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TEEN CONFERENCE 2013

University of Idaho Extension

2013 ORIENTATION INFORMATION FOR 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE

1. Teen Conference is designed by the Teen Association Officers, representatives of the Ambassadors, and adult mentors. Teen Conference is an opportunity to meet and interact with new friends. The Teen Conference planning team hopes you have a fun and educational week.

2. Review the registration packet for information on what to bring, conference policies and regulations. Remember to **bring a sleeping bag or bedroll**, **pillow,** bath towel, swimsuit, personal toilet articles, medical and personal hygiene supplies, **variety show costume** (if needed), **dressy clothes** for the Clover Banquet, **money for the Friends of 4-H Fund Drive** (please bring any money you have collected in the form of rolled coins, bills or checks), **contributions for Operation Care Package**, and **decorations for your dorm room door**.

3. Water guns are permitted outside buildings only and are only to be used during Free Time.

4. Optional expenses in addition to travel include: snacks, pizza, a Zumba fundraiser and the Officer Auction.

5. An Extension educator or adult volunteer will be in charge of each delegation. College staff, adult volunteers and Extension educators will be housed in the dormitory on the floors with their delegates. Check with the adult in charge of your delegation if you have any problems or questions.

6. A warning regarding valuables. The university assumes NO responsibility for losses due to theft. Room keys are required. You will receive a room key at registration. Turn it in at check-out on Friday morning before you get on the bus or leave campus. **If you fail to turn in your key on Friday, you will be charged $60 as the lock must be rekeyed.**

7. **Meal service will be in Wallace Cafeteria.** Except for the Monday night BBQ and the Thursday night Banquet or as otherwise listed in your schedule, all meals will be served in Wallace Cafeteria, known as "Bob's Place." Meal cards are issued at no charge and must be presented at each meal. There is a $15 charge for replacing lost cards.

8. Use of private cars by delegates is not permitted during 4-H Teen Conference. If delegates drive cars to Moscow, keys are to be collected and held by the adult in charge until the Conference is over. Parking permits are not required if cars are parked in the dorm parking lot.

9. Registration and dormitory check-in is Monday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the LLC dorm lobby near Line Street. When you check in you will receive your registration packet (workshop assignments, name badges, programs), and will receive a key for a dorm room. Tower dorms are two-person rooms with one bathroom on each floor. The adult in charge of the delegation will pay any remaining conference registration fees, but delegates are responsible for payment of track workshop fees, if any.

10. District meetings are scheduled each day. These meetings provide an opportunity to get to know delegates in each district as well as take care of Teen Conference business. This is a chance for you to touch base with the adult in charge of your delegation and let them know if you have any problems or concerns. Some of the officer election process will be handled in these meetings. Districts can also break out into county groups to address county issues. Thursday is "thank your sponsor day." Thank you notes will be available from the adult in charge of your delegation.

11. Idaho 4-H Teen Association Officers are selected during Teen Conference. Eligible 4-H members are encouraged to consider running for an elected or appointed position. Candidates

must have completed the 10th grade and have attended one previous Teen Conference. Candidate filing forms must be submitted to Teen Association Vice President Trevor Kauer before the first assembly on Tuesday. Delegates can request more information about running for an office by contacting the state 4-H Youth Development office prior to Teen Conference. Filing forms may also be picked up at the first District meeting on Monday afternoon, or from Trevor Kauer. An informational meeting will be held for all candidates on Monday evening.

12. Each county needs to select a county voting delegate before coming to Teen Conference or at the Monday District meeting. The county voting delegate represents the county by voting at the State Nominating Meeting on Tuesday (similar to the national nominating conventions).

13. Interviews for those delegates planning to apply for National 4-H Congress will **not** be held at Teen Conference this year. If you want to apply to attend National 4-H Congress, you need to request an application from your County Extension Office and record an interview to submit with your application for Congress. Check out the 4-H Events web page at: www.uidaho.edu/4h for more information on National 4-H Congress.

2013 TEEN CONFERENCE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Contests

This year three contests will be held at Teen Conference. All delegates will participate in Consumer Decision Making and a Financial Skill-a-Thon. Those who apply to the Cassia County Extension Office by May 31 may compete in the Public Speaking Contest. Ask your county staff member for more information on Public Speaking if you would like to compete in the Prepared or Impromptu categories.

Clover Banquet & Dance

The Clover Banquet is a formal evening, so bring appropriate clothing for this evening. Delegates will be able to return to the dorms to change clothes after Thursday's banquet and before the dance.

Door Decorations

Come to Teen Conference prepared to decorate your dormitory room doors on Monday. We encourage you to make your "home" for the week demonstrate your 4-H pride, and at the same time earn points for your district. Bring clever ideas and crafty supplies to put your signature on the door.

Variety Show

Plan ahead to participate in the annual Variety Show. The entertaining event is a great opportunity to share talents—whether they are serious musical talents or creative skits. You will learn a variety of skills as you plan and present a variety show and at the same time entertain fellow delegates. Plan ahead!

Zumba Fundraiser

A Zumba dance activity in the Student Recreation Center will get everyone onto their feet and having fun in this conference-wide fundraiser. Bring "active" clothing that will allow you to move freely and work up a sweat. Suggested donation is $5.

Service Project

We will be writing letters and packing boxes for Idaho military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bring contributions included on the Operation Care Package list. Cash donations to help cover the postage ($14.85 per box) are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Idaho 4-H and given to the adult in charge of your county, or mailed in advance as directed on the flyer.