

Washington D.C. Experience

Lincoln & Langlade County 4-H



Dear Lincoln & Langlade County 4-H Youth,

Are you excited to join us on the trip of a lifetime? This experience is going to be *amazing!* We are blending the Lincoln & Langlade County 4-H Programs for this trip. Lincoln County 4-H was awarded the experience and they are inviting Langlade County 4-H to join them. Twenty youth from each county, *currently* in 7th-11th grade, will be allowed to join us. Application information is attached along with a few extra details that are important to our group.

There's nothing more impactful than connecting instruction with real-world learning opportunities. During his 24 years in the U.S. Senate, Herb Kohl welcomed Wisconsin students to Washington D.C. and witnessed their curiosity and commitment to learning about our nation's capital, the center of American government and history.

Today, Herb Kohl Philanthropies is committed to supporting organizations that provide access to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience and learn about our civics and democracy through the power of travel with a front-row seat.

The 4-H youth attending this trip will have the opportunity to visit Washington DC and gain the invaluable experience of travel, personal responsibility and leadership development. All costs related to travel, lodging, trip materials, meals/snacks and exhibits, including chaperones, for the duration of the trip are covered under the Learning Journey experience. Families will be responsible for providing spending money and purchase of trip tshirts for our group(more details to follow).

Just a reminder:

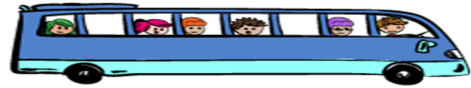
- In order to participate in this trip, youth *must be enrolled in either* Langlade or Lincoln County 4-H program. For registration information in either youth organization, please contact Holly Luerksen, 4-H Program Coordinator - Lincoln & Langlade Counties.
- Youth who have participated in an Herb Kohl Learning Journeys program in the past are *not eligible* to participate in this experience.

Looking forward to June 21st when we embark on this fantastic experience!

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Trip Details:



- **Travel Dates:** June 21-26, 2019
 - Departure - June 21 Merrill
 - Group Meeting(Chaperones & trip delegates: 7p.m.
 - Depart Merrill at 10p.m.
 - Arrive to Merrill - June 26 around 1p.m.
- **Application Process(Now-March13):** Please fill out the short application for found at: <http://bit.ly/4HDCRegistration2020>. A committee will review applications and notify trip delegates of selection by March 25th.
- **Mandatory Meeting:** May 11, 2020 - 6:30p.m. - at the Lincoln County Service Center (801 N Sales St, Merrill, WI) All delegates must attend the mandatory meeting with a parent or guardian. We will discuss trip specifics, delegate code of conduct, dress code, delegate responsibilities, and more. It is necessary that all youth attend this meeting.
- **Delegate Meeting:** June 21, 2020 - 7p.m.at the Lincoln County Service Center (801 N Sales St, Merrill, WI) This before we depart is for the delegates and chaperones to get to know one another; review behavior expectations; learn more about the places we will visit; and our responsibilities such as caring for our bus, our roommates, and more.
- **Chaperones:** We have started a list of adult volunteers interested in joining us on this trip as a chaperone. Chaperones must be a current approved 4-H Volunteer Leader.
 - Adults interested in chaperoning please register using this link: <http://bit.ly/4HDCChaperone>. Chaperone selection will take place by March 25th.
 - **A mandatory chaperone meeting will take place on Wed, May 6th at 6pm. Place to be determined.**
 - **Chaperone Roles May Include:** support youth on this trip; observe and verify the whereabouts of each youth; participate in assigned activities and assist the directors as needed. Plan on walking 5 or more miles each day, sleeping on the bus, and other strenuous work as needed. Information on chaperone roles will be available once selection has been made.
- **Group Medic:** We will need at least one chaperone to be a group medic to disperse meds/assist with injuries or illness/check on overall health of youth. If you have CPR/First Aid certification & experience in this area or have a medical background.
- **Available Youth Spots:** 20 for Lincoln County and 20 for Langlade County; As 20 spots fill, we will start a waiting list. Open spots on either side will be filled from waiting lists.
- **Spending Money:** All parts of the trip are funded except for spending money. Trip souvenirs can be pricey, plus there is not a lot of room to bring many items home. It is recommended that youth bring no more than \$50-75 for souvenirs and/or snacks.
- **Tshirts:** Families will purchase t-shirts for the youth. The shirts will be great souvenirs for the youth, but also provide a level of group management and identity in a very, very busy city. More details to follow.
- **Snacks/Water:** Families will have an opportunity to assist with providing snacks for the trip. More information will be provided at the mandatory meeting.
- **Night Security:** Tour group provides night time hotel security for our group. Making sure the youth stay in rooms, no one bothers our rooms, etc.
- **Sample of Activities:** We are on the move from 8am.-10 p.m. everyday!
 - **VOTE! Workshop** at the United States Capitol Building; Supreme Court Tour; Smithsonian Institutions
 - Georgetown University; White House; Memorials on the Mall; Ghost Tour in Alexandria
 - Arlington National Cemetery; Holocaust Memorial Museum and **MORE!**