



4-H Youth Development

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To: 4-H County Contacts

From: Claudine Zender, Extension Associate / 4-H Youth Development

Re: Idaho 4-H Teen Conference

Enclosed is orientation information for use in making final preparations with your county 4-H Teen Conference delegates. Please share this information with your delegation before coming to Teen Conference. It has been formatted so that you may copy it to give to the delegates. It will also be posted on the [4-H Teen Conference web page](#).

We are working with the districts to determine who will be in charge of the delegates from each county at Teen Conference. Closer to Teen Conference we will send you and the chaperones a list of delegates for whom each is responsible. Please advise your delegates of the name of the adult in charge of your delegation. If you have any changes in your delegation, please inform the adult in charge of your county *and* the state 4-H Youth Development office.

As we must pre-assign dorm rooms this year, we will also be sending a rooming list to each county before your delegates depart for Moscow. This will allow you to review room assignments and make any changes you feel are necessary.

A delegate orientation prior to departure or immediately upon arrival in Moscow is a must. Encourage delegates to be aware of and adhere to the Conference rules and regulations. Orientation should include an overview of Conference week and what to expect: assemblies, contests, workshops, service project, Fashion Revue, variety show, Idaho 4-H Association officers, and adult in charge of your delegation.

This year we will be conducting a chaperone orientation via webinar on June 4 (5 pm Pacific, 6 pm Mountain). We will record the webinar so those who are unable to participate live will be able to view it at their convenience. County staff members are invited to participate.

Also enclosed is information on the election process for 4-H Association officers. Please share this with your delegates. Delegates interested in running for office should request an election packet from the state 4-H Youth Development office. One of the purposes of the elections is to educate 4-Hers about elections. Candidates are nominated and voted on through processes similar to the primary elections and national nominating conventions. Each county needs to select a county voting delegate to represent them at the Tuesday nominating meeting. Candidates then campaign and are voted on by all delegates in the final election.

We will be holding three contests at the conference: Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking, and a Financial Skill-a-Thon. All delegates will participate in Consumer Decision Making and the Financial Skill-a-Thon. Delegates must apply for Public Speaking by May 31. A copy of the brochure (which includes the application) is included with the orientation materials. Contact Grace Wittman in Cassia County for more details on Public Speaking.

This year's service project, Operation Care Package, is in support of Idaho's military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Delegates should bring items included on the enclosed list. Contributions will earn points in the District Competition.

In the registration packet delegates are encouraged to bring donations for the Friends of 4-H Drive. It is very time consuming to handle large amounts of unrolled coins. Please encourage delegates to bring their contributions to the Friends of 4-H Coin Drive in the form of rolled coins, bills or checks made out to "Idaho Friends of 4-H."

The Teen Association will hold an Officer Auction and a Zumba dance activity to raise funds to support the Teen Conference planning process.

Conference plans are coming along well and we're looking forward to a great week!