Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference
September 24-27, 2015
Clyde York 4-H Center - Crossville, TN

Welcome to SRTLC - Orientation Newsletter

The Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference is a first-of-its-kind, multi-state 4-H conference created to bring together 4-H teens and adults to empower & inspire them to make a positive change across the southern region through youth-adult partnerships. Started in 2005, this conference was designed by 4-H members at the National 4-H Conference in order to strengthen the leadership abilities and create ties of friendship and partnership between youth in the southern United States. Today, this conference brings together 100s of youth annually who share information about their state, their 4-H programs and who work to improve their leadership and learn effective methods of developing youth adult partnerships.

In this newsletter, find out more about:
♦ The schedule of the conference.
♦ What to bring and the dress code.
♦ Our yearly service project.
♦ The “Pride of the States” event.
♦ Opportunity for a t-shirt exchange.
♦ The “Taste of the States” program.
♦ Our cultural excursion.
♦ Opportunities to teach workshops/funshops.

SRTLCS’s Home - The Clyde York 4-H Center (Crossville, TN)

The Clyde York 4-H Center is a modern 4-H camp set on 190 acres on the beautiful Cumberland Plateau in Crossville, TN (about halfway between Knoxville and Nashville). Delegates to this conference stay in climate controlled cabins that have separate accommodations for youth and adults under one roof. Showers and bathrooms are in the cabin. Delegates will need to bring all linens and toiletry items (including towels).

What to Bring:
♦ Linens, towels, washcloths, toiletries
♦ Comfortable walking shoes
♦ Umbrella or Rain Coat
♦ Swimsuit (weather permitting)
♦ Extra money for canteen
♦ Casual Clothes
♦ Shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above knee
♦ Shirts should have at least a 2 inch strap
♦ All clothing should be in good taste

Important Dates/Times:
September 4, 2015
STATE Registration Deadline
September 11, 2015
STATE payment deadline
September 24-27, 2015
Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference
*Registration 4-6 pm CENTRAL
*Supper provided
*Departure 10 am CENTRAL
*Detailed schedule is provided at registration
Service Project - Foster Care Backpacks

There are over 400,000 kids in the US in the foster care system. Many times, they are removed from their homes quickly with little more than the clothes on their backs. SRTLC is working to help these youth during this challenging time by creating a “backpack” of necessary and fun items. Each person attending SRTLC is asked to bring a minimum donation of $10. These funds are used by the entire delegation to purchase items at Wal-Mart. We also have the opportunity to hear a presentation from an active foster care family about the impact of this service project.

Pride of the States!

Let's show off our Bluegrass pride! Counties and individuals are encouraged to create a display board that details a program, project or activity that is unique or important in their county or district. This is a great chance for 4-H members to discuss their Gold/Emerald awards, showcase special clubs they are coordinating or talk about their project work. This is a great way to learn about all the wonderful things 4-H is accomplishing in the south.

T-Shirt Exchange

If you are like most 4-Her’s, you have dozens of shirts from all the events you have been to over the years! Here's your chance to make some new friends and get some cool new 4-H shirts from other states. Bring your clean 4-H t-shirts that are in good repair to trade with people from other states. Everyone is invited to participate and there will be extra shirts if you don't have any!

Schedule (Draft/Subject to Change)

Thursday (all times are CENTRAL)
4 pm  Registration & Welcome Activities
6 pm  Dinner
7 pm  Parade of States/Welcome
8 pm  Teen Activities & Adult Orientation
9 pm  Campfire
10 pm  Networking/Freetime
11 pm  Cabin/Lights Out

Friday
7 am  Morning Walk
8 am  Breakfast
8:45 am  Workshop A followed by Workshop B
10:45 am  Onsite Service Project
12 pm  Lunch
1 pm  Workshop C followed by Workshop D
4 pm  Pride of States
5:45 pm  Dinner
7:30 pm  Panel Discussion
8:30 pm  Evening Activities
10:30 pm  Campfire
11 pm  Cabin/Lights Out

Saturday
7 am - 12:00 pm  Same as Friday
12 pm  Off-Site Service Project
2 pm  Service Project Assembly
3 pm  Afternoon Activities
8 pm  Dance.Movie/Games
10 pm  Slide Show and Evaluations
10:30 pm  Cabin/Lights Out

Sunday
8 am  Breakfast/Cabin Clean-up/Departure

Taste of the States!

This is a fun activity that has been going on during the last couple of years. Each state is asked to bring a couple of food items that they can serve the delegation and showcase their cuisine. Last year Kentucky served the 250 people a taste of Ale-8 One BBQ sauce (Clark County) and Dippin’ Dots (Western KY). These were just a few of the many delicious items from around the south. Come ready to try out some of the many delicacies from other states. If you would like to secure a donation of food or drinks from your county or region, contact Mark Mains (mmains@uky.edu) for more information.

Cultural Excursion

This year we are excited to announce that we will be going to see “The Foreigner” at the Cumberland County Playhouse. This is a chance to enjoy some entertaining LIVE theatre. From their website, “All Charlie wants is a little peace and quiet. So, when he arrives at a fishing lodge in Georgia, it seems harmless enough to masquerade as a foreigner who can’t speak English. However, he soon realizes that people will say the most extraordinary things when they think no one can understand them, and what seemed like a serene getaway suddenly turns into a hornet’s nest of drama and intrigue.” This comedy is age appropriate and sure to fun for everyone. Casual, 4-H appropriate dress code applies.

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