

4-H Know Your Government Conference

DELEGATE INFORMATION PACKET



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Boise, Idaho

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Hello!

I hope you will decide to join your fellow 4-H members from across the state in exploring citizenship by participating in the Idaho 4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Conference.

The KYG Conference is offered for 8th and 9th grade 4-H youth interested in learning more about our government and how it works. Highlights include a Mock Legislative Session or Mock Trial Activities; opportunities to meet and observe members of the legislature at work, meet state elected officials and members of the judiciary, and tour the Capitol.

In order to register for KYG the following items MUST happen:

- You must have enrolled (or re-enrolled) for the current 4-H year in 4-H Online.
- Any necessary enrollment fees must be paid to county office.
- You must be in an "Active" status to register for events.

Once all of those items have been completed, you can register for the event. Registration for KYG will be open from Nov. 4th – Jan. 6th. There will be items for registrants to download such as the conference schedule, bills, judicial items etc. During the registration process you will also be required to pay the \$180.00 registration fee for the event. After the close of registration, you will receive more details about the conference and information about your district/county orientation meeting.

See you in Boise!

Donna R. Gillespie
Regional Youth Development Educator

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PURPOSE

The Know Your Government Conference is designed for 8th & 9th graders to:

- *Learn how the state government decision-making process works
- *Learn how teens can participate politically to influence state government
- *Learn how the State Judicial System works
- *Learn what is involved in bringing a case to court
- *Observe the legislative process in action
- *Meet and share ideas with legislators, judges and other elected officials
- *Have breakfast with legislators and judges
- *Meet youth from around the state.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information or reasonable accommodations need to contact Donna R. Gillespie, by January 1 at 315 Falls Ave., CSI Campus, Evergreen Bldg., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or at donna@uidaho.edu



IDAHO 4-H KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE POLICIES

University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development and the Know Your Government Steering Committee want your weekend at the Know Your Government Conference to be filled with exciting experiences, new friendships and fun. To help

make this happen, each participant is expected to be considerate of others, participate fully in the Conference program and observe the following rules and policies. You will want to be a positive representative of 4-H to the people you meet and with whom you interact.

ELIGIBILITY

The 4-H Know Your Government Conference is for 8th and 9th graders who are currently active in 4-H. 2019 delegates, who are now in the 9th grade, and who completed Exploring Citizenship, My Government, may apply to attend if they participate in a different workshop. This year registration will be limited by district through 4-H Online on a first-come-first-accepted basis. It is important delegates and chaperones register in a timely manner in case all the slots become filled. A total of 175 youth from the state, 40 from the Northern District (includes Coeur d'Alene and Nez Perce Reservation Programs), 50 from the Southern District, 40 from the Central District and 45 from the Eastern District (includes Ft. Hall Reservation Program), may attend. One adult chaperone is needed for every ten delegates, four from the Northern District, five from the Southern District, four from the Central District, and five from the Eastern District. KYG Steering Committee members are not included in these numbers.

REGISTRATION

Registration for KYG will be facilitated through 4-H Online. In order to register for KYG the following items MUST happen:

Youth must have enrolled (or re-enrolled) for the current 4-H year in 4-H Online.

- * Any necessary enrollment fees must be paid to county office.
- * All participants must be in an **“Active”** status to register for events.

Once all of those items have been completed, an individual can register for the event. Registration for KYG will be open from Nov. 4th – Jan. 6th. There will be items for registrants to download such as the conference schedule, bills, judicial items etc.

ORIENTATION

An orientation will be held in the county (or district). It is very important that all delegates, chaperones and Steering Committee members attend this orientation. You will receive important information about some of the activities at the conference and the *KYG 4-H project requirements*. You will also make plans for sharing what you have learned after the conference.

COST

The delegate registration fee is \$180.00, this also includes busing*. Registration fees must be paid through the registration process. The registration fee includes t-shirt, lodging and all meals except Sunday dinner at the conference. You are responsible for meals enroute, Sunday dinner, and any incidentals. Remember that it is the custom in our society to leave a 15% tip for waiters and waitresses when eating in a restaurant, please include this when eating on your own.

**Please note: Southern District youth and adult chaperones are expected to provide their own transportation to and from the KYG Conference but will be provided transportation during the Conference.*

ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

- Attendance at all scheduled events is required. Be prompt in attendance and courteous to all others, including guest speakers.
- Name badges are important for gaining admittance to KYG Conference events, identification and help you get acquainted. Wear your badge at all times.

4-H PROJECT COMPLETION

Youth Delegates attending the Know Your Government Conference are required to complete the Exploring Citizenship, My Government 4-H project in order to return for additional years of KYG or apply to serve on the KYG Steering Committees. Many counties also require project completion, or any scholarships awarded may need to be repaid to the county.

Delegates are encouraged to acquire a copy of the project materials before they go to the Conference; these could be provided through their local counties and/or at their orientation sessions. Adult chaperones should also be familiar with project materials and requirements, so they can help youth complete projects.

More information about the 4-H project will be included during the orientation session with emphasis about the importance of completing the project while the Legislature is in session. Project completion tip sheets, flow charts and project materials are located on the 4-H website or from your local 4-H Professionals.

HOUSING AND MEALS

All Conference delegates and adults will stay at the Red Lion Boise Downtowner. Delegates will be assigned to rooms by district, four persons per room. There are two beds in each room. If you prefer to not share a bed, please bring a sleeping bag. Most Conference events will take place at the Red Lion Boise Downtowner, the Capitol, and the Ada County Courthouse.

- Five special meals are planned: Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, Sunday lunch, the Monday breakfast with Your Legislators and Judges, and Monday lunch. Sunday evening each District will have the opportunity to make their own plans for dinner.
- Room assignments must be kept. Changes are not allowed. If there are issues with rooming (adult or youth) please work with Donna R. Gillespie (208-312-4109), **do not contact or approach hotel staff to make your own rooming changes**. In case of emergency, we must know where you are.
- Leave valuables at home. Doors lock automatically, but even locked doors do not always prevent losses.
- Show courtesy for the rights of other people staying in the hotel by keeping the volume level of voices, radios, TVs, etc. down so that they cannot be heard outside the room.
- Quiet time in rooms is from 10:00-11:00 on Saturday night and 10:30-11:00 on Sunday. Lights out will be at 11:00 on Saturday and Sunday nights. Delegates must be in their own rooms by these times.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The KYG Steering Committee will be working together to plan transportation to the Conference, bussing will be provided for the Northern, Central and Eastern Districts. Delegates should plan to **arrive between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday** and will be able to leave for home by 2:00 p.m. on Monday.

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SCHOOL ABSENCE

The KYG Conference has been planned for President's Day weekend, which is a holiday for many school districts. If your school will be in session on February 17, or you need an extra day for travel, your parents will need to request that you be excused. If you have any problems, contact your local UI Extension Office and a letter for your school will be provided.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Conference Headquarters: Red Lion Hotel Downtowner, 1800 Fairview Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83702, (208) 344-7691.

INSURANCE

Delegates, chaperones and Steering Committee members are covered by health and accident insurance from the time they leave home until they return. In the event of injury, the insurance company (American Income Life) must be notified within 20 days. State 4-H Office staff will have information on filing claims.

CAPITOL AND COURTHOUSES

- Delegates are expected to behave in a respectful, courteous manner and stay within the workshop areas while in these buildings. Special permission has been granted to use these buildings during the weekend and Holiday.
- **Elevators in the Capitol and Annex are for the legislators' use only.** Please do not use them.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Delegates may not leave the conference during the weekend without approval by Donna R. Gillespie, 208-312-4109. If you wish to meet a relative or friend, you must make arrangements ahead of time and bring written permission from your parent/guardian with name and contact information of the person you are meeting.
- NO cell phones or electronic or handheld devices (i.e. iPod, laptop, MP3, PSP, Gameboy) may be used (with the exception of when appropriate for photographs), including text messaging, during the conference, except after 6:00 a.m. until the start of the first session, and after 10:30 p.m. until lights out. In the event of misuse or violation of this policy, cell phones or electronic devices may be confiscated until the end of the conference. If an emergency arises, contact your adult chaperone or an adult KYG Steering Committee member. District meetings will be held each evening. At this time any questions or problems will be addressed.
- Medical staff will be available to handle illnesses or other minor medical problems. Prescription meds (with the exception of emergency/rescue medications) must be checked in to Medical Staff upon arrival.
- UI 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct will be followed at all times. Possession or illegal use of drugs, tobacco, all nicotine products – including vaping, or alcohol, firearms or explosives of any kind are prohibited at any time during Idaho KYG Conference.
- Cost of damage or theft of any property used during the conference will be billed to the individual responsible (or to his/her parents) or to the group with which he/she is associated if an individual cannot be identified.
- Disregarding any of these policies may be considered grounds for dismissal from Conference, forfeiture of fees and prompt return home at parent's expense. Examples of infractions that may cause you to be sent home are: leaving the Conference facilities without permission, being in the room of the opposite sex without an adult present, participate in inappropriate sexual behavior, out of your room after lights out or bullying others.
- These policies are intended to assist in providing for the health, safety and social well-being of everyone attending Idaho 4-H Know Your Government Conference. Should a situation arise that is not covered by this list, the Know Your Government Steering Committee will handle it in a manner consistent with UI Extension policies. The State 4-H Director will have the final authority in such decisions.

CLOTHING

ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS ATTENDING KYG ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO DRESS GUIDELINES THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE

CATEGORY A: Semi-Formal - Dresses, dressy blouses and skirts (knee-length or longer when seated), or dress pants, shirts and ties. Semi-formal means no denim, bared midriffs and shirttails are tucked in. No flip flops or sport shoes

CATEGORY B: Business Attire - Dresses, skirts (knee length or longer when seated), slacks with nice blouses/shirts or sweaters, nice dress jeans (black Wranglers) are allowed but no blue denim.

CATEGORY C: Casual Attire – Includes jeans, sweatshirts or t-shirts. Please no inappropriate images or sayings. No sweats, no shorts, no tank tops, and no low-cut shirts. Spandex type materials and skin-tight jeans are not appropriate.

Sleepwear is to be worn only in individual hotel rooms, not in public areas (halls, meeting rooms, lobby).

You will need a warm coat and comfortable shoes for walking. You will not only be representing your home town and 4-H but also presenting yourself to the larger community.

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS

On Sunday the **Mock Legislative Session** will give you the opportunity to try out the roles of legislator or lobbyist.

Legislators will discuss bills in legislative committees and debate the bills on the floor of the Legislature. A youth in each committee will be selected to serve as secretary.

Lobbyists will prepare and give testimony pro and con on the bills during the committee meetings.

2020 bills include:

Bill 111:– Veteran Health Coverage

Bill 222:– The Usage of the Death Penalty

Bill 333:– The Requirement of Agricultural Education in Public High Schools

Bill 444:– Brain Death in the State of Idaho

Bill 555:– Raising Babies in Prison

Bill 777:– Euthanasia

In the **Judicial Workshop** you will learn about the Idaho Court System, explore how the law affects teenagers and participate in a mock trial. Each delegate will have the opportunity to play one of the following roles:

Prosecuting Attorney – presents the case for the state against the defendant.

Defense Attorney - presents the case for the defendant.

Witnesses – supply the facts in the case by testifying on the witness stand.

Defendant – accused of a crime and offers testimony in his/her own defense on the witness stand.

Clerk/Bailiff – aides the judge in conducting the trial. Watches over the defendant. Calls the court to order and swears in the witnesses.

Delegates may indicate which workshop they prefer to attend and what role they prefer to play in the legislative and judicial workshops. Delegates who have not attended the KYG Conference are encouraged to participate in the legislative workshop the first year. Delegates who attended in 2019 must choose the workshop (judicial or legislative) they did not attend last year. Please register as soon as possible and indicate your choice of roles so you can be assigned the position you are most interested in.



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SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 2020

3:00 - 4:30	Registration
4:30 - 5:30	District Meetings
4:45 - 5:30	Adult Chaperone Orientation
5:30 - 6:30	Get ready for Dinner
6:30 - 8:30	Opening Dinner and Speaker in Ballroom (Dress attire A*)
8:30-9:00	Change clothes while ballroom resets
9:00- 10:00	Evening Entertainment in Ballroom (Dress attire C*)
10:00	Steering Committee Meeting
10:00-11:00	Quiet time in Rooms
11:00	Lights Out

SUNDAY, FEB. 16, 2020

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast at Hotel
9:15 - 10:00	Speaker in Ballroom (Dress attire B* for day)
10:00 - 10:15	Break – ballroom setup for Orientation
10:15 - 11:30	Orientation for Legislative and Judicial Delegates
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch in Ballroom
12:15 - 1:30	Idaho 4-H Teen Officer Presentation
1:00	Legislator, Judge and Reporter SC applications due
1:30	Busses load for Capitol & Supreme Court
1:45 - 4:30	Legislative Workshop, Capitol Judicial Workshop, Supreme Court Building
5:00 - 7:00	District Dinner (Dress attire C*)
7:00 - 7:30	District Meetings
7:30 - 7:45	Interview Committee Orientation
7:45 - 10:00	Legislator, Judge and Reporter SC Interviews (Dress attire B*)
8:00 - 8:45	Idaho 4-H Teen Association Activity (Dress attire C*)
8:45 - 10:30	Evening Entertainment; Game Room and Mock Trail Prep
10:30	Steering Committee Meeting
10:30-11:00	Quiet time in Rooms
11:00	Lights Out

MONDAY, FEB. 17, 2020

6:00 - 6:15	Steering Committee in ballroom
6:15 - 6:30	Delegates and Chaperones assemble in Ballroom (Dress attire B* for day)
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast with Legislators and Judges in Ballroom
8:30 - 11:45	Know Your Government Workshops <i>Legislative Delegates:</i> 8:30 – 10:15 Mock Legislative Floor Session 10:30 – 11:40 Observe Legislature in Session <i>Judicial Delegates:</i> 8:30 - 10:40 Mock Trial 10:45 - 11:20 Mock Sentencing
11:45	District Pictures on Capitol steps
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch & Closing Session in Ballroom; Introduce New SC (Dress attire C*)
2:00	Leave for home

*Appropriate Clothing Category (see page 6 for description of categories)