

## **Delegate Information**

### **2011 Georgia 4-H Congress**

**When:** State 4-H Congress 2011 is Tuesday, July 19 through Friday, July 2

**Where:** State Congress is held at the Crowne-Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The hotel is located on Ashford-Dunwoody Road (I-285 N. exit) The phone number is (404) 395-7700.

**Guest:** State Congress honorees may invite parents to attend banquets in which they are honored. For example, Leadership in Action winners may purchase tickets for adult guests for Tuesday night; State Project winners may purchase tickets for adult guests for Thursday evening's banquet. Ticket prices are online and may be reserved prior to Congress using the ticket order form. Additional tickets are on sale during Congress at the 4-H Information booth while supplies last. Tickets can not be held at the information booth and must be paid for by cash or check. Tickets are limited. Non-Congress youth are not invited to attend Congress functions and will be asked to leave if they come to any activity.

**Schedule:** Congress begins with the Scholarship and Volunteer Recognition Program at 2:00 p.m. Performing Arts Presentations are Tuesday evening with all other presentations on Wednesday. The Project schedule is online and includes times for presentations as well as portfolio judging. At Congress, you have the opportunity to talk with your portfolio judges about your portfolio. While the judges do not consider your interview skills in this portion of the judging, it is a great opportunity for you to share your work in more detail. Banquets and recreation are Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All delegates will go to Six Flags on Wednesday evening for recreation and the announcements of project winners. Thursday kicks off with a planned breakfast. All delegates and leaders then have donor visits or educational tours on Thursday and may have free time for county-scheduled plans. A meeting of all state winners will be held on Friday morning. For a complete schedule, check the website.

**Leaders:** Agents or adult leaders from your county, 4-H volunteer leaders, and the State 4-H Staff will attend all of the Congress and supervise the participants and the program. Extension Specialists and guest specialists will judge all project competition. The state 4-H officers will provide leadership for banquets and assemblies.

**Cost:** State 4-H Congress is very expensive and would not be possible without extensive support from our donors. The approximate cost per 4-H member is around \$500 for a total cost of over \$100,000. Most of the cost is covered by donors. You will need to bring money for non-sponsored meals. These may include lunch on your travel days or Tuesday & Friday depending on your county, breakfast on Wednesday and Friday as well as lunches on Wednesday and Thursday. We You may also wish to bring money for snacks and souvenirs.

**Dress:** State 4-H Congress is a "dress up" event. Refer to the "Dress Guidelines for Delegates" handout for more details. **THIS DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED.** Six Flags (Wednesday night) will be casual. We will all wear our District T-shirts to Six Flags. Bring a swim suit and cover-up if you plan to use the hotel pool.

**Tippling:** Please tip when appropriate. At restaurants it is customary to tip 15 - 20 % of your bill for good service. If a bell hop assists you with luggage, plan on tipping the person \$1.00 per piece of luggage. It is not necessary to tip at banquets. Gratuity is covered in the cost of the banquet.

**Conduct Reminders:**

- State 4-H Congress is a prestigious event. Throughout the week, we are visited by donors, government officials, UGA administration and other individuals. Be sure that you present 4-H in the best light at all times.
- The Code of Conduct is a minimum standard of behavior. 4-H'ers are expected to follow the Code throughout Congress.
- Atlanta is a big city -- all types of people who perform all kinds of actions and activities, live and work in Atlanta. Be careful and stay in groups. Your adult leader should know where you are at all times.
- 4-H'ers do not need to go outside the hotel at night or during the day unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- Hotel doors need to be **LOCKED**.
- Curfews are listed in the Congress program. At that time all 4-H'ers should be in their OWN room. At other hours, visiting should be done in the hotel lobbies and NOT each other's rooms. 4-H'ers are not allowed in the rooms of those of the opposite gender any time.

**Presentations:** Each person is responsible for their own demonstration equipment. No equipment may be left in the rooms. The hotel doesn't furnish any equipment other than a table. Find your room a day in advance and be sure to arrive early on the day of your presentation. No easels will be furnished. If you need power, the outlet may be far from your table so you will need extension cords. The walls in most rooms are wallpaper print so if you use powerpoint you will probably need a screen.

**Banquet Tickets:** All banquet tickets will be taken up at the door prior to banquets. Please be sure to bring your tickets. State Winners will be given one door pass to accompany a paid ticket for a parent to enter an early admission door. This allows parents an opportunity to be seated slightly before the general public. Do understand that if each state winner uses a door pass, more than 200 parents would be gaining early admission.

**Bring:** Presentation materials, completed Medical Information and Release form, a thank you note for your project donor, clothes for the week and money for extra meals and souvenirs. Don't forget to complete your online media form before the event.

**Hospitality Suite:** A 4-H Hospitality Suite will be provided for your enjoyment. The suite includes snacks provided by Georgia 4-H donors. If you would like to add to the suite or know of possible donors contact Andrea Sorrow (asorrow@uga.edu)

State Congress is a great event. Please be prepared for your presentation, review your portfolio and conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on you, your county and Georgia 4-H.

