

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

Program Description: *The purpose of the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program is for 10th-12th grade youth to gain leadership skills and learn about government processes through hands-on activities, workshops, large group discussions, committee work, role play, and youth networking time. The event is held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD (<http://www.4hcenter.org/>) Participants depart home on a Saturday, are away for eight days, returning the following Sunday. (See maps in the delegation handbook for specific departure/return times <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/citizenship-washington-focus/>) Chaperones are active 4-H volunteers that have completed the youth protection process. The ratio of youth participants to adults is 10:1. Participants will spend the most time under the direct supervision of college age trained Program Assistants and adult leaders. Health staff consists of volunteers who have first aid and/or nursing training. Participants will sleep on board motor coaches enroute between Wisconsin and Washington D.C. Conference center lodging will be provided with multiple youth of same gender in rooms with bunk beds and use a dorm restroom with private showers; males and female participants are housed in separate rooms on the same floor of the dorm. To the best of our ability, Adult Advisors are assigned to rooms on the same floors as their assigned delegates. Participants will eat in public cafeterias, fast food or other restaurants. Meals are prepared in large industrial or restaurant kitchens so individual meal accommodations may not be possible. During the conference, adults and youth will participate in large group activities which may involve any of the following: discussion, writing, reading aloud; role plays or skits, running, dancing, climbing stairs, standing or sitting for long periods, or having personal contact with other participants; they will walk distances of several miles on sidewalks during off site excursions; they will ride motor coaches round trip from Wisconsin and to off-site locations up to 50 miles away from the conference center; and may do physical activities such as hiking up to ½ mile over steep terrain.*

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program, activity or service, please contact Amber Rehberg, Educational Programs Specialist at (608) 262-1557 as soon as possible preceding the scheduled event so that proper arrangements can be made in a timely fashion. Note that meals are prepared in institutional kitchens where cross contamination of nut, wheat, or other food product residue could occur, making it impossible to guarantee certain food-allergen-free meals. All requests are kept confidential.