



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of Michigan, and to the state for which it stands, two beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal." (Initiated through Public Act 165 in 1972; created by Harold J. Coburn)

Lansing, Michigan
March 22-25, 2009

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4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Teens from around the state come to Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action!

Since 1982, Michigan participants have had the opportunity to learn how they can become politically engaged and influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Through these educational experiences young people can:

- Increase their understanding and knowledge of state government
- Discover ways in which youth can influence policy decisions
- Explore careers in public policy
- Network with other young people and public policy professionals
- Develop a positive attitude toward their ability to affect public policy
- Improve their leadership and citizenship skills.

Contact Information:

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Cyndi Mark: 517-282-2326 (Traveling with participants)
- Pat Talbot: 517-285-8709 (Traveling with participants)
- Gloria Ellerhorst: 517-353-2922 (State 4-H Office)

6 p.m. to 7 a.m.

- Quality Inn: 517-351-1440

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General Information



Name Badges – Please wear your name badge and have it visible at all times.

Housing – **Girls are not allowed in boys housing rooms and vice versa.** Lock your room when you leave and keep your key with you at all times. You will be fined for missing linen as follows:

- \$5 bath towel
- \$2.50 hand towel
- \$1 washcloth

Phone calls – Room phones may be used between 6:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Credit card, collect calls, or phone cards are preferred. Any phone bills charged to your room must be paid in cash to the Quality Inn as you check-out at the end of the event.

Pizza Orders – Meals and snack breaks are provided as part of the conference. Pizza may be ordered and paid for by event participants during evening free time. Orders must be placed no later than 10 p.m. and delivered before 10:30 p.m.

Bed check – Chaperons and steering committee members will do a bed check each night. **Everyone must be in their assigned room no later than 11 p.m.** Everyone must sleep in the room they are assigned. Under no circumstances should anyone move without first discussing with the conference coordinator, Cyndi Mark.

Check out- Check out is from 10:50 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday. During this time you **must:**

1. Get all your belongings packed up.
2. Load your belongings by 11:30 a.m. (if vehicle is here) or drop off your luggage in the Beaumont Room to secure it until your ride arrives.
3. Return your key to the hotel desk.
4. Pay at the hotel desk for any phone call charges you may have.

Conduct Policy – Theft, vandalism, alcohol, illegal drugs and leaving the premises (except for trips arranged as part of the program) are not permitted. Violators will immediately be sent home at their own expense. Those engaged in illegal activities will be turned over to the proper authorities. Repair costs for damage incurred to property will be billed to those responsible.

Issue Area & Group Facilitators

Issue Area	Group Facilitators
Agriculture	Glenda Kilpatrick and Jennifer Curtis
Crime, Drugs and Personal Safety	Seth Hopkins and TEEN
Education	Darren Bagley and Brook Borrow
Environment and Energy	Insa Raymond and Samantha Curtis
Equality and Personal Rights	ADULT and TEEN

Health..... Paula Ramelis and Jeff Wisenbaugh II
 Jobs and the Economy Julie Scislowicz and Dylan Luna

Schedule

Sunday, March 22nd

Please turn off your cell phone during all sessions & bring picture ID Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

3:00-4:00 p.m.	Registration at Quality InnBeal Courtyard Issue Display – Join your issue group and make a display
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Welcome: Cyndi Mark.....Beaumont Room
4:30-5:30 p.m.	What is Citizenship? Introduction: Cyndi Mark Highlights of Capitol Experience Teen Panel Group Photo with t-shirt (wear your Capitol Experience t-shirt)
5:30-6:15 p.m.	How Teens Can Make a Difference Introduction: _ Guest speakers: Representative Mark Meadows - ? Representative ?
6:15 p.m.	Dinner Kellogg & Beaumont Rooms
7:00- p.m.	Governor of the FutureBeaumont Room – Issue on the LineBeaumont Room – Introduction of “Michigan Legislature Simulation”...Beaumont Room Cyndi Mark
8:40-8:50 p.m.	Snack break..... Beal Courtyard
8:50-10:00 p.m.	Michigan Legislature Simulation: Group Facilitators Bill Writing..... Issue group locations
Agriculture.....	Beal Courtyard – Pool Front
Crime, Drugs and Personal Safety	Beaumont Room A
Education	Beaumont Room C

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Environment and EnergyBeal Courtyard – Pool Side
 Equality and Personal Rights..... ??????????????
 Health..... Beal Courtyard – Pool Back
 Jobs and the Economy ??????????????

10:00-10:20 p.m. Chaperon meetingBeal Courtyard
 Cyndi Mark
 10:20 Steering Committee MeetingBeal Courtyard
 11:00 p.m. Participants in assigned rooms for bed check

Monday, March 23rd

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 Bring everything you need for the day – you won't be returning to the Quality Inn until 5 p.m.*

6:45 a.m. Wake Up Call
 6:00-7:30 Breakfast..... Kellogg & Beaumont Rooms
 8:15-9:00 WelcomeBeaumont Room
 Introduction: _
 Cheri Booth, State 4-H Leader
 Issue Group Preparation: Cyndi Mark
 Etiquette Skits Activity
 Skit 1: _
 Skit 2: _
 9:00-9:30 Board buses/minivans to travel to community agency ... (see chart)
 9:30-11:00 Community agency visits
 11:00-11:30 Travel to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 11:30 Lunch St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 12:00-12:30 Legislative Aide Orientation St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Cyndi Mark
 12:30-12:40 Group photograph on the front steps of the Capitol Building
 12:40 Visits as indicated below:

Group 1: Agriculture; Education; Health

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..... 1:00-1:45..... Issue group discussion with Legislative aides
 (see chart)
 2:00-3:00..... Supreme Court Tour
 3:15-4:00..... Capitol Tour

Group 2: Crime, Drugs and Personal Safety; Environment and Energy; Equality and Personal Rights; Jobs and the Economy

..... 1:00-2:00..... Supreme Court Tour
 2:15-3:00 Issue group discussion with Legislative aides
 (see chart)
 3:45-4:30..... Capitol Tour
 5:00 Loading at the west side of the Capitol
 (see chart)

Travel back to Quality Inn in assigned bus/van

5:30-6:15 Snack & Recreation Activities
 Recreation.....Beal Courtyard
 Bowling Next door - must check out at hotel with ???
 Seth Hopkins will be at the bowling alley.

6:15 Dinner
 Beaumont Room

7:00-7:45 Preparing for Tuesday: Cyndi Mark
 Overview of Legislative breakfast
 Prepare for Legislative aide visits
 Prepare for House & Senate sessions and Legislative
 Committee meetings
 Prepare for Michigan Legislative Simulation: Committee Meetings
 Cyndi Mark

7:45-9:20 Michigan Legislature Simulation: Cyndi Mark.....Beaumont A
 Group Facilitators Committee Meetings
 Issue group locations

9:20-9:45 House and Senate Convene: Elections for House and Senate
 Leadership positions..... Beaumont A & B

9:45-10:00 Snack Break.....Beal Courtyard

9:45-10:45 Swimming. Pool
 (Lifeguard)
 Other recreation.....Beal Courtyard
 (Committee members)

- 9:45-10:15 Chaperon MeetingBeaumont Room
Cyndi Mark
- 10:15-10:45 Steering committee meetingBeaumont Room
- 11:00 p.m. Participants in assigned rooms for bed check

Tuesday, March 24th

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*Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
g to the Quality Inn until 4 p.m.*

- 6:00 a.m. Wake Up Call
- 6:50 a.m. Board buses/minivans by issue group for travel to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 7:15-7:30 Greet Legislators
Take county delegation picture with Legislators Church
- 7:30-8:30 Legislative Breakfast..... Church
- 8:30-10:00 Visit your Representative and Senator offices
Attend Legislative committee meetingsCapitol & House
Office buildings
*Ask for a Citizens Guide to State Government at your
Representative or Senator's office*
- 10:00-11:00 Observe Senate session Capitol
- 11:00-11:15 Gather with your issue group
All groups meet in the basement of the Capitol and walk to
Lobbyist visit
- 11:15-12 p.m. Issue group discussion with Lobbyists (see chart)
- 12:00 Lunch St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 1:00-2:15 Visit Legislative committee meeting and legislative offices
- 2:30-2:45 Walk to state agency visit (see chart)
- 2:45-3:30 Issue group discussion with
State agency personnel..... (see chart)

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3:30	Walk to bus loading site (west side of Capitol)
3:40-3:50	Travel back to Quality Inn in assigned bus/van(see chart)
4:00-5:30	Snack & Leisure time (games, rest or homework) SwimmingPool (Lifeguard) Board games, bowling, socializing.....Beal Courtyard (If you go bowling remember to check in and out with _)
5:30	Pizza and salad dinner Kellogg & Beaumont Room
6:30 – 8:30	Michigan Legislature Simulation: House & Senate Session Issue Committee Meetings Issue Group Locations House Session: Group Facilitators Beaumont A Senate Session: Group Facilitators Beaumont B
8:45	SnacksBeal Courtyard
8:45-10:45	Recreation Activities: Activities, Movie & Swimming Pool & Beal Courtyard (Lifeguard)
9:00-9:15	Chaperon MeetingBeal Courtyard
9:15-9:30	Steering Committee MeetingBeal Courtyard
11:00 p.m.	Participants in assigned rooms for bed check

Wednesday, March 25th

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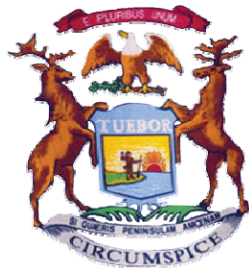
6:30 a.m.	Wake-up call; pack up belongings and tidy rooms; early check out
6:00-8:00	Breakfast..... Kellogg & Beaumont Rooms
8:00-8:35	Prepare for career visits: Cyndi Mark
8:35-9:00	Board buses/minivans for downtown Lansing
9:00-10:00	Career visits (see chart)
10:00-10:05	Walk to the bus loading site on west side of the Capitol

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(Except groups that traveled to career visits by minivan or bus)

- 10:05-10:20 Travel back to Quality Inn in assigned bus/van
- 10:20-10:50 a.m. Check Out:
Move luggage to vehicles (if possible) or Beaumont Room
Pay phone bills at hotel desk
Turn in key at hotel desk
- 10:20-10:50 am Snack Time
- 10:50-11:10 p.m. Career visit debriefing: Cyndi MarkBeaumont Room
- 11:10–12:00 Michigan Legislative Simulation – Bill SigningBeaumont Room
Acting Governor
Michigan Legislative Simulation Debriefing
- 12:00-12:30 After 4-H Capitol Experience

Evaluation: Cyndi Mark
Presentation of certificates
Closing comments
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn
Have a safe trip home!
Lunch on your own



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4-H Capitol Experience Legislative Committees and Issue Groups

*Note: Democrats are in regular type, Republicans in italics; *indicates that the committee is likely to be meeting on Tuesday, March 24*

AGRICULTURE ISSUE GROUP

***House Agriculture Committee**-- Jeff Mayes (chair), Barbara Byrum (Majority Vice-Chair), Kathy Angerer, Terry Brown, Kathleen Law, Gabe Leland, Joel Sheltroun, *Richard Ball (Minority Vice-Chair), Neal Nitz, Arlan B. Meekhof, David Agema*

Senate Agriculture Committee--*Gerald Van Woerkom, Chair, Jud Gilbert, Patti Birkholz, John Gleason, Minority Vice-Chair, Gretchen Whitmer*

CRIME, DRUGS AND PERSONAL SAFETY ISSUE GROUP

House Health Policy Committee Paul Condino (Chair), Andy Coulouris (Majority Vice-Chair), Steve Bieda, Marc Corriveau, Mark Meadows, Andy Meisner, Bettie Cook Scott, Viril Smith, Rebekah Warren, Tonya Schuitmaker, *David Law (Minority Vice-Chair), Kevin Elsenheimer, John Stakoe, Rick Jones, Tory Rocca*

***Senate Judiciary Committee** —*Wayne Kuipers, Chair, Allen Cropsey, Bruce Patterson, Alan Sanborn, Gretchen Whitmer, Minority Vice-Chair, Hansen Clarke, Mike Prusi*

EDUCATION ISSUES GROUP

***House Education Committee**— Tim Melton (Chair), Mary Valentine (Majority Vice-Chair), Kathy Angerer, Terry L. Brown, Barb Byrum, Brenda Clark, Marc Corriveau, Robert Dean, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Steven Lindberg, Andy Meisner, Fred Miller, Gino Polidori, Bettie Cook Scott, *John Moolenaar (Minority Vice-Chair), Judy Emmons, Jacob Hoogendyk, Glenn Steil Jr., Tom Pearce, Dave Hildenbrand, Tonya Schuitmaker, Marty Knollenberg, Paul Opsommer*

Senate Education Committee--*Wayne Kuipers, Chair, Nancy Cassis, Gerald Van Woerkom, Gretchen Whitmer, Minority Vice Chair, John Gleason*

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ISSUE GROUP

*** House Great Lakes and Environment** - Rebekah Warren (D), Committee Chair, Marie Donigan, (Majority Vice-Chair), Kate Ebli, Martin J. Griffin, Kathleen Law, Gabe Leland, Mark S. Meadows, Fred Miller, Mary Valentine, *David Robertson (Minority Vice-Chair), Brian Palmer, Judy Emmons, John Moolenaar, Howard Walker, Arlan B. Meekhof*

Senate Energy Policy & Public Utilities Committee - *Patricia Birkholz, Chair, Gerald Van Woerkom, Bruce Patterson, Ray Basham, Minority Vice-Chair, Mike Prusi*

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EQUALITY AND PERSONAL RIGHTS ISSUE GROUP

House Judiciary Committee - Rebekah Warren (D), Committee Chair, Marie Donigan, (Majority Vice-Chair), Kate Ebli, Martin J. Griffin, Kathleen Law, Gabe Leland, Mark S. Meadows, Fred Miller, Mary Valentine, *David Robertson (Minority Vice-Chair), Brian Palmer, Judy Emmons, John Moolenaar, Howard Walker, Arlan B. Meekhof*

Senate Families & Human Service Committee - *Patricia Birkholz, Chair, Gerald Van Woerkom, Bruce Patterson, Ray Basham, Minority Vice-Chair, Mike Prusi*

HEALTH ISSUE GROUP

House Health Policy Committee —Kathy Angerer (Chair), Mike Simpson (Majority Vice-Chair), Barb Byrum, Brenda Clack, Marc R. Corriveau, Andy Coulouris, Marie Donigan, Ted Hammon, Robert B. Jones, Mary Valentine, Lisa Wojno, *Edward Gaffney (Minority Vice-Chair), Joe Hune, Jim Marleau, Kevin Green, Richard Ball, Brian N. Calley, David Robertson*

Senate Health Policy Committee —*Tom George (Chair), Bruce Patterson (Majority Vice-Chair), Alan Sanborn, Jason Allen, Hansen Clarke (Minority Vice-Chair), John Gleason, Gilda Z. Jacobs*

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY ISSUE GROUP

House New Economy and Quality of Life Committee - Rebekah Warren (D), Committee Chair, Marie Donigan, (Majority Vice-Chair), Kate Ebli, Martin J. Griffin, Kathleen Law, Gabe Leland, Mark S. Meadows, Fred Miller, Mary Valentine, *David Robertson (Minority Vice-Chair), Brian Palmer, Judy Emmons, John Moolenaar, Howard Walker, Arlan B. Meekhof*

Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committee - *Patricia Birkholz, Chair, Gerald Van Woerkom, Bruce Patterson, Ray Basham, Minority Vice-Chair, Mike Prusi*

Steering Committee Members