines? While the preparations for a family camping, boating, or hiking trip usually adelines with their children, paying special attention to potential hazards specific to outdoor recreation.

Campfires, portable stoves, heaters, and fuel-burning lanterns all produce carbon monoxide, a colorless and odorless gas that can poison a child very quickly. About 30 campers each year die of carbon monoxide poisoning in the U.S. Never use any of these devices in an enclosed area, even a tent. In addition, make sure these devices — as well as campfires — are clear of flammable material, from paper napkins to dry grass.

Safe Kids Kansas recommends these safety guidelines around campfires and portable heating devices:

**-keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children**

**-always supervise children near a campfire or portable stove**

**-keep a bucket of water and a shovel near the fire at all times and extinguish the fire completely before going to sleep or leaving the site**

**-In addition, when camping and hiking keep these guidelines in mind:**

**-keep first aid supplies and emergency phone numbers handy and know where the nearest land-line phone is located**

**-let friends and relatives know where you are go-**

**ing and when you are coming home**

**-never let children hike alone**

**-dress children in layers of clothing to help prevent heat-related illness and hypothermia**

**-do not push kids to go on a longer or more strenuous hike than they can handle**

**-use SPF 15 or higher sunscreen when outside**

**-bring plenty of drinking water or sports drinks and high-energy snacks**

**-wear hiking boots and clothing that offers protection from scrapes and poisonous plants, as well as insect repellent**

Everyone loves the water in summer, so safety measures are in order here, too. Follow these guidelines whether wading, swimming, or boating:

**-always supervise young children near water**

**-insist that everyone wear personal flotation devices on boats**

**-small children should wear flotation devices whenever near open bodies of water**

**-when boating, be able to recognize buoy markings and know how to use proper navigation lights**

**-make sure boats have current safety inspections**

**-do not overload boats**

For more information about outdoor recreation safety, call 785-296-1223 or visit [www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org).

# Governor names new commissioners

Governor Sam Brownback has appointed three new commissioners to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission. The terms of commissioners Kelly Johnston, Doug Sebelius, and Sheri Wilson expired June 30, 2011, and all have been replaced.

Replacing Johnston, Randy Doll, Leon, is currently the president and managing partner of Doll Real Estate Services, L.L.C. He is a lifelong Kansan and an avid outdoorsman. Doll has over 25 years of experience in business and governmental arenas, giving the commission a well-rounded background that has focused on excellence in performance and quality of product and service.

Replacing Sebelius, Tom Dill, Salina, is currently a financial advisor at Edward Jones. He received his degree in accounting and agricultural economics from Kansas State University. Dill has more than 30 years of bowhunting experience and has incorporated a wildlife and quality deer management program on his farm.

Replacing Wilson is Kansas City

native Donald Budd Jr. Budd is an entrepreneur and owner of Budd Enterprises, an agricultural and real estate firm. Budd has been a small business owner in Kansas for more than 30 years. An avid waterfowl and deer hunter, Budd is also a life member of the Kansas Trap Shooters Association and the National Amateur Trap Shooters Association.

Gerald Lauber, Topeka, is the new chairman of the commission, and Frank Meyer, Herington, is vice-chairman.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is administered by Secretary Robin Jennison and is advised by the seven-member Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission. All positions are appointed by the Governor with the commissioners serving staggered four-year terms. Serving as a regulatory body for the agency, the Commission is a non-partisan board — made up of no more than four members of any one political party — that advises the Secretary on planning and policy issues regarding administration of the department

# Regulations guide available Sept. 1

Printed copies of the 2011 Kansas Hunting and Furharvesting Regulations Summary will be available at Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism offices and license vendors around the state about Sept. 1, but hunters can view or download the summary now at [www.kdwpt.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us). Type "Hunting Regulations" in the search box at the department's homepage or click on "Hunting," then "Hunting Regulations."

As always, this year's booklet contains several new regulations. In addition to changes in season dates, significant new regulations include

the following:

-elk units are now described by highway boundaries rather than counties

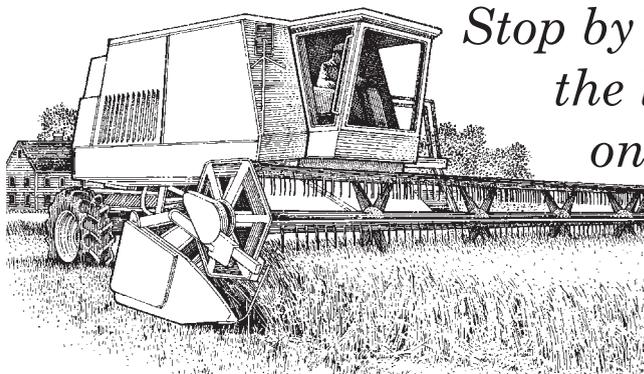
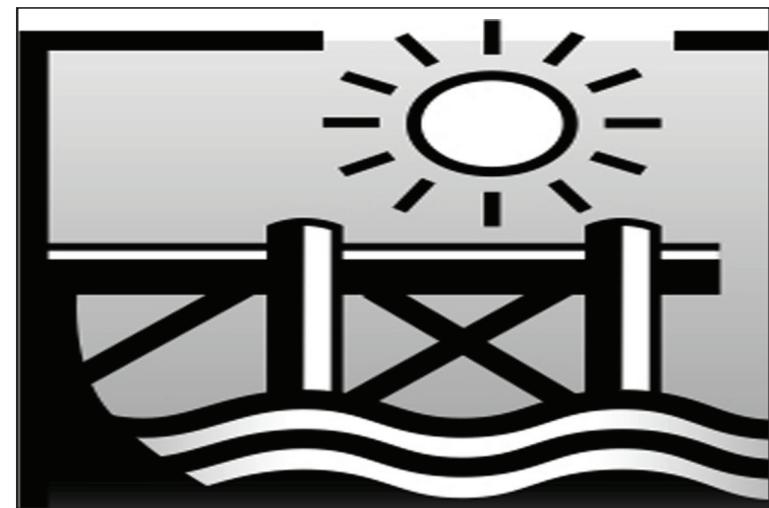
-any person who lawfully possesses a firearm suppressing device may use that device in conjunction with lawful hunting and furharvesting

-resident youth 16 through 20 years old may purchase multi-year licenses valid through the end of the calendar year in which they turn 21. Hunt, fish, and combination licenses are available. Resident youth will save \$62.50 if they purchase the multi-year fishing or hunting license

when they turn 16. A 16-year-old will save \$122.50 if they buy the multi-year combination license

-otters may be trapped Nov. 16-March 31, 2012, or until the statewide trapping mortality quota of 100 otters is met. Only two otters per trapper will be allowed for the entire season. Each individual who has trapped an otter must contact designated department staff within 24 hours of take.

Other regulations are covered in this indispensable booklet. Download a copy as soon as it's available or pick up a printed copy in early September.



*Stop by after a day at the lake for a cool one and a meal!*

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