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Media members are invited to Lake Afton Park Thursday, July 13, at 4 p.m., for a barbeque and a chance to witness a rope bridge competition.

Sheriff Gary E. Steed and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Kansas Army National Guard, Wichita Crime Commission, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and Koch Industries are presenting the 11th Annual Leaders, Achievers and Winners (L.A.W.) Camp at Lake Afton Park, July 11 -14, 2006. This four-day event is sponsored for 150 area youth, both boys and girls, ranging in age from 11 through 15.

July 11 - 14, 2006, has been declared as Sedgwick County Law Camp Days by Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, in recognition of the effort to involve area youth in alternatives to crime and violence.

"I attended L.A.W. Camp for three years, in my youth, and feel that it was a great experience," said Kaquience L. Williams, Sedgwick County Deputy. "I gained a broader understanding and respect for Law Enforcement. As a former camper, I can say, first hand, how important my counselor, Lt. Terrilee Jones was to me. I think L.A.W. Camp is a positive way for our youth to interact with law enforcement."

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The purpose of this camp is to achieve specific goals with youth. While attending the camp the kids will participate in a variety of activities that are geared to build teamwork, confidence and trust. Some of these activities include swimming, canoeing, fishing and wall climbing. They will also attend workshops dealing with such things as drug awareness, self-esteem and cultural diversity.

Volunteers from the Sheriff's Office, the Kansas National Guard and Big Brothers and Big Sisters will be on hand to mentor the kids during their stay at L.A.W. Camp. Other organizations that provide assistance at L.A.W. Camp include Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Services, Sedgwick County Fire Department and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

For more information about L.A.W. Camp and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, visit www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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