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2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops

Frequently Asked Questions

- When?** June 30-July 2, 2009
- Where?** Iowa State University
- Who?** YOU - any Iowa high school student, not just 4-H'ers
- Why?** Where else can you attend great workshops, awesome dances, hear inspiring speakers, do some community service, and meet over 1,000 other people. Why not!!
- Theme:** Voyage to Greatness
- Number of youth that attend:** Over 1,000
- How old do I have to be?** Completed 8th grade-12th grade.
- Where will I stay?** In the Richardson Court residence halls on campus
- Can I room with my friend?** Yes, you can select a roommate from your area, or one will be assigned.
- What is the basic cost?** \$125.00
- What does that cost include?** Everything except T-shirts, souvenirs, and transportation costs. It does include room and board.
- Are Scholarships available?** Yes, contact your local county extension office for more information.
- What happens at conference?**
- During conference, delegates will stay in the ISU Richardson Court dorms. Sorry folks, these are not air conditioned, but you are only in the rooms to sleep and you can bring a fan.
 - There will be 3 motivational speakers - Patrick George, Harriet Turk, and Dan Wendt.
 - Fun...yes, you will have lots of it. In fact some of the goals of conference are to make new friends, reconnect with old friends, and have fun. Tuesday afternoon the group will have an Iowa picnic and fire up during teambuilding activities. That night you'll go to the ISU Memorial Union for a dance on the outside terrace. If you are not a dancer, don't worry, there will be video games, bowling, billiards, swimming, and basketball to keep you occupied. You have to pay for the video games, but the rest is covered in your conference fee. Wednesday night is the night to dress up and look your best while you attend the 2009 banquet at Hilton Coliseum. After you eat at the formal banquet, you will be entertained and then dance the night away. If dancing is not your choice, you can join other delegates for casino games sponsored by the Ames Knights of Columbus.

The theme for this year's conference is "Voyage to Greatness." What is the importance of this theme?

Everyone has different talents and different interests, and each person has his/her own journey to experience. At the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference each delegate will have the chance to find what gets their motor going, whether learning more about themselves in a workshop to become more prepared for the future or serving the community to create success locally. They will also learn skills to take back to their own communities in discussion groups and activities improving leadership.

When is the 2009 conference being held?

It will be June 30-July 2 on the ISU campus. It will be three days and two nights of fun, excitement, meeting new friends, learning from college faculty in hands-on experiences, working in community service projects, and learning new ideas that they can take back and share with their community and clubs later on.

Who organizes the Conference?

The conference is organized by the State 4-H Council in cooperation with the State 4-H Youth Development staff. This council is comprised of high school 4-H members from various counties throughout Iowa. The Council organizes every aspect of the conference and our goal is to provide conference delegates with a fun and worthwhile experience.

Who can be involved in the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference?

All Iowa teens that have completed 8th through 12th grades are eligible to attend. The conference is open to all youth, not only 4-H'ers. The State 4-H Council felt that the workshops offered would be of interest to all teens in Iowa, so that is the reason for open invitation. If someone is not a 4-H member and wants to attend, they should contact their county extension office for registration materials or go to the conference website (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>) for registration materials.

Can I go if I'm not in 4-H?

Everyone is welcome at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference who is between entering and exiting high school. So, bring a friend! But all who attend need to register through the local county extension office so that the appropriate number of chaperones are provided. The goal is 1,000 delegates.

As an Iowa teen, what will I gain by going to Conference?

You will learn a lot about everything...including yourself! You will meet people from all over the state who have the common interest of 4-H but have approached their projects in all different ways. The delegation will also be involved in community-wide service projects to give them ideas of similar projects they could do back in their home counties. But all work and no play is not fun, so we make sure to include plenty of fun activities! You will dance, bowl, play games, and have a great time learning new ideas to take back to your community.

Where do participants stay?

The Iowa State University campus becomes the delegates' home for three days. They will be staying in the old RCA dorms, eating in the Oak-Elm dining center and having sessions in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium, workshops in the various buildings on campus and finally the banquet, dance, and casino night in Hilton Coliseum. The conference really becomes a great opportunity for Iowa teens to become familiar with the ISU campus and some of the faculty to help them in making college choice decisions.

How much does State Conference cost? Can I get financial aid?

The base cost is \$125, with additional costs for T-shirts if you want them. Transportation is provided to conference from some parts of the state and, of course, there are usually fees for that. Each individual must contact their county office for the accurate figure. Some counties help pay some of the conference fees, and financial aid is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation for those who qualify. The application for the Foundation financial aid is available from the county extension office.

What type of educational workshops will be covered?

Everything from agriculture, clothing, food science, safety, fitness, engineering, design, and communication will be covered. State council has tried to look at issues that today's teens care about and the resources of the university to develop the workshop offerings.

What kinds of community service are we able to do?

As a 4-H member we pledge our hands to larger service at all levels. The state 4-H council's goal is for the delegates to become involved in a service project so they can bring back ideas to their own community and further carry out this pledge. For 2 1/2 hours on Wednesday afternoon, youth will have the chance to participate in different community service projects in Ames and surrounding communities--working with senior citizens doing yard work, painting or cleaning up in city parks, helping at daycare centers or the Iowa 4-H Center, or organizing books in a library. Many service projects are outdoors.

What happens at the banquet?

At the banquet, 4-H'ers have the chance to eat a formal dinner in Hilton Coliseum followed by an awards program, entertainment, and a dance. This is your chance to dress up. Banquet entertainment is tentatively the Isisserettes from Des Moines, Iowa.

What is the Iowa Picnic?

The Iowa Picnic is a chance to eat traditional Iowa food while you take a break from activities and meet other 4-H'ers from around Iowa. Delegates will also have the opportunity to get to know others in small groups, through team builders and ice breakers.

What can you tell about speakers?

We have three keynote speakers, tied into the conference theme and activities for each day. Speakers tentatively lined up are:

Patrick George - He gave his first speeches at the age of 5 while visiting his grandmother's church and has been delighting and encouraging people ever since across the United States. He addresses facing fears and leadership challenges in his presentations.

Harriet Turk - Often described as "that cheerleader woman," Harriet believes it takes incredible enthusiasm and energy to make it through life. Participants will leave with a clear, practical healthy lifestyle message - believe in yourself!

Dan Wendt - A former 4-H'er, Dan has spoken to 14,000+ high school students and adult volunteers on creating opportunities for day-to-day greatness.

What other recreational activities will the delegates participate in during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference?

On Tuesday the delegates will participate in teambuilders to get to know one another in central campus at ISU. That night the Memorial Union will be the spot where they can put their dance skills to the test on the patio under the stars. Also, the delegates may choose to bowl, go swimming, or play billiards during this time. A second dance takes place in Hilton Coliseum following the banquet. With one of our goals being to meet other people, we try to have lots of options of fun things to do so there is something for everyone.

How can I share my skills?

Try out for the Talent Show, held at large group sessions throughout conference. Applications should be attached to your registration form or ask your county extension office. Individual and group acts are encouraged to apply.

What is Animal Science ROUNDUP?

4-H Animal Science ROUNDUP is an annual gathering of Iowa's 4-H and FFA livestock project members. The event is conducted by the ISU Department of Animal Science, Extension 4-H Youth Development, and state commodity groups. ROUNDUP activities are conducted at the Animal Science Department facilities on the ISU campus and the nearby research farms.

The purpose of ROUNDUP is to teach modern concepts and technologies in Animal Agriculture to Iowa 4-H and FFA members and to also introduce them to career opportunities in the field of animal science.

ROUNDUP consists primarily of hands-on, experiential learning activities that cover a wide array of animal science related topics. Workshops offered include: computer simulation activities to develop feed rations and breeding programs, artificial insemination training, ultrasound determination of carcass composition in the live animal, equine training techniques, lessons in cardiovascular physiology using a treadmill with horses and much more! Participants may make their own omelet breakfast or other food items, as well as produce a TV commercial.

ROUNDUP participants are also able to participate in the evening activities of the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, including the banquet, picnic, and dances.

What is CSI: Crops?

First introduced in 2004, participants will become super sleuths, investigating crop crime scenes. Youth will use the most advanced technology and DNA information to solve agronomy problems. Field Crop Detectives will have a wide variety of hands-on experience with DNA, GPS, GMO's, ultrasounding, and a variety of others.

How do I register for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science ROUNDUP, or CSI: Crops?

Contact your local county Extension office. The registration without a late fee is due May 30 to the State 4-H Office, but it must be sent to your county first; and the earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting the workshop of your choice.

Please start doing special recruiting with other youth agencies, minority based churches, and organizations. Those who participated last year certainly should be contacted about returning and bringing some of their friends.

If translators are needed for delegates, please notify us immediately so this can be arranged. Also, mark this on the registration forms under special needs.