4-H Career Pathways Academy
Detailed Schedule for State 4-H Youth Conference and Monthly Workshops

**State 4-H Youth Conference-June 28-30, 2022-Iowa State University Campus**

**Tuesday, June 28**
8:00-9:30 a.m. – Registration
9:45-10:15 a.m. - Floor meeting
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Opening session, CY Stephens Auditorium
12:15-2:00 p.m. - Lunch—Seasons Dining Center (MWL)
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Career Pathways Academy Kick-Off
  * Welcome
  * Teambuilding Activities
  * Overview of Career Pathways Academy
3:15-4:45 p.m. – Educational Workshop #1-Healthcare, Entrepreneurship, Education, STEAM, Agriculture
4:45-5:30 p.m. – Free Time
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Picnic/Recreation
7:30-9:30 p.m. – Optional swimming
8:00-11:15 p.m. – Dance, Bowling, or Games
11:45 pm-12:15 am – Floor meeting
12:15 a.m. – Lights out

**Wednesday, June 29**
8:15 a.m. – Meet for Work Site Visits (8:30 AM-4 PM)
8:30-9:30 a.m. – Site Visit #1-Danfoss Power Solutions
9:30-10:00 a.m. – Travel
10:00-11:00 a.m. – Site Visit #2-Story County Medical Center
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch on ISU Campus
1:30-2:30 p.m. – Site visit #3 Center for Industrial Research and Service-Digital Manufacturing Lab
2:30-3:00 p.m. — Travel
Thursday, June 28
6:45-8:15 a.m. – Breakfast
8:15 a.m. – Meeting with ISU Admissions-Building Your Future
9:15 -10:45 a.m. – Educational Workshop #2-Healthcare, Entrepreneurship, Education, STEAM, Agriculture
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Lunch, pack, check out
1:00-3:30 p.m. –
• Discuss next steps for Career Pathways Academy when you return home—expectations, monthly sessions, and externships.
• Education-Find Your Spark Monthly Workshop
  o Guest Speaker/Professional Panel & Tour On-Campus Makerspace
  o Experiential Learning or Work-Based Learning Activity
  o Reflection, Social Activity

**Green highlight indicates Career Pathways Academy-specific educational track activities**

Career Pathways Academy ‘Find Your SPARK’ Monthly Workshops
* Will align with and support Iowa Department of Education Essential Elements of Work-Based Learning, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Standards, and Iowa CORE Standards - 21st Century Skills

*Sample schedule will vary by day/date, location, partners, as well as the interests and availability of the youth participants and AmeriCorps members.

August-December
During these monthly workshops, participants will join others from their area on a 2- or 4-year college campus or job site related to one of the following career pathways: Agriculture, Education, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare, Skilled Trades, and STEAM. Youth will have the opportunity to engage in the following:

• Explore the work, learning, and social environment, academic program facilities, or business first-hand.
• Hear from current college students, college faculty, or young professionals about their real-life experiences.
• Engage in an experiential learning and/or work-based learning experience.
• Reflect on how their experience relates to their interests and identify an institution or business to connect with in their local community.
• Connect with new friends through fun team-building activities, energizers, and social activities.

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Career Pathway: Healthcare  
Meeting Location: Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines

9:00 - 9:20am  Arrival/Welcome/Icebreaker
9:20 - 10:20am  Speaker/Panel & Tour College Facilities (Ex. Nursing, Paramedic (EMS), Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapy Assistant)
10:20 - 10:30am  Break
10:30 - 11:30am  Experiential Learning or Work-Based Learning Activity  
(Ex. 4-H STEM Sparks Heart Health)
11:30 – 1:00pm  Lunch, Reflection, & Social Activity

January-May

During these months, Career Pathways Academy participants will have the opportunity to engage in the following:

• Hands-on workforce development training to build leadership, communication, and entrepreneurial skills through individual externship experiences in their local communities.
• Opportunities for stipends and business mentors to support entrepreneurial interests.
• Information and resources for college or other post-secondary education and training planning (Ex. Scholarships and financial assistance, other 4-H programs, college search process, apprenticeships)
• Monthly ‘Find Your SPARK’ Workshops will bring youth together to learn about and practice professional workplace, academic, and life skills through interactive experiential learning activities. These may include:
  o Communication: Including resume-writing, interview skills, positive relationship-building, and social media
  o Cultural Competency
  o Stress Management and Self-Care
  o Study Habits and Time Management/Organization
  o Problem-Solving and Decision-Making
  o Leadership and Civic Engagement

* Note: Hybrid or virtual options will be considered as needed.

Additional Benefits

Upon graduation from the Career Pathways Academy, youth will receive the following:

• Academic scholarship that can be applied to any 2- or 4-year Iowa college or university
• Pre-Admission to Iowa State University
• Academic Credit
• Stipends and business mentors to support entrepreneurial endeavors.