

Georgia Cooperative Council Youth Leadership Conference



July 17-21, 2017

Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center, Covington, Ga.

(770) 786-6926

Objectives:

The objectives of the conference are to provide cooperative education, heighten awareness of cooperatives in Georgia, explore the cooperative way of doing business and provide leadership development opportunities. Individual sessions include:

- ▶ The Congressional Insight game: Team participants will make decisions regarding staff, media, legislation, raising money all with an eye to securing re-election. The game is designed to give participants a deeper understanding of why their involvement in the political process is vitally important.
- ▶ Personality Assessments: A two-part activity where participants assess their personality and explore how to work with people with different styles and outlooks.
- ▶ Co-op Encounter Sessions: Participants get an in depth look at the EMCs, Staplcothn Cooperative, Southern States, Dairy Cooperatives, the Farm Credit system, and the Georgia Cooperative Development Center.
- ▶ Co-ops 101: Presentation and discussion centering on the cooperative way of business: history, organization, member benefits, opportunities, and current issues.
- ▶ Activities that teach “Cooperative Principles” and that will teach participants the importance of being a member of a team effort.
- ▶ Recreation/Education Opportunities: swimming, high rope obstacle course, miniature golf, canoeing, and mud course.

Sponsored By: The Georgia Cooperative Council, Inc., Georgia cooperatives in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service (The University of Georgia), the Georgia Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Who May Attend: Youth with the following qualifications:

- youth with leadership abilities
- must have completed freshman year of high school but not yet attending college
- has NOT previously attended the conference
- sponsored by a cooperative which pays the registration fee

4-H'ers have two options - Please see details at <http://georgia4h.org/public/edops/coopyouthconference/> and follow instructions below.

Who Selects Youth: Applicant must be recommended by a local cooperative manager, county extension agent, agricultural education instructor or home economics teacher. The applicant must identify a sponsor (cooperative), and all applications will be reviewed by a panel of the Georgia Cooperative Council, Inc. whose decision on acceptance is final.

Deadline: Completed applications must be received no later than JUNE 26, 2017 at the following address:

Option 1: If you live in a county served by a Georgia EMC, please complete the application below and submit it to Mrs. Greene at the address listed by June 26, 2017.

Mrs. Cindy Greene
Executive Director
Georgia Cooperative Council, Inc.
35 Amanda Drive
Eastman, Georgia 31023
gacoopcouncil@gmail.com
478-278-8000

Option 2: If you live in a county NOT served by a Georgia EMC, please complete the application below and submit it to Sue Chapman at the State 4-H Office by June 23, 2017.



2017 COOPERATIVE YOUTH CONFERENCE APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S NAME: PLEASE PRINT

Mr. () ; Miss () _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street or Box City State Zip Code

STUDENT EMAIL: _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) NAME: _____

PARENT CELL PHONE: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: **Small** _____ **Medium** _____ **Large** _____ **XL** _____ **2X** _____ **3X** _____

LIST ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER AND THE OFFICES HELD IN EACH, IF ANY (or attach extra sheet with this info): _____

WHAT COOPERATIVES ARE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS OF?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Membership Cooperative (EMC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern States |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Credit Services Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Cooperative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Farmers of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Marketing Cooperatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staple Cotton Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Supply Cooperative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland/Virginia Milk Producers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GEMC Federal Credit Union | |

SPONSORING COOPERATIVE:

(co-op representative: also please note request at bottom of this form)

Name of Co-op and Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/email: _____ / _____

RECOMMENDATION:

The above applicant is of high moral character and demonstrates qualities of honesty and integrity in leadership. I recommend that this applicant be considered for selection to attend the Georgia Cooperative Youth Conference.

Signature of Person Recommending Nomination

AFFIDAVIT:

Knowing that any group or club is judged largely by the behavior of its individual members, I hereby pledge to conduct myself at this conference in a manner that would be a credit to the organization that I represent. I therefore apply for consideration to attend the Georgia Cooperative Youth Conference.

Signature of Youth

Note: Nominations should be submitted by June 26, 2017.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Georgia Cooperative Council
c/o Mrs. Cindy Greene
35 Amanda Drive
Eastman, Georgia 31023
or email to gacoopcouncil@gmail.com

or

UGA- State 4-H Office
c/o Dr. Sue Chapman
303 Hoke Smith Annex
Athens, GA 30602-4356
or email to chapmans@uga.edu

NOTE TO COOPERATIVE REPRESENTATIVE:

- If your cooperative is interested in carpooling to/from the Conference please check box. The Council will put you in touch with others who also indicate an interest.

