You will also have the opportunity to see a theater performance and tour various locations around Washington including:

Arlington National Cemetery
FDR Memorial
Martin Luther King Memorial
Iwo Jima
Jefferson Memorial
Korean War Memorial
Lincoln Memorial
Mt. Vernon
Smithsonian Museums
U.S. Capitol
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
And more!!

Chaperone Information & Policies

- Chaperone applicants must be at least 21 years of age or older by January 1, 2016.
- Chaperone applicants must be screened by approved University of Illinois Extension Volunteer Screening procedures and the box on the application checked to indicate that the approved Extension Volunteer Application is on file in the local unit office. ANCRA and Overnight Chaperone training are required.
- Chaperone applications are due by December 1, 2015. Chaperone applications will be taken via the same on-line registration system as the youth delegates. Notification of chaperone selection will be sent as soon after December 1 as possible. Submission of an application does not guarantee selection.
- Chaperones are asked to pay $500 towards their cost. The remaining fees for chaperones are paid and include the CWF program registration fee; room and board at the National 4-H Center; most meals; and bus transportation including to, from, and around Washington, D.C.
- The on-line registration program for CWF will open early October and can be linked from the CWF webpage: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/events/citizenshipwashington.cfm.

So…you’re considering taking a trip to Washington, D.C. with the Illinois Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) delegation. Wonderful! It is one of those once-in-a-lifetime trips that you’ll remember for years to come. If that’s the type of experience you’re looking for, read on! This short brochure will give you many of the details.

2016 Illinois Citizenship Washington Focus
July 9-16, 2016

Just What Is CWF?
Citizenship Washington Focus is a weeklong program that will provide you with many insights into the workings of our federal government. Through small group sessions at the National 4-H Center you’ll learn about federal legislation, the political parties, the Bill of Rights, and how to make a positive impact in your community.

You’ll have appointments to meet with some of our Illinois Congressmen and share information with them about 4-H and University of Illinois Extension.
Delegate Information & Policies

- Eligibility – Delegates must be 14-18 years of age by May 1, 2016. Space is limited, so registrations are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If the youth slots are filled before receiving all applications, delegates will be placed on a waiting list. Delegates who have attended previously may not attend again.

- Cost: Through the generosity of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, we are able to offer this trip at a reduced cost. Approximate cost of the trip is $1,200, however the estimated fee for 2016 delegates will be $1,000.

- The fee includes: CWF program registration; room and board at the National 4-H Center; most meals; and bus transportation to, from, and around Washington, D.C. A great price for the entire week’s program!

- Delegates will participate in Citizen Action Planning and are expected to make an impact with a special project when they return home to Illinois.

- On-line registration will open in mid - October and will close when registration is full or December 1, 2015, whichever is first. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the spaces are filled. Payment of an initial $250 deposit is due via credit card (on-line) or by sending a check within one week of on-line registration. If payment is not received by that time, the registration may be deleted. If UI Extension offices are paying the deposit, the Extension office must contact Deb Stocker within the one-week of registration regarding that process.

- The on-line registration link will be available on the CWF webpage: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/events/citizenshipwashington.cfm

- Delegates will be expected to follow both Illinois 4-H and National 4-H Council Codes of Conduct while on this trip. Disobeying rules or not respecting the authority of chaperones or program personnel may result in a delegate being sent home at their own expense and forfeiture of all fees paid.

Payment Procedures

- Credit card payments may be made via the on-line registration page. Payments via CC cannot be made once an on-line page is closed; at that time all payments must be made by check.

- All checks for payment should be made payable to University of Illinois. Checks should identify the program (CWF) and delegate. Initial deposits must be received within one week of on-line registration, as previously noted.

- For Extension Units paying fees by fund transfer – please include “CWF” and the delegate’s name on the transfer.

- Receipts will be sent to all offices and/or individuals upon request.

- All final payments MUST be made by the announced deadlines or a delegate’s trip will be cancelled and an alternate will be contacted.

Payment Schedule

$250 Deposit – Dec. 1, 2015
$350 Payment – Jan. 15, 2016
$350 Payment – May 15, 2016

NOTE: The final payment may be adjusted if additional scholarships are located or trip expenses increase.

Cancellations

- Cancellations must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. by the dates posted for full or partial refunds to be returned. Cancellations must be made in writing to Deb Stocker at dstocker@illinois.edu or faxed to 217/333-9287.

- Cancellations prior to January 1 will result in a complete refund of the $250 deposit.

- Cancellations made between January 15 and April 1 will result in the loss of the initial $250 deposit.

- Cancellations between April 1 and May 15 will result in the loss of $500 of payments made by the date of cancellation UNLESS another delegate (of the same gender) can be found as a replacement.

- Delegates canceling after May 15, 2016 will forfeit 100% of payment UNLESS National 4-H Council will accept a replacement individual and an individual (of the same gender) can be located as a replacement.