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STATE EVENTS

4-H Communication—Communities Workshop—Twin Cities—Spring

"4-H Communications Conference" and "Youth Involved in Communities" workshops combine as the "4-H Communication—Communities" workshop. "Youth Involved in Communities" segment has been planned to give teens a learning experience in the effective planning and conducting of community improvement activities. The "Communications" portion of the conference uses this process as a vehicle for utilizing the skills they develop in their chosen area of communication study (print media, photography, graphic design, electronic media or speaking). Delegates are selected at the county level.

Camping Workshop—Selected locations around the state—April and May

For junior leaders interested in serving as camp counselors for county or multi-county camps. Training is given in camping skills, working with boys and girls, and camp programs.

Conservation Leadership Conference—Itasca State Park—June

A week-long experience designed to study our natural resources and environment and promote 4-H conservation project work in Minnesota. Extension specialists and a youth continuation committee plan and conduct the program, which includes park tours, special interest groups, recreation, campfire, and ceremonies. The conference is

sponsored by the Federal Cartridge Corporation and the Agricultural Extension Service.

Animal Science Workshop—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—

An opportunity for 4-H animal science project members to learn about animal production, breeding, management and economic factors affecting the livestock enterprise; to gain knowledge about animal science careers, to gain skills and confidence to assume leadership roles in animal science project and activities. Three-day workshop for teens, sponsored by 4-H and Department of Animal Science.

Pedal Power—Camp Lincoln—June

A four-day bicycle safety workshop for teens 15-17 from 4-H and other youth organizations. The Pedal Power Workshop trains teenagers to organize and conduct bicycle safety programs in their communities. Workshop is limited to 150 participants statewide. Enrollment through county extension agents. Co-sponsored by Agricultural Extension Service and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol.

Junior Leader Conference—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—June

A week-long personal development conference for teens 15-19. The conference includes speakers, workshops, discussion groups, dances, a Twins game, and a banquet. Travel scholarships are provided to selected counties by Burlington-Northern Railroad. The banquet is sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Area Chamber of Commerce.

Arts-In—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—August

The 4-H Arts-In is an intensive week-long encounter with the visual and performing arts for teens 15-19. It includes experience in music, drama, journalism, art, and costuming. Participants prepare backdrops for exhibits and activities and prepare musical and dramatic performances for the Minnesota State Fair. This activity is sponsored by Cargill, Inc., in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service and the Minnesota State Fair.

Minnesota State Fair—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—August and September

Over 5,000 Minnesota 4-H'ers have an opportunity to exhibit or take part in a variety of activities during State Fair, including demonstrations, judging, style show, and Share-the-Fun. All State Fair participants must be blue ribbon winners in county fair competition.

Regional Dog Show—Selected locations—September

The Regional Dog Show is open to any 4-H'er enrolled in the dog project who wins a blue ribbon at a county 4-H dog show. The district show provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to participate in an activity that helps them know what they have learned and how they have progressed in comparison to project standards and to others in the project.

Bike Right Event—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—September

4-H'ers in the Bicycle project who participate in summer biking programs are encouraged to attend the 4-H Bike Right. A two-day event held in September. Program includes a bike hike and picnic, bike rodeo, and bike safety relay.

Community Pride Conference—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—September

The 4-H Community Pride Program is sponsored by Northrup King & Company and the Agricultural Extension Service. Its purpose is to stimulate 4-H clubs to work toward improvement of their community and environment. The club with the top 4-H Community Pride project in the county is asked to select a member to attend the state-wide Community Pride Conference in the Twin Cities in September. The conference program includes tours and discussions and recognition activities related to communication, government, and community involvement.

Market Livestock Show—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—September

The Minnesota 4-H Market Livestock Show provides a three-day educational experience for 4-H livestock producers. This is accomplished through a competitive live show and carcass evaluation contest and marketing procedures that reward the livestock exhibited in a way similar to that of commercial markets. 4-H'ers qualify for participation through county competition. Participants must be 11 by January 1 of the current year. The show is sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and the Agricultural Extension Service. Premiums are awarded from over 85 donors who contribute over \$12,000 annually.

4-H Horse Show—State Fairgrounds, St. Paul—September

The State 4-H Horse Show is a two-day event that provides 4-H members an educational experience with other 4-H members in fitting, showing, and judging horses. 4-H'ers must be 11 years old and be enrolled in the horse project to compete and must have received a blue or purple ribbon at the county level. The show is sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service and selected donors.

AK-SAR-BEN 4-H Livestock Show—Omaha, Nebraska—September

AK-SAR-BEN (Nebraska spelled backwards) is one of the nation's largest civic organizations fostering programs in agricultural, charitable, and educational activities. The 4-H Livestock Show sponsored by AK-SAR-BEN is the largest youth show in the world. Participation is open to 4-H'ers 12-19 whose market or dairy animal is declared eligible as a result of blue ribbon placing at the county level. The show provides an out-of-state experience for Minnesota youth and gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to apply what they have learned in a show situation and learn how they have progressed in comparison to project standards and to others in the project.

NATIONAL EVENTS

National 4-H Conference—Washington, D.C.—April

The National 4-H Conference is a week-long experience at the National 4-H Center which provides four Minnesota youth an opportunity to be involved with major national 4-H program concerns and program development. The conference focuses on those programs and issues of concern to youth that are being considered by various federal departments and agencies. Delegates are selected from the achievement, leadership, and citizenship candidates at state record judging. The trip is sponsored by the Minnesota Bankers' Association.

Citizenship Short Course—Washington, D.C.—June to August

The Citizenship Short Course is a six-day personal learning experience in citizenship conducted by the National 4-H Foundation at the National 4-H Center. Listening, sharing, receiving, caring, and touring are part of the short course activities. Citizenship topics are covered in assemblies and opportunity sessions at the Center. Delegates are selected at the county level.

Co-op Youth Leadership Conference—Liberty, MO—June

This five-day conference is packed with new experiences, ideas, inspiration, and "know-how." Young leaders ages 16-20 from 14 states learn how groups function and how to relate to others. They learn to lead by leading. Lots of fun goes along with the training program. The conference is held at the William Jewele Campus, Liberty, Missouri, and is sponsored by Farmland Industries. Two delegates (one boy and one girl) are selected to represent Minnesota 4-H from the achievement, leadership, and citizenship candidates at state record judging.

Camp Miniwanca—Stony Lake, MI—July and August

Miniwanca is a leadership training camp. It is an action camp with the daily program deliberately planned to test the camper's capacity for tackling a job and getting it done promptly and successfully. The leadership training program focuses on self-discovery, life planning, leadership, and service. One boy and one girl from Minnesota are selected to attend from the achievement, leadership, and citizenship candidates at state record judging. The trip is sponsored by the Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis.

National 4-H Dairy Conference—Madison, WI—October

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is a three-day event for youth interested in dairy and learning more about the operations involved in the production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products. The program is held in connection with the World Dairy Expo with leaders in the dairy

industry as speakers, in addition to tours, group discussions, and other entertainment. Delegates are selected by application and interview (Dairy Achievement Award) at the Animal Science Workshop. State trips are sponsored by state dairy associations.

National 4-H Congress—Chicago, IL—December

The National 4-H Congress is the largest national 4-H event. It is held annually in Chicago the first week in December. Delegates are selected at the state level through the county, district, and state record judging process. The National 4-H Congress is jointly planned and conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service and the National 4-H Service Committee. The 4-H Congress is supported by a host of 4-H donors and other friends of 4-H. The Congress experience gives delegates opportunities to: serve as discussion leaders, presiding officers, and participants in many events; discuss and analyze social, economic, and political issues affecting citizens of the United States, especially youth; develop a broader appreciation for the interdependence of business, industry, science, agriculture, education, and government; receive recognition for their achievements; and enjoy new cultural experiences in music and other art forms.

Holiday Workshop in the Humanities—Washington, D.C.—December

Explore the arts in the nation's capitol in late December, including music, art, dance, and drama. Visit art galleries and museums, see historic homes decorated for the holiday season, visit an embassy, share ideas and talents with other young persons. For teens 16 and older. Held annually at the National 4-H Center. County extension agents have application material.

Commodity Marketing Symposium—Chicago, IL—Winter

The Commodity Marketing Award Program, sponsored by the Chicago Board of Trade, provides an opportunity for state winners in the Commodity Marketing Program to view the Board of Trade in action, visit processing plants and market facilities, meet with top men and women in commodity related professions, discuss commodity marketing and its impact nationally and internationally, and consider new career possibilities. Selections are made from youth entering the commodity marketing area in county, district, and state record judging.

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