



On Thursday, May 31, 69 youth from western Nebraska left to experience the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, a two-week tour of the eastern United States focusing on leadership and citizenship.

On the CWF trip, 4-H members will meet other youth from across the United States during their stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, the premier meeting and conference center in the D.C. area.

Along with motivational workshops, youth will get a behind the scenes look at the nation's capitol and a chance to meet members of congress, tours of historical memorials and landmarks, and the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian museums.

On the way to and from Washington D.C., 4-H members will experience stops at the Gateway Arch, a professional baseball game, Independence Hall, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell, a Broadway musical in New York City, Niagara Falls and Chicago.

Perkins County participants include Brendon Barry, Jordyn Bartels, Hannah Beck, Elliot Carlson, Kimberly Cook, Rebecca Cornelius, Mariah Curtis, Laura Dreiling, Kaylyn Hahn, Lila Konecky, Dillon Koop, Elizabeth Krajewski, Zak Kurkowski, Brady Mailand, Courtney McClenahan, Shania Metcalf, Chase Miyamoto, Amanda Osler, Rachel Patrick, Blake Poppe, Alissa Rosentrater, Matthew Sestak, Samantha Snogren, Carlie Waitley, Jessie Woodmancy, Kayla Woodmancy and Alyssa Young. Keith/Arthur County participants are Evan Hansmeier, Carli Holz, Rhea Krauter, Will Lage, Micah Most, Byron Nelson, Garth Packard, Sadie Schwartzkopf, Mackenzie Walker and Mikaela Walker. Sponsors are Debbie Kuenning—Extension Educator, Alyson Carlson, Sherry Chandler and Dawnya Dreiling.

Planning for the next CWF trip to be held in June of 2015 is currently underway. The trip is open to all youth who will have completed grades 9-11 by June of 2015 (currently completing grades 6-8). They do not currently have to be a 4-H member.

Youth will start raising money for the 2015 trip this year! The first activity is the 4-H Fair BBQ and Bingo stand. A meeting will be held Monday, June 25, at the Perkins County Fairgrounds dance hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. to plan these events. This meeting is for youth and parents. If unable to attend but plan to go on the trip, please contact the Perkins County Extension Office 308-352-4340.