



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 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, the Public Speaking Contest, workshops, service project, variety show, Idaho 4-H Association officers, and adult in charge of your delegation.

A pre-recorded chaperone orientation webinar will be made available to first time chaperones view at their convenience. An in-person adult orientation will be held Monday evening at Teen Conference.

New for this year's orientation: Idaho 4-H Teen Conference Appearance Guidelines to help delegates and adults determine appropriate clothing for the conference.

Also enclosed is information on the election process for Idaho 4-H Teen 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. Candidates then campaign and are voted on by all delegates in the final election.

Delegates or chaperones who wish to participate in the Variety Show are encouraged to make a video or audio recording of their act and email it to fourh@uidaho.edu prior to June 1.

We will be holding the state Public Speaking Contest at Teen Conference. Delegates should apply for Public Speaking by May 23. 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.

The 2014 service project will teach delegates about hunger and food insecurity in Idaho, the U.S. and around the world. As part of the service project we ask that delegates bring personal toiletries or non-perishable food items with them to Teen Conference. An explanation of the 2014 service project is included with this letter and may be copied and distributed to your county's delegates. 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!