

## **2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Frequently Asked Questions**

### **The theme for this year's conference is "A Universe of Possibilities." What is the importance of this theme?**

Everyone has different talents and interests, and each person needs to explore his/her own strengths to learn where they may lead. At the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference each delegate will have the chance to discover what excites them, 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 2019 conference being held?**

It will be June 25-June 27 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 it is an open invitation. If someone is not a 4-H member and wants to attend, they should contact their county Extension and Outreach office for registration materials or go to the conference website, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference> 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 notify and pay through the local county Extension and Outreach 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 and MWL residence halls, eating in the Seasons Dining Center in MWL Residence complex and having sessions in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium, workshops in the various buildings on campus and finally the banquet, dance, and game 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 the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference cost? Can I get financial aid?**

The base cost is \$180, which includes a T-shirt. 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 and Outreach office and on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website.

**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 service learning 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.

**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.

**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: Will be confirmed soon.

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

On Tuesday the delegates will participate in team builders to get to know one another on 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 are available on the 4-H Conference website or ask your county Extension and Outreach office. Individual and group acts are encouraged to apply.

### **What is Animal Science Round-Up?**

4-H Animal Science Round-Up is an annual gathering for those with an interest in livestock. The event is conducted by the ISU Department of Animal Science, Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development, and state commodity groups. Round-Up activities are conducted at the Animal Science Department facilities on the ISU campus and the nearby research farms.

The purpose of Round-Up 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.

Round-Up 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.

Round-Up participants are also able to participate in the evening activities of the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, including the banquet, picnic, and dances. This year Round-Up delegates applied in advance but still need to register through the on-line system.

### **How do I register for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference or Animal Science Round-Up?**

Registration without a late fee must be submitted on-line by June 1. The registration link can be found on the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference> or send by hard copy to **Registration Services, 1601 Golden Aspen Drive, Suite 110, Ames, IA 50010**—the earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting the workshop of your choice. Payments must be made through the local county Extension and Outreach office.

Please start doing special recruiting with other youth agencies, churches, and minority-based 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.