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Georgia 4-H Base Programming

Georgia Youth Summit

Description of Learning Experience:

The Georgia Youth Summit is a statewide Youth Leadership Summit sponsored by the Dept. of Community Affairs as a project of the Georgia Rural Development Council's Youth Leadership Initiative. Built around the latest research on Positive Youth Development, the Summit focuses on engaging youth in the improvement of their local communities. Youth will research local issues, enhance their planning and communication skills and connect with resources in their community, region and state that will assist them.

Prior to attending the Summit, a team of youth and adults research the issues facing their community, as well as assets they can use to help address these issues. At the Summit, participants will listen to experts speak on a variety of issues related to Economic Development, Education, Health and Safety.

Once teams have identified a specific issue they'll decide what they plan to do about it. Volunteers with knowledge of government and awareness of available resources will help connect them with potential collaborators in their areas as they develop their action plan. Using a planning toolkit, they will state the problem, propose solutions, set clear objectives and develop a timeline for program implementation.

Participants return home with a plan of action for engaging partners and addressing local issues. They will also be eligible to apply for mini-grants to help get their project started.

Learning Outcomes:

- Create an awareness of state and local issues
- Enhance youth-adult partnerships on the local level
- Equip youth to become active locally in the betterment of their communities by identifying problems and developing solutions

Georgia Performance Standards:

SSCG6 the student will demonstrate knowledge of civil liberties and civil rights.

SSCG7 The student will describe how thoughtful and effective participation in civic life is characterized by obeying the law, paying taxes, serving on a jury, participating in the political process, performing public service, registering for military duty, being informed about current issues, and respecting differing opinions.

SSCG8 The student will demonstrate knowledge of local, state, and national elections.

SSCG17 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the organization and powers of state and local government described in the Georgia Constitution.

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SSCG18 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the powers of Georgia's state and local governments.

ELA6RC3 through ELA10RC3, ELAWLRC3 The student acquires new vocabulary in each content area and uses it correctly.

ELA9LSV2, ELA10LSV2, ELA11LSV2, and ELA12LSV2 The student formulates reasoned judgments about written and oral communication in various media genres. The student delivers focused, coherent, and polished presentations that convey a clear and distinct perspective, demonstrate solid reasoning, and combine traditional rhetorical strategies of narration, exposition, persuasion, and description.

Essential Elements:

Primary: Mastery and Generosity

Secondary: Belonging

Mission Mandates: Civic Engagement



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