

2010 CITIZENSHIP ALABAMA FOCUS

March 15-17, 2010 ~ Montgomery, AL

Registration Deadline: February 26, 2010

Citizenship Alabama Focus is a citizenship-leadership program conducted for all Alabama youth by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Eligibility: CAF is open to all interested youth from 14 through 18 years of age, and is a way to reward and recognize older youth who have served as leaders at the local level. This event will include 4-H members, urban youth and non-4-H'ers who are involved in citizenship programs and projects.

Space is limited to the first 100 registrations received, including adults. The program gives participants hands-on opportunities to learn and practice skills that promote "*Better Citizens Today. Better Leaders Tomorrow.*"

Based at the Alabama State Capitol and State House, the program theme is "The Legislature at Work." An issue of youth interest will be presented. Participants will be divided into two parties to debate the issue. Other youth will take the parts of local media and community groups wanting to speak on the issue.

Registration for 2010 CAF includes the workshops, most meals and the Cultural Heritage Night. Youth lodging is provided in the registration. Adults will make their own lodging arrangements. Transportation from the Holiday Inn Express to downtown Montgomery is also included.

Youth registration is \$75 and includes lodging. Adult registration is \$75 without lodging (please see information below for hotel reservations for adults).

Before completing registration,

- Review the Alabama 4-H Dress Code Guidelines as they will be used during CAF: http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Dress_Code_Philosophy.pdf.
- Complete the Alabama 4-H Parent and Youth Consent Form and mail with the registration: http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Youth_Consent_Form.pdf.
- Adults must complete an Alabama 4-H Adult Medical Form and mail with registration: http://www.aces.edu/fourh/docs/volunteers/Adult_Medical_Form.pdf.

The use of the Alabama State Capitol and State House has been granted through our sponsors: Rep. Richard Lindsey (D-Centre) and Rep. Mike Hubbard (R-Auburn). We express our thanks in their belief in the future of Alabama youth.

Tentative Schedule for CAF '10

Monday, March 15

Lunch on your own

1 – 2 p.m. Registration at the Holiday Inn Express (Mitylene Exit 11, I-85N)
3 p.m. Opening Assembly – The State Capitol Auditorium
5:30- 7 p.m. Meal at The Shoppes at EastChase at your own expense
7:30 p.m.-Curfew Research on Legislative Issue for Party Debate, Holiday Inn Express

Tuesday, March 16

Morning Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express
9:30 a.m. The Alabama House of Representative, Clay Redden
The 4-H House of Representatives Convene
Noon Lunch in The State Capitol Auditorium
12:45 p.m. Committees prepare issue and debate; Vote is taken.
5:30 p.m. Cultural Heritage Evening

Wednesday, March 17

Morning Breakfast and Check-out, Holiday Inn Express
9 a.m. Montgomery Tours
11 a.m. Closing Assembly
Noon Depart from Holiday Inn Express, Safe Journey Home

Hotel Reservations: The Holiday Inn Express, (I-85N, Exit 11, Mitylene) will be the 2010 CAF host hotel. Bus transportation for all events will leave from that hotel. [Note: Parking is limited around the State Capitol -- be on time and on the bus.]

Youth hotel reservations are included in the registration process. Youth should designate roommate names on the form. Youth will be assigned roommates if none are requested. Housing will be four youth in a room.

Adult Lodging reservations are the responsibility of the adult and are separate from the registration fee. For hotel reservations at The Holiday Inn Express, phone 334/271-5516 and ask for the \$79.00 room rate plus tax for the Alabama 4-H Chaperones-CAF Conference. The rooms reserved for adults have king beds; if other accommodations are needed, please check with the hotel for availability.

Monday Evening Plans: Monday dinner is at the expense of the participants and will be at The Shoppes at East Chase. The buses will take us directly from the Alabama State Capitol to this location. There are a variety of low-cost eating facilities with something for everyone's taste. We are also allowing a short time for shopping.

Upon arrival at the Holiday Inn Express, the designated parties will have access to computers for research on the issue. There will be time to plan strategy for the 4-H House of

Representatives debate on Tuesday. [*Special thanks to the Operation Military Kids program for the use of the computer lab.*]

Dress for Tuesday at the Capitol and the Cultural Heritage Evening: Tuesday will be a full day with the 4-H House of Representatives working hard on the issue before them. Pros and cons of the issue will be discussed with a final bill being voted up or down by the end of the day. 4-H Media and Community Groups will play a role in the final outcome. Come prepared to do your part for your 4-H Party affiliation.

Each participant (both youth and adult) will receive a blue polo shirt to wear the entire day. We are requesting that you wear tan or black skirts or slacks with loafers or dress shoes (flip flops cannot be worn; tennis shoes are strongly discouraged). Your best appearance is needed the entire day and evening. Please refer to the dress code.

Cultural Heritage Evening on Tuesday: This will be an evening to enjoy. We will leave directly from the Alabama State House and travel to the Capital City Club.

- Dinner at the Capital City Club, Montgomery – Located in the top floors of the RSA Tower, the Capital City Club offers an unparalleled view in every direction of the capital city. This private club provides a one-of-a-kind atmosphere for gracious dining and offers an unparalleled tradition of fine food and impeccable service. This will be a special treat for CAF participants – bring your best manners and enjoy true fine dining! From the Capital City Club we will board the buses to go to The Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts.
- *Radio Day's* at The Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts – Go back in time to the era of big bands and the Hollywood Canteen with *Radio Days*. Experience the excitement of a live radio broadcast in a musical evening of fun and laughter. Performing in *Radio Day's* is the traveling group Five By Design, one of the nation's leading symphony pops artists and interpreters of the American Songbook. They have appeared before thousands, including appearances with symphony orchestras across the U.S. and Canada.

Wednesday Morning Tours: Wednesday morning gives everyone a chance to see Montgomery and one of the many attractions. Below is a description of the four planned tours. On the registration form, select your first, second and third choice of morning tours. Entrance fees are the responsibility of the participants.

- **WAKA 8 News** (www.waka.com)
Learn about the people who deliver the news and weather every day. Discover what happens behind the scenes as members of the News Team work together. Individuals attending this tour will get the opportunity to meet and learn about being a News Anchor, Reporter, Producer, Photojournalist and Meteorologist. There is no charge for this tour.

- ***Southern Homes and Gardens*** (www.southernhomesandgardens.com)
Tour one of the most advanced garden centers in the United States. You will learn about landscape production as you tour greenhouses and the nursery and see what's blooming – trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals. Gather some information from experts and soon you will have a green thumb! There is no charge for this tour.
- ***Mann Wildlife Learning Museum*** (www.montgomeryal.gov/index.aspx?page=256)
Feel the fur of a wolf or bear.....The Mann Wildlife Learning Museum at the Montgomery Zoo lets you get closer to wildlife than you ever thought possible. The museum includes one of the nation's finest collections of professionally presented North American wildlife – bear, wolf and moose – in displays that allow you to view them from all sides. The collection also includes freshwater and saltwater fish, reptiles, birds, small mammals and more. This is a self-guided tour. **Fee is \$6 per person (you pay).**
- ***Department of Archives and History*** (www.archives.state.al.us)
This Montgomery jewel is the oldest state-funded Archives in the nation, constructed in 1940. Walk through history in the many museum galleries and exhibits as well as the genealogical research facility. Youth members can enjoy “Grandma’s Attic” as they explore the outfits worn through history. There is no charge for this tour, however, donations are accepted.

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Be sure to include:

- **Registration form, Alabama 4-H Parent and Youth Consent Form or Alabama 4-H Adult Medical Form**
- **Checks should be payable to: ACES**
- **Faxed registrations will not be accepted until payment is received.**

Mailing Information:

**2010 Citizenship Alabama Forum Registration
Attn: Betty Gottler
202 Duncan Hall ACES 4-H
Auburn University AL 36849-5620**

Youth Registration – Citizenship Alabama Focus ‘10
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Checks for \$75 should be made payable to ACES. Lodging included.
Type or Print Clearly

Name _____ County/Region _____

Male _____ Female _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Royal Blue Men’s Size Polo Shirt – (circle) **NOTE: Men’s sizes are larger than women’s sizes*
 XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Name of Local Representative _____

Name of Local Senator _____

Tours on Wednesday Morning: Mark 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice

- _____ WAKA Channel 8 Tour
- _____ Southern Homes and Gardens Tour
- _____ Mann Wildlife Learning Museum Tour (\$6 fee charged, you pay)
- _____ Alabama Department of Archives and History

*Youth hotel reservations are included as part of the registration package.
 Please list preferred roommates on the lines below.*

Roommate Names	County/Region
1.	
2.	
3.	

Bus transportation to the downtown locations will be provided from the Holiday Inn Express. Participants must be on the bus 5 minutes prior to departure.

Enclosed with the registration are the following:

- _____ Check for the \$75 registration fee made payable to ACES
- _____ Alabama 4-H Parent and Youth Consent Form

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis. The first 100 registrations (including adult registrations) will be accepted. Those received after the first 100 will be put on a waiting list and will be notified as such.

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Adult Registration – Citizenship Alabama Focus ‘10

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Checks for \$75 should be made payable to ACES. Lodging NOT included.

Type or Print Clearly

Name _____ County/Region _____

Male _____ Female _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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