

GEORGIA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



July 19-23, 2021

Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center, Covington, Ga.

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:

- ▶ Recreation/Leadership Activities: swimming, low ropes and high rope obstacle courses as well as optional mud course.
- ▶ Co-ops 101: Presentation and discussion centering on the cooperative way of business: history, organization, member benefits, opportunities, and current issues.
- ▶ Power Players: This workshop provides a background on the legislative process and explores the ways citizen advocates and groups are able to have a hand in shaping legislation at all levels of government. The session is designed to give participants a deeper understanding of why their involvement in the political process is vitally important.
- ▶ Personality Assessments: An activity where participants assess their personality and explore how to work with people with different styles and outlooks.
- ▶ Co-op Encounter Sessions: Participants get an in-depth look at electric and telephone co-ops and credit unions as well as the Farm Credit system. The week includes a field trip to a local co-op dairy and an electric cooperative.
- ▶ Activities that teach “Cooperative Principles” and that will show participants the importance of being a member of a team effort.

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 Can Attend: Youth with the following qualifications:

- youth with leadership abilities
- must have completed freshman year of high school but not yet attending college
- have NOT previously attended the conference
- sponsored by a cooperative or Georgia 4-H 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 or Georgia 4-H), and all applications will be reviewed by a panel of the Georgia Cooperative Council, Inc. whose decision on acceptance is final.

Deadline: Completed applications must be received no later than JUNE 15, 2021 at the following address:

Georgia 4-H State Office
c/o Dr. Sue Chapman
303 Hoke Smith Annex
Athens, Georgia 30602
Or email to:
chapmans@uga.edu

More information on the event as well as a brochure and photos from past years can be viewed at georgiaco-op.com/youth-leadership-conference



The Georgia Cooperative Council is a state-wide non-profit association representing cooperatives in Georgia including: Eatonton Cooperative Feed Company, Edison Gin Cooperative, Farm Credits in Georgia, and Ag First Farm Credit in Columbia, S.C. CoBank, Go Energy Financial Credit Union, Georgia's Electric Membership Corporations, Georgia Transmission, GRESKO Utility Supply, Oglethorpe Power, and Pineland Telephone Cooperative

2021 COOPERATIVE YOUTH CONFERENCE APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S NAME: **PLEASE PRINT**

Mr. () ; Miss () _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street or Box City State Zip Code

STUDENT EMAIL: _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) NAME: _____

PARENT CELL PHONE: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: **Small** _____ **Medium** _____ **Large** _____ **XL** _____ **2X** _____ **3X** _____

LIST ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER AND THE OFFICES HELD IN EACH, IF ANY (or attach extra sheet with this info): _____

WHAT COOPERATIVES ARE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS OF?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Membership Cooperative (EMC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Credit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Union |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staple Cotton Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Marketing Cooperatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Farmers of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Supply Cooperative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland/Virginia Milk Producers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

SPONSORING COOPERATIVE:

(co-op representative: also please note request at bottom of this form)

Name of Co-op and Contact Person: Georgia 4-H: Sue Chapman _____

Address: 303 Hoke Smith Annex, Athens, GA 30602 _____

Telephone/email: 706-542-4444/chapmans@uga.edu _____

RECOMMENDATION:

The above applicant is of high moral character and demonstrates qualities of honesty and integrity in leadership. I recommend that this applicant be considered for selection to attend the Georgia Cooperative Youth Conference.

Signature of Person Recommending Nomination

AFFIDAVIT:

Knowing that any group or club is judged largely by the behavior of its individual members, I hereby pledge to conduct myself at this conference in a manner that would be a credit to the organization that I represent. I therefore apply for consideration to attend the Georgia Cooperative Youth Conference.

Signature of Youth

Note: Nominations should be submitted by June 15, 2021.

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NOTE TO COOPERATIVE REPRESENTATIVE:

- If your cooperative is interested in carpooling to/from the Conference please check box. The Council will put you in touch with others who also indicate an interest.



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