National 4-H Conference Opportunities

**National Youth Maker Summit: November 1-4, 2018**

Do you like to invent, build, or experiment? Do you ever catch yourself wondering how something can be improved? Have you ever taken something apart just to see how it works? The Maker National Youth Summit is for creative and curious innovators of the next generation. Participants make what they can with a variety of materials from a range of fields, utilizing their resourcefulness and creativity.

The National Youth Maker Summit will take place November 1 – 4, 2018 and is open to any high school student in grades 9-12 as of September 2018. Youth Participate as a team with at least one adult mentor/chaperone. Summit fees include accommodations at the National 4-H Conference Center, meals, educational programming, and tours including a guided night time tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. Buffet-style meals are served in the Clover Dining Room at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Thursday, November 1 and ending with a box lunch on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

**Applications Due:** October 1, 2018

**National Youth Summit on Agri-Science: January 10-13, 2019**

At the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. National 4-H Council and National 4-H Conference Center have partnered with agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians, and advocates to host the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science. This Summit emphasizes hands-on educational experiences led by experts in the agricultural community.

The National Youth Summit on Agri-Science will take place January 10 – 13, 2019 and is open to any high school student in grades 9-12 as of September 2018. Youth participate as a team with at least one adult mentor/chaperone. Summit fees include accommodations at the National 4-H Conference Center, meals, educational programming, and tours including a guided night time tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. Buffet-style meals are served at the Clover Dining Room at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Thursday, January 10 and ending with a box lunch on Monday, January 13, 2019.

**Applications due:** November 16, 2018

**National Youth Summit on Healthy Living: February 15-18, 2019**

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address today’s issues including nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. National 4-H Council and National 4-H Conference Center have partnered with professionals in family consumer science and healthy living to host the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living. Students are trained to create action plans to implement in their communities and teach other youth about what they have learned. The structure of the summits maximizes the amount of hands-on learning experiences and translates that learning to direct outcomes.

The National Youth Summit on Healthy Living takes place February 15 – 18, 2019 and is open to any high school student in grades 9-12 as of September 2018. Youth participate as a team with at least one adult mentor/chaperone. Summit fees include accommodations at the National 4-H Conference Center, meals, educational programming and tours including a guided night time tour of the monuments and memorials in
Washington, DC. All-you-can-eat meals are served at the Clover Cafe at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Friday, February 15 and ending with a box lunch on Monday, February 18, 2019. Applications due: December 14, 2018

**National Youth Photography Summit: February 28-March 3, 2019**

Photography is a form of art that is more accessible than ever. With most people in the US carrying smart phones, they have a powerful tool in their pockets to capture vivid and captivating imagery. The National Youth Summit on photography brings young people together to engage in a timeless art form in a setting filled with historical architecture, beautiful landscapes, and more.

The National Youth Photography Summit will take place February 28 – March 3, 2019 and is open to any high school student in grades 9-12 as of September 2018. Youth participate as a team with at least one adult mentor/chaperone. Summit fees include accommodations at the National 4-H Conference Center, meals, educational programming, and tours including a guided night time tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. Buffet-style meals are served in the Clover Dining Room at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Thursday, February 28 and ending with a box lunch on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Applications due: December 21, 2018

**National 4-H Conference: April 6-11, 2019**

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world. National 4-H Conference delegates engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while they discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide.

Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting. The delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, the groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. Delaware 4-H’ers in good standing, currently in their sophomore or junior year of high school, are encouraged to apply. Applications due: December 1, 2018

**National 4-H Congress: November 29- December 3, 2019**

National 4-H Congress is one of the premiere experiences for 4-H members across the country to participate in. For 96 years, members of the 4-H program have been gathering to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of 4-H at this event. National 4-H Congress provides a life-changing experience for youth to meet other 4-H members from across America, as they participate in educational workshops focusing on diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, team development, and of course having fun! Delaware 4-H youth age 14 and older on January 1, 2019, are eligible to apply for selection to participate in National 4-H Congress. This award trip recognizes youth for outstanding program/project accomplishments, leadership and citizenship/community service. Applications due: May 1, 2019

Delaware 4-H Youth interested in applying for any of these National opportunities should visit the Delaware 4-H Website and follow the application procedures: [http://extension.udel.edu/4h/state-4-h-events/](http://extension.udel.edu/4h/state-4-h-events/)