“Your Passport to Adventure” is the theme for the 2018 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held June 26-June 28, 2018, 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. The Youth Conference workshops are an opportunity to inspire Iowa teens to develop new skills and interests – to have an adventure. We hope to focus our workshops on career opportunities, future planning, leadership skills, cultural enrichment, and current opportunities for involvement. Workshop topics we are especially interested in this year are listed on the back page. If you would like to present on a different topic, we welcome your application as well!

The State 4-H Council would like to invite you to share your expertise through leading a workshop at the 2018 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, 2018.

Our workshops will last approximately one hour and 30 minutes and will be tentatively offered on Tuesday afternoon (June 26), Wednesday afternoon (June 27), and Thursday morning (June 28). 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 will accept 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. Also, we would like you to incorporate the theme.

Thank you for your assistance in the 2018 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Your participation will help youth in Iowa have an adventure as they gain new skills, experiences, and make a difference in Iowa communities. We appreciate your consideration!

Please submit proposals and questions by January 4, 2018, to:
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Workshop Topics we are especially interested in for 2018:

- Cultural food
- Cultural learning
- Travel abroad
- Linguistics
- Resume writing
- Aquaponics
- Sports (leadership)
- Astronomy
- Space physics
- Cooking
- Disaster relief
- Wildlife
- College prep
- Entomology
- Anatomy
- Marching band
- Drumline
- Dancing
- Self-defense
- Animals
- Archery
- Calligraphy
- Glass blowing
- Natural resource management
- Yoga
- Theatre/improv
- Horticulture
- Swing dancing
- Global resource systems
- Teaching
- Clothing/textiles
- Non-traditional farming
- 3D printing
- Robotics
- Rockwall climbing
- Criminal justice
- CPR class