Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience
March 19–22, 2017

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing a current issue area (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan’s Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Choose Your Issue Area
Participants will choose an issue area to learn more about and will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue that will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Animal Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Community Health
- Education
- Environmental Quality
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement
- Military & Veterans
- Natural Resources
- Plant Agriculture
- Technology

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