National 4-H Conference 2013

“Youth Voices: Blazing a Trail & Leading Our World!”
Washington D.C., April 6-11, 2013
National 4-H Center
Oregon 2013 Delegates to National 4-H Conference

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Overview: National 4-H Conference

Day 1  Opening ceremony, get acquainted, state meetings

Day 2  General session with National Officials, 12 Roundtable federal ‘issue’ groups, 7 WORKSHOPS, fun cultural music entertainment

Day 3  Finalize Roundtable presentations to 12 federal agencies, debriefing at USDA, night tour of D.C. monuments

Day 4  To Capitol Hill, Visit Congressmen and Representatives, tour museums, dine and dance on the Potomac

Day 5  Visit Capitol Mall and Travel Home
What We Did at National Conference

* Met great people from every state including Puerto Rico and Canada!
* Learned about 4-H at state and national levels.
* Worked in Roundtable Groups led by 4-H alumni in college to research an ‘issue’ provided by federal agencies who invited teen input.
Our Roundtable Issues
Federal Agencies Requested 4-H Youth Input

Gabby: Importance of the Ag Industry
Katie: How to Use Social Media in Climate Change Mitigation
Jarred: Feeding the Growing World
Teen Reports to Federal Agencies

4-H teens presented reports and answered questions for federal agency committees, including USDA, Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, and Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.
You can apply for National 4-H Conference

Teens qualify when in grades 10 or 11 and enrolled in 4-H. 2 to 5 teens are selected to receive a travel scholarship (approx. $1,400) to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.

To be considered, you need to be able to ...
1. Submit an application – Due November 1, 2013
2. Be interviewed, in person or via polycom from County Extension Office
3. Contribute $200 deposit and the cost of several meals while traveling
4. Travel out of Oregon, Saturday-Thursday, in April
5. Be willing to serve on an Oregon 4-H committee, such as Citizenship, Volunteer Development or event planning (e.g., Know Your Government or Activate Oregon).
6. Contribute to this report at Summer Conference next year!
We had a great experience and hope to get other Oregon 4-Hers involved as well!
Famous Friends

It was an interesting cultural experience to room with three Puerto Rican delegates!

Jarred Cope