Delegates and Chaperones say:

"Citizenship Washington Focus was the first 4-H program where I really learned about myself. At CWF, I made friends from this state and states who, after three years, I still maintain friendships with. Of all the trips I have ever been on for 4-H, CWF was the greatest learning experience I have ever had; it was also a lot of fun."

Ron Turpin, Vigo County

"None of the history books or classes could have prepared us for the overwhelming shot and the sense of pride as we walked up the steps of the Capital."

Beth Parker, Allen County

"One of the neatest trips I have ever chaperoned. The delegates had fun and mentioned many times that this trip gave them a hands-on taste of how our government works from the local scene to the federal level. The six days at the National 4-H Center and in Washington, D.C. was great!"

Ron Hoyt, Marion County

"It’s an action packed week from the bus trip out and back to the farewell dance on Friday night. For one’s personal growth, this trip is worth every dollar spent and the seven days to go."

Carl Broady, Tippecanoe County

Indiana 4-H Dates
June 29 - July 6, 2013

To Make The Best Better

Citizenship Washington Focus

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PURPOSE
What does the term “citizenship” mean to you? For some it means many rights American citizens enjoy, but citizenship also encompasses many responsibilities. What are your rights, your responsibilities? How do 4-H members in Indiana and across the United States practice good citizenship? How do your elected officials and the national government in Washington function?

These are some of the areas that the Citizenship Washington Focus program explores. This summer you can join the ranks of more than 4,000 4-H'ers from across the United States who will participate in this program.

PARTICIPATION
A total of 50 Indiana delegates, including Purdue Extension staff members and 4-H club members will represent Indiana this summer during the Citizenship Washington Focus program. Indiana will be attending the week of June 29—July 6, 2013. Members must be high school students, 15 years of age or older, at the time of participation. The delegation will be under the direction of Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.

ACTIVITIES
⇒ Participate in workshops and assemblies focusing on various aspects of citizenship.
⇒ Meet your senators and representatives to discuss current issues.
⇒ Serve on national committees to strengthen communication and leadership skills.
⇒ Discuss and debate national issues with 4-H members, leaders, and representatives of national agencies and organizations.
⇒ Develop a plan of action for conducting various citizenship activities in your club and county.

SIGHTS
⇒ Capitol Hill: the legislative and judicial branches of government
⇒ Arlington National Cemetery: Kennedy gravesites and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
⇒ Mount Vernon
⇒ The Smithsonian Institutions
⇒ Federal agencies and organizations
⇒ A theater performance

HOUSING
The National 4-H Center is a residential educational facility at 7100 Connecticut Avenue with easy access to the cultural, political, and historical resources of Washington D.C.

COSTS
Participation in the Citizenship Washington Focus program will cost $1550 per delegate. This covers transportation to and from Washington D.C., program costs while at the National 4-H Center, and a theater ticket for state’s night out. Each delegate will need approximately $150 for out-of-pocket expenses. A $900 deposit should be submitted with each application by April 1st. The remaining $650 is due May 1st. Space is limited and spots are filled as deposits are received. All checks should be made payable to Purdue University.

APPLICATION
Applications for the Citizenship Washington Focus program are available from your county Extension office. Reservations are due in the state 4-H office by April 1. No applications will be accepted after this date unless program slots are not filled. Cancellations after April 30, will be charged the full fee.