

## Capitol Experience Registration

Online registration for 4-H Capitol Experience - Youth is **open**.  
The last date for online registration is February 10, 2017.  
Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on the Registration End Date.

There are 150 openings available.

[Youth Register Here](#)



## 4-H Capitol Experience

### Youth Register Here

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (\*)

#### Registrant Information

\* First name

\* Last Name

\* Please identify the gender pronouns that you prefer

\* Address

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\* City

\* County

\* State

\* Zipcode

\* E-mail

*If you supply an e-mail address, a receipt for your registration will automatically be sent to that account. An e-mail address is required to pay using a credit card.*

\* Phone Number

Please indicate the category that best describes you below for registration \*

- 4-H Member (\$350.00)
- Farm Bureau Member (\$350.00)
- 4-H and Farm Bureau Member (\$350.00)
- Youth Steering Committee Member (\$75.00)
- Non 4-H or Farm Bureau Youth (\$360.00)

### Program Information

During 4-H Capitol Experience, you will be meeting experts in the field and discussing public policy issues that you have identified through this application process.

Your state legislators will be invited to attend a legislative breakfast with you. Use your home address to list your [House Representative](#) and [Senator](#) district information below so the correct legislators can be invited (if shared custody, list your primary home address).

\* State Senate District #

*Enter your state senate district, 1-38.*

\* State Senator's Name

\* State House District #

*Enter your state house district, 1-110.*

\* State Representative Name

\* Can we release your name and address to speakers or legislators?  Yes  No

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#### Registration Information

\* Have you previously attended 4-H Capitol Experience?  Yes  No

\* Are you enrolled in Michigan 4-H Online?

Requested Roommate

*Males and females will be housed separately (youth with youth; adults with adults) with 2 per room (two beds). We will honor roommate requests when possible. Where a roommate is not requested, one will be assigned (by county if possible).*

\* Are you a United States Citizen?

\* I understand that I must bring a photo ID to this event.

School

School City

\* Expected high school graduation year

\* Grade

\* Shirt Size

Special Accessibility Needs:

Special Dietary Needs:

Additional Special Needs:

## Public Policy Issue Groups

During Capitol Experience we'll take an in-depth look at what role state government plays in policy areas. Throughout the program you'll be working with your "issue group" to select a topic that interests your group, write a bill about that topic, and send that bill through our Mock Legislative Simulation all the way to the Capitol Experience House and Senate! Please select which issue group you would like to be a part of, remembering this is the primary topic you'll be working on throughout the program.

Note: The bullet pointed topics are examples of topics that would fit under each issue group theme. Our goal is that this will help you clarify what kinds of topics each issue group might cover, but doesn't guarantee that one of our example topics will be what your group chooses (we leave that up to you- the youth participants)!

### Animal Agriculture

- Manure Disposal & Storage
- Urban farming/urban livestock
- Animal welfare
- Trade and promotion of Michigan products
- Loan forgiveness for young/new farmers

### Plant Agriculture

- GMO labeling
- Spray records and risk management
- Farmland preservation
- Trade and promotion of Michigan products
- Loan forgiveness for young/new farmers

### Civil Rights (Equality & Personal Rights)

- Affirmative action
- Bullying
- Gender equality
- Gay and lesbian rights
- Racial profiling
- Protesting
- Campaign finance
- Homelessness
- Youth Curfews
- First amendment rights

### Law Enforcement

- Sentencing & early release programs
- Drug and alcohol abuse and its effects
- Crime prevention
- Correctional facilities
- Gun Control
- Decriminalizing marijuana
- Human trafficking
- Texting and driving
- Sexting
- Drugs in schools
- Privatizing prisons

### Community Health

- Food safety
- Fitness/teen nutrition/eating disorders
- Health Insurance/ Health Care Reform
- Mental health
- Poverty and health related issues (such as asthma, lead poisoning, lack of access to health care)
- Medical Marijuana
- Suicide Prevention

### Military & Veteran Affairs

- Health services for veterans
- Military recruitment on college campuses
- Jobs for veterans

**Education**

- School funding
- Schools of choice/charter schools/home schools
- Teacher tenure & evaluation
- Graduation requirements & standardized testing
- School closures/consolidation
- School security
- Common Core Standards

**Natural Resources**

- Wolf hunt
- Water usage
- Recycling
- Fracking
- microplastics
- Net pens

**Environmental Quality**

- Polluted and/or abandoned properties
- Invasive species
- Climate change
- Bottle Bill
- Hybrid/electrical/hydrogen powered vehicles
- Recycling and land-fill management
- Fracking
- Wolf Hunting
- Hunting Laws

**Jobs and the Economy**

- Job creation
- Budget/finance/tax
- Mortgage foreclosure
- Entrepreneurship
- Tourism/film industry
- Downsizing of businesses/layoffs
- Unions in Michigan's economy
- Minimum Wage
- Teen Worker Laws

**Human Services (Seniors & Families)**

- Drug testing for those on public assistance
- Gay marriage
- Obesity
- Drug care treatment
- Health disparity for those in poverty

**Technology**

- Cyber Bullying
- Privacy & Cybersecurity
- Electronic waste disposal
- Digital Infrastructure
- Transparency

Issue Group Selection \*

- Animal Agriculture  
(13 openings available)
- Plant Agriculture  
(13 openings available)
- Civil Rights (Equality and Personal Rights)  
(13 openings available)
- Community Health  
(13 openings available)
- Education  
(13 openings available)
- Environmental Quality  
(13 openings available)
- Human Services (Seniors & Families)  
(13 openings available)
- Jobs and the Economy  
(13 openings available)
- Law Enforcement  
(13 openings available)
- Military and Veteran Affairs  
(13 openings available)
- Natural Resources  
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- Technology  
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### 4-H Overnight Housing Parent/Guardian Permission

Males and females will be housed separately (youth with youth; adults with adults) with 2 per room (two beds). We will honor roommate requests where possible. Where a roommate is not requested, one will be assigned (by county where possible). I understand that my child will be attending 4-H Capitol Experience, March 19-22, 2017 at The Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Dr, Okemos, MI 48864, and affiliated hotels. By signing this form I give my permission for my child to attend this event under these lodging conditions. I also understand the Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct expectations for adults and youth attending this event, and understand the event rules.

I understand that my child will be attending a 4-H Overnight event where he or she may be sharing lodging with an unrelated adult chaperone (21 or older) who has been through the Michigan State University Extension Child Well-Being Volunteer Selection Process and with at least one other youth. By signing below I give my permission for my child to attend this event under these lodging conditions.

For more information on the **Michigan State University Extension Volunteer Selection Process**, contact your local 4-H staff member or go to [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/becoming\\_a\\_4\\_h\\_volunteer](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer).

\* I understand that my typed name below designates my signature

\* Member Signature

\* Parent/Guardian Signature

### Parent/ Guardian Consent

This information is required for youth under age 18 to participate. I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in all educational and social activities of 4-H Capitol Experience 2017 sponsored by Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development. I understand that Lansing area site visits are a key learning component of this conference and that my child will be transported as part of the group to various sites by MSU bus or a minivan driven by an MSU staff member. I have reviewed the schedule and accept any risks associated with the activities.

\* I understand that my typed name below designates my signature

\* Parent/ Guardian Consent

#### 4-H Capitol Experience Event Rules

##### All conference participants must:

- Actively involve themselves in all conference sessions.
- Wear name badge visibly at all times (except when swimming or sleeping).
- Treat all areas of the conference facility (such as MSU buses, or minivans, meeting rooms, sleeping rooms, restrooms, dining area and outdoor areas) with respect. This means they should pick up after themselves. Repair costs for damage incurred to property will be billed to the group or individual responsible for such damage. Theft or vandalism of conference property is strictly prohibited.
- Be responsible for their own belongings. Leave valuables, such as expensive jewelry and electronic devices, at home. Money and cameras should be kept with you at all times or be locked in your assigned room. 4-H will not be responsible for any losses incurred.
- Respect and follow the policy of males only in males' rooms and females only in females' rooms.
- Participants will be required to check in with his/her bed check chaperone prior to going to sleeping rooms or off grounds for evening activities.
- Not leave the program grounds except for field trips arranged as part of the program under the supervision of staff. During designated times, youth are permitted to walk with chaperones to adjoining properties to purchase snacks and participate in bowling.
- Not gamble for money or other items.
- Abstain from vulgar language (for example, swearing).
- Report accidents immediately to the program coordinator, Makena Schultz
- Participants may not have visits from people not associated with the program.
- Inappropriate sexual behavior including intimate physical/sexual contact or such attempts is strictly forbidden, along with discrimination regarding political beliefs, marital status, family status, or veteran status.
- Cameras and other digital recording devices are prohibited in restrooms and other areas where privacy is expected by participants.
- All participants are expected to observe the 11 p.m. curfew. At 11 p.m. all participants must be in their assigned room for the night. Chaperones will do a room check each night at this time to account for each participant. Everyone should be quiet within his or her assigned room by 11:00 p.m. (Participants wishing to go to sleep before 11 p.m. must check in with their chaperone before going to room.)
- Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. (10 p.m. Monday) to 6:30 a.m.

##### Adults attending the conference should remember:

- To be in their rooms at the time indicated for the workshop; and quiet at the time designed for lights-out.
- Adult participation and learning is encouraged, however, please encourage youth voices first and foremost.

##### Dress for conference: YOU ARE REPRESENTING YOUR COUNTY!

- Daytime wear: Dress clothes (no jeans).
- Evenings and recreation: Casual clothes, swimsuits or sports clothes.
- Shoes: Comfortable shoes in the daytime because you'll be walking a lot! Tennis shoes can be worn to and from offices, however, bring a nice pair of shoes to change to once you arrive at the meeting.
- Unacceptable attire includes clothing that exposes undergarments or excessively exposes the body, conveys a violent, offensive, or obscene message or image, or promotes use of an illegal substance.
- Shirts and shoes must be worn in eating areas. Swimsuits are to be worn only for swimming and not as regular clothing. If wearing your swimsuit to and from the pool, it should be covered by an over garment or cover-up.

**Participants will need to check the box below and type their signature to indicate that they have read and agree to abide by the 4-H Capitol Experience event rules.**

**Parent or legal guardian's signature is required for youth under age 18 and will need to complete the check box and signature line below agreeing to: I expect my child to abide by the 4-H Capitol Experience event rules. I understand that if my child does not abide by these rules and the Michigan 4-H code of conduct that I may be asked to pick up my child early from this program.**



\* I understand that my typed name below designates my signature accepting the rules as a participant

\* Participant Signature (typed name)

\* I understand that my typed name designates my signature accepting the rules as a parent/guardian

\* Parent/ Guardian Consent Signature (typed name)

### Civil Rights Survey Information

MSU Extension programs are open to everyone. By answering the questions below, you help us to accurately account for who participated in our program, support our commitment to providing programs to all segments of our community and help us to maintain continued funding for programs like the one you are participating in today. We are required, for Civil Rights reasons, to report program participant race/ethnicity and gender data to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Providing this information is voluntary and will be maintained strictly for reporting purposes, unless you are attending an overnight program in which case gender is required for rooming purposes only. The information will not be used in any way to identify you personally but only as a member of a group that participated in this program.

#### Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
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- Caucasian/White
- Multiracial (two or more races)

#### Gender \*

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### Communications Settings

Please carefully read the checkboxes below and respond appropriately. Your responses to these questions affect the information you will receive associated with your registration.

I agree to receive communications associated with the event I have registered for through the ANR Events Management System.

*By marking this checkbox you ensure that you will receive all pertinent information associated with your event.*

I agree to receive communications about other events and activities from Michigan State University Extension, AgBioResearch and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources that might be of interest to me in the future.

*By marking this checkbox you enable course coordinators and others throughout MSUE and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to send you information about other programs that might be of interest to you.*

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