

GEORGIA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



July 18-22, 2022

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 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), and all applications will be reviewed by a panel of the Georgia Cooperative Council, Inc. whose decision on acceptance is final.

Cost: Georgia Co-op Council Member fee: \$300 per student. Out-of-State or non-member cost: \$350.

Deadline: Completed applications must be received no later than JUNE 17, 2022 from the online application that your sponsoring cooperative provides you.

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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



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