



A UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

KYG: Infinite Possibilities

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Know Your Government is a 4-H program that gives the youth of Idaho insight on what occurs at the state legislative and judicial government levels. Every February, teens from across Idaho unite together to learn more about state government. Government representatives and law professionals volunteer their time to teach the delegates during the mock judicial and legislative sessions. The delegates are able to tour the Capitol Building, Idaho Supreme Court Building, and for the first time, delegates will visit the University of Idaho Law and Justice Center.

At the conference, there is an option for youth to apply for a third year at KYG. To do this, delegates fill out applications, and are interviewed. These are the teens who plan the conference each year. This gives young adults a chance to

gain experience on creating 4-H involvement.

KYG provides a safe environment that allows teens to have a positive experience away from home. This conference can increase a teen's self-esteem by providing opportunities to practice public speaking, meeting new people, leadership skills, and new friendships that last forever.

The mission of the conference, *"is to provide 4-H members an opportunity to learn more about the decision making process in their communities and state."* After the conference, teens return to their home counties and talk to their local 4-H groups, schools, and community officials.

The goal of this conference is to make the delegates' future full of infinite possibilities through hand-on workshops and peer networking.



2016 Idaho 4-H Know Your Government Conference

February 13-15, 2016

LEGISLATIVE

This year, 5 bills were lobbied at the KYG legislative sessions. Bill topics included: school lunches, 32-hour work week, distracted driving, electronics in the classroom, and mandatory concussion helmets for sports. There are 69 delegates participating in the legislative track.

JUDICIAL

The judicial mock trial was a case of vehicular manslaughter. Drugs may, or may not have been involved. There are 82 delegates participating in the judicial track this year.



2016 KYG BY THE NUMBERS

5,000+

Teens that have attended the conference since 1987

650

Government official volunteers

172

Delegates this year

40

Chaperones and advisors each year

19

3rd Year Planning Committee Members

3

4th Year Planning Committee Members



KYG Clover

KYG Clover was born in 2013 at the Summer Planning Committee Meeting and first met delegates at the KYG Conference in 2014. Since then he has traveled from Idaho to Mexico and Oregon to Washington D.C. He even continued his travels outside the US. With so many sights to see, people to meet, and new things to learn, he decided to put all of those aspects together and attend some amazing activities, such as T.A.L. K retreat, Ag Days at the University of Idaho, and the Idaho 4-H Teen Ambassadors retreat. He even visited a cloned mule and watched some Vandal football after the livestock judging contest in Moscow, Idaho. All of his journeys this year have helped in preparation for the 2016 Know Your Government Conference. This little guy has a following, and wants you to join in on the fun! It's easy, to get started all you need to do is take a picture with KYG Clover and post it to social media using the hashtag #idkyclover. Look him up to see all of his adventures throughout the years, and now it's your turn to take him with you! Remember to snap a photo, and hashtag #idkyclover!



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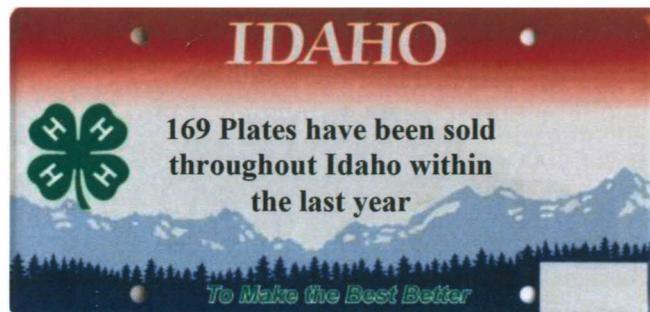
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 #idkyclover

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