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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:

- To create an awareness of state and local issues
- To enhance youth-adult partnerships on the local level
- To equip youth to become active locally in the betterment of their communities by identifying problems and developing solutions

Georgia Performance Standards:

Social Studies Standards: SSCG17, SSCG18, SSCG7

Language Arts Standards: ELAALRL 5, ELAALRC3

Social Studies Skill Matrix K-12



Essential Elements: Primary: Mastery and Generosity; Secondary: Belonging

Mission Mandates: Civic Engagement

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4-H helps young people experience: An increased desire to make a difference in their communities - High levels of leadership, self esteem, public speaking, communication and planning skills - Improved School Performance - Motivation to help others - Overall improvement in civic identity and civic engagement.