

Georgia Cooperative Council Youth Leadership Conference



July 16-20, 2018

*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 workshop: 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-ops 101: Presentation and discussion centering on the cooperative way of business: history, organization, member benefits, opportunities, and current issues.
- ▶ Co-op Encounter Sessions: Participants get an in depth look at the EMCs, Staplcothn Cooperative, Dairy Cooperatives, Credit Unions and the Farm Credit system. This includes a field trip to a local co-op dairy and an electric cooperative.
- ▶ Activities that teach “Cooperative Principles” and that will teach participants the importance of being a member of a team effort.
- ▶ Recreation/Education Opportunities: swimming, low ropes and high rope obstacle courses as well as optional mud course.

Sponsored By: The members of the Georgia Cooperative Council with support from the Cooperative Extension Service (The University of Georgia), the Georgia Dept. 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

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.

Cost: Georgia Co-op Council Member fee: \$250 per student. Out-of-State or non-member cost: \$300.

Deadline: Completed applications must be received no later than JUNE 25, 2018 at the following address:

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More information on the event as well as a brochure and photos from past years can be viewed at <https://georgiacoop.com/youth-leadership-conference/>

