“Start Your Future Here” is the theme for the 2017 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held June 27-June 29, 2017, at Iowa State University. Our goal for this year’s conference is 900 delegates!

As in years past, we invite ISU staff, faculty, and others to lead educational workshops. It is an opportunity to inspire Iowa teens to develop new skills and interests. We hope to concentrate our workshops on career opportunities and future planning, leadership skills, and current opportunities for involvement. Anything that you, as a facilitator, could do to make the workshops more interactive or hands-on would be greatly appreciated. We have found that this activity results in more beneficial workshops. Tours, team-building experiences, and other enrichment activities are also strongly encouraged.

The State 4-H Council would like to invite you to share your expertise through leading a workshop at the 2017 State 4-H Conference. Please consider sharing your talents with Iowa’s 4-H’ers this summer. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate what ISU has to offer Iowa’s youth. To help us recruit exciting workshops, please distribute this information sheet and the workshop proposal form to other people as needed. Please note that fees are not generally paid to presenters. The Iowa State 4-H Council (40 youth) designs the conference and selects the workshops to be offered. Workshop proposal reviews and a more finalized schedule will be completed by mid-February, 2017.

Our workshops will last approximately one hour and 30 minutes and will be offered on Tuesday afternoon (June 27), Wednesday afternoon (June 28), and Thursday morning (June 29). Please plan an adequate amount of information to be presented in one hour and 30 minutes. We encourage workshops to be presented on all three days, but welcome proposals for only one-day or two-day presenters if you have limited availability. There will only be one workshop session on each day. The State Council is also inviting proposals for three-day or two-day continued workshops with the same delegates going more in depth on a topic each day. If you feel delegates would benefit from the more in-depth three-day or two-day workshops, please mark the appropriate option on the Workshop Proposal Form. If you prefer the single workshop, that’s great too. Please note your availability and presenting preferences on the proposal.

Since this conference is offered to students who have finished grades 8-12, our curriculum needs to cover a broad range. Students in eighth grade will benefit more from introductory materials, while older high school students would enjoy college preparation and career planning materials. Please include the target audience you have in mind. We would like you to try and incorporate the theme.

Thank you for your assistance in the 2017 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Your participation will help youth in Iowa start their future as they gain new skills, experiences, and make a difference in Iowa communities.

Please submit proposals and questions by January 5, 2017, to:
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