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DATE: October 31, 2011
TO: 4-H and Youth Agents (via e-mail)
FROM: Kay Hobler, WI 4-H Outreach Specialist *Kay Hobler*
RE: 2012 National 4-H Trip Projections/Commitments and State/National Trip Information

Plans are underway for 2012 state, national 4-H trips and international opportunities.

1. **A 2012 Citizenship Washington Focus commitment form** including projection numbers for other state and national trips is enclosed. Please complete and return it by December 1.
2. **A 2012 National 4-H Conference application** is also enclosed along with information about selection. Please share this application with youth and leaders in your county.
3. **2012 Space Camp applications** are posted at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp/index.cfm>
4. **2012 Adult Advisor applications**, posted at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm>, will be accepted until March 1.
5. **2012 International applications** are being updated and posted. Outbound applications are due Jan. 1.

All 2012 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip-week dates are confirmed and posted on the state 4-H website for reference. Once again, youth will have a choice of weeks and boarding/disembarking points. Please note schedule changes from previous years! Each group will depart on a Saturday and return on a Sunday and will include a Gettysburg battlefield tour but no overnight stay in Gettysburg. Instead youth will stay an extra night at the National 4-H Center and enjoy more time in Washington D.C. This change was made for budgetary reasons in order to keep costs as low as possible for participants.

Citizenship Washington Focus serves 10th-12th grade 4-H youth from around the country in a week-long program at the National 4-H Center. Approximately 200 Wisconsin youth travel by motorcoach to Washington D.C. with a tour in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania enroute. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, off-site experiences including a day on Capitol Hill and social events. Visit their web site at www.4hcnw.org.

2012 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) DEADLINES

December 1	"State and National Trip Projections" form due to the State 4-H Office.
February	State office advises the counties the exact cost of the trip.
Feb. 15-Mar 1	County staff registers county CWF delegations on-line.
March 1	Adult Advisor applications are due to the State 4-H Office.
April 2	County submits payment to the state 4-H office, payable to UW-Extension.

Commitment form: An important element of participation in the state coordination effort is the agreement of each county to be responsible for providing and paying for the exact number of CWF delegates county-determined by December 1. Please use the enclosed "State & National Trip Projections" response form. The number of delegates your county states on the reply form is for 2012 only but should be based loosely around the number of delegates your county sent last year. Your county delegation size may increase/decrease slightly from year to year. Sending delegates beyond the original self-determined number (*i.e.* sending five delegates when the original number was four) may be possible if space allows. Based on participation numbers from last year, we are limited to reserving space for about 200 delegates and Adult Advisors. We anticipate being able to accommodate all county requests but may need to make minor adjustments. We'll keep you informed.

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Necessity of commitment by December: In order to keep the individual trip cost as low as possible, we need to use bus space wisely. Empty seats wreak havoc with even the most thoroughly developed budget. Individual trip cost depends on the bus cost. The number of buses needed depends on the aggregate numbers the state 4-H office is serving. Having these numbers in December allows time for bus bid processing and providing the exact trip cost to you by March. We will do everything possible to keep the trip cost close to the 2011 rate of \$1,115 per delegate, but final costs are dependent on bus bids.

Registration: County staff is requested to register CWF delegates on-line between February 15-March 1, 2012. Information about the registration site and pass code will be available by early February. The State 4-H Office will send correspondence directly to delegates March 1 (copy to agents) with program details.

Payments: County delegation payments for CWF will be **due April 1**. A letter and payment worksheet will be sent to you in early March. Please ask individuals to pay your county; then submit a single check for the group made payable to UW-Extension to WI 4-H Outreach, 431 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison WI 53703-1195. Counties may request dollars from delegates at any time, in any way. Counties can estimate (*i.e.* ~\$1,115) by December 1 the total amount that will be due April 1. Counties will know the exact per delegate cost needed to calculate the overall delegation cost in March.

Payment Calculation Sample

1. County X advises the state 4-H office by Dec. 1 of committing to sending six delegates to CWF. County X calculates the total county delegation cost: (6 x \$1,115* = \$6,690).
2. County X sends one check for \$6,690 to the state 4-H office by April 1.
3. County X collects from individuals however/whenever it sees fit.
4. If a delegate cancels, County X is responsible for
 - a. locating an alternate** who will pay the full price or
 - b. paying for the trip cost of the delegate's empty seat.

*\$1115 reflects the cost for 2011. It may change for 2012.

** Alternates can be found within the county or via a state-maintained state-wide alternate list (please notify the state office if you wish to be added to or request an alternate from this list).

Dates for 2012 CWF trips. All trips depart on Saturday and return the following Sunday.

Week #3: Saturday, June 16 – Sunday, June 24;

Week #4: Saturday, June 23 – Sunday, July 1;

Week #6: Saturday, July 7 - Sunday, July 15;

Week #7: Saturday, July 14 - Sunday, July 22;

Please refer to these recent postings.

2012 CWF Profile Form (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/cwf/index.cfm>)

Sample CWF Acceptance Form (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/cwf/index.cfm>)

2012 State and National Trip Brochure (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/index.cfm>)

2012 International Opportunities Brochure (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm>)

2012 National 4-H Conference Application, Info Sheet/Cover Letter and 2012 Canadian National 4-H Conference Information Sheet (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/natlconf/index.cfm>)

Please call me at (608) 262-1557 if you have questions. Thank you.

enc: "2012 State and National Trip Projections" Response Form
2012 State and National Trip Calendar
2012 State and National Trip Quick Reference Chart
"Wisconsin 4-H Opportunities: Learn More about Them!" Sheet
2012 WI Federation of Cooperatives Y.E.S. Conference Information Sheet

cc (w/o encs): Yvonne Horton, Annette Haas, John de Montmollin, JulieAnn Stawicki

2012 State and National Trip Projections

Citizenship Washington Focus

Four weeks in June & July 2012, Washington, D.C.

State-coordinated CWF trips will be on four weeks starting in mid June. Please fill in your county's commitment for reserved seats on state-coordinated CWF trips in 2012. These numbers are used for cost determination based on bus transportation. On-line registration will be open February 15-March 1. Registration information will be available on the State 4-H website.

National 4-H Conference

March 23-29, 2012, Washington, D.C.

No projections are needed. Applications are enclosed for dispersal to county-selected youth.

National 4-H Congress

November 23-27, 2012, Atlanta, GA

Please provide your best estimate of the number of youth who will attend National 4-H Congress in 2012. These estimates are used for reserving blocks of airline tickets early in the year. (This is not a commitment.) Counties can register delegates on-line between July 2-16. Registration information will be available on the State 4-H website.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

September 30-October 3, 2012, UW-Madison Campus

No projections are needed. The UW-Extension Dairy Youth Specialist, will distribute information in the spring.

Space Camp

April 19-23, 2012, Huntsville, AL

No advance projections are requested. Counties can register applicants on-line between January 3-10. (Confirmation of selection will be provided late January.) Registration information will be available on the State 4-H website.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

June 25-28, 2012, UW-Madison Campus

Please provide your best estimate of the number of youth who will attend Conference in 2012. (This is not a commitment.) On-line registration will be open for both chaperones and youth April 2-13. Registration information will be available on the State 4-H website.

Please respond even if your county is not sending delegates for 2012. Thank you!

Projected number of youth (do not include adults) to WI 4-H & Youth Conference _____
Commitment of youth who will travel on Citizenship Washington Focus _____
Projected number of youth to National 4-H Congress _____
County _____ Date _____
4-H Agent's signature _____

Due December 1, 2011 to:

WI 4-H Outreach, 436 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison WI 53703-1195.

Wisconsin 4-H Opportunities

Learn more about them!

Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, D.C.

www.4hcnw.org

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/cwf

Four trip weeks are offered in June-July each year to Wisconsin 4-H.

International Host and Travel Opportunities

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm>

Opportunities exist for travel to Australia, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Norway (travel even numbered years to Norway), and for hosting youth for a month from Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Norway (host odd numbered years for Norway), or for a year long high school student from Japan, Korea or a Eurasian country.

National 4-H Conference and Canadian National 4-H Conference

<http://4hconf.4-h.org/>

<http://www.4-h-canada.ca/core/en/programs>

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/natlconf/index.cfm>

Meet 4-Hers from around the USA and/or Canada to share ideas and learn about trends in 4-H and/or in agriculture.

National 4-H Congress

www.national4-hcongress.com

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/congress

Experience exuberance with 1300 4-H'ers from all over the US including Hawaii and Puerto Rico in Atlanta in November.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/dairyconf

Join youth from over 30 states and several Canadian provinces to share experiences, tours, workshops, World Dairy Expo and fun in Madison.

Space Camp, Huntsville AL

www.spacecamp.com

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp

Wisconsin 4-H travels to Huntsville each April to join the fun!

Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/youthconf

Over 650 participants visit the UW Madison campus in June for this conference.

For more information, Contact your local 4-H office or
the State 4-H Outreach office at (608) 262-1557 or kay.hobler@ces.uwes.edu

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

**Please note that the application forms for the
2012 Coops Yes! Youth Leadership Conference
were not available at the time of the 2011 Fall Forum.**

**2012 Conference Location: Eau Claire
2012 Conference Dates: March 19-20, 2012**

**Please contact David Erickson, Director of Member Services,
at 608-258-4400 for more information.**