

By Jan Schultz

The Imperial Republican

“It’s Alive” is the theme chosen for the summer 2009 SCORE science camps in and around Imperial.

Project Director Marla Smith said the curriculum for the camps June 15-19, 2009, will emphasize the life sciences, but will also include activities in the physical sciences, earth sciences and conservation.

As Christmas nears, Smith notes that gift certificates can be purchased now in any amount for Christmas-giving, birthdays or other occasions, which can then be applied to the student’s registration fee next year.

The Imperial Grade School Foundation continues to offer the week-long camps in the summer on an every-other-year basis.

They are open to students who have completed grades 1-6 that summer, with sessions in both the mornings and afternoons from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Cost for next year’s camp will be \$90 per resident student (living in Chase, Perkins and Dundy Counties), and \$110 for non-resident students.

Smith noted that SCORE will not be offering a grade 7-8 camp in 2009. She said many of the junior high students enjoy helping with the grade 1-6 camps, and she encourages them to continue doing so.

“They are some of our best helpers,” she said.

The SCORE team adventure camp (T.A.C.) will return in the summer, 2010, and provide an outdoor/nature camp for the older students.

Those interested in purchasing SCORE camp gift certificates can purchase them at Chase County Schools, from Smith or Assistant Director Kim Spady, all of Imperial.

SCORE stands for Science Camps Offer Rewarding Experiences.