

CWF Committees and Workshops

Committees: CWF delegates will have the opportunity to participate in one of six Committees. When they arrive on campus, they will be able to sign up for a Committee for the week. We will make sure that your delegation is evenly divided between Committees.

Focus on Healthy Living

- Create and run health and fitness activities for the CWF Derby, a program that will highlight the importance of a healthy living lifestyle
- Learn and develop skills such as communication and leadership while working together to plan an event for the entire CWF program

Focus on Communication

- Produce CWF media (video/slideshow/newsletter) to be viewed by the entire CWF program
- Learn publishing skills such as: writing, proof reading, page layout, photography, video, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Movie Maker.
- Work as a team to delegate responsibilities and adhere to tight deadlines

Focus on Government

- Learn the congressional process and parliamentary procedure, along with other government-related topics
- Develop leadership, networking, and public speaking skills
- Organize, plan, and execute the Congressional Session, as well as write and combine the bills to be debated in the session

Focus on Responsibility

- Discuss the national 4-H Revolution of Responsibility campaign and how 4-Hers are helping their communities across the country
- Learn how to create an action plan to help resolve concerns or issues in their home community
- Serve as facilitators and leaders in helping their delegation create and execute their own action plan

Focus on Open-Mindedness

- Discuss important issues that young people see within their various communities and how they can be informed, opinionated, respectful and make a difference
- Develop the skills to facilitate respectful discussions on important topics amongst a group of your peers
- Serve as facilitators for the Town Hall meeting

Focus on Talent

- Organize, plan, and execute the CWF Talent Show and auditions
- Learn the skills necessary to organize and promote an event
- Learn various audio/visual techniques necessary to produce a live show

Workshops: The CWF delegates will have the opportunity to learn while participating in four workshops throughout the week:

- **Citizenship Toolbox**—Delegates will define what it means to be a citizen and learn how to use their individual skills to become leaders in their own communities.
- **Congressional Issues**—Delegates will discuss several national issues that our country is currently facing to gain an understanding of how similar issues relate to every citizen.
- **Bill-Writing**—Delegates will participate in a Bill writing session to learn what it means to write a Bill in Congress, understand the obstacles Congressmen face, and celebrate when their Bill has been passed.
- **Strategy Workshop**-- Delegates will plan their strategy behind supporting (or not supporting) the different Bills during the Congressional Session. They will create a plan for lobbying and persuading other delegates to support (or not support) the Bills along with them.
- **Congressional Session Issues:** This year's Congressional Session Issues are still being finalized. Once they have been determined, they will be sent out.

Action Plans: One of the most important parts of the Citizenship Washington Focus experience is being able to take home the leadership, citizenship, and life skills that the delegates have learned. Each delegation will brainstorm issues that affect their communities, and then create an Action Plan to help positively affect change surrounding these issues. The Action Planning process will help delegates learn how to work as a team and systematically address community issues.

Town Hall Meeting: Our Focus on Open-Mindedness Committee will work to prepare a Town Hall discussion for all the CWF participants. Delegates will get a chance to discuss issues of importance with students from across the country. They will learn how to voice their opinion while listening to and respecting the perspectives of others. The Town Hall discussions will be facilitated by the youth who participate in the Focus on Open-Mindedness Committee so that the experience is peer to peer based.