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To: 2011 Ohio Citizenship Washington Focus Delegates

Dear 4-H'ers:

Congratulations again on being selected to attend CWF. If you haven't received a recent email from me, I either don't have an email address for you or the one I have is invalid. If you have an email address, please email it to me (auck.1@osu.edu) as I will use email for any further updates about your trip.

Well, it's almost time for you to leave for CWF. I hope you are as excited as your group leaders about the upcoming week in Washington. I KNOW that you have read ALL the materials mailed to you previously, broken in those shoes, and collected some Ohio items to trade, right? If not, I know you will very soon!

There are 35 people in your delegation. You will be staying with the same bus and driver throughout your stay in Washington D.C. **We are asking that you bring no more than one large suitcase, and one carry on.**

Group Leaders: **Katie Houck and Bonnie Graver** will be your group leaders. I will provide you with their cell phone numbers so you can reach them on pickup day if you are running behind. Your parents can also use that number if they need to contact them in case of emergencies.

Pick Up Points: Enclosed is the pick-up point list with those to be picked up at each location. If there are changes to this list, please call Allen Auck, at the State 4-H Office at (614) 247-8148.

Bring a red shirt: On Sunday, June 26th after you arrive and get settled at the National 4-H Center, there will be a Flag Raising and an Opening Ceremony. We would like each delegate to bring a red shirt or t-shirt, preferably with Ohio or Ohio State on it to wear on Sunday evening. We want to let them know the "Buckeyes" are there!

Emergency Sheet: Please give the enclosed blue sheet to your parents with the emergency phone number at The National 4-H Center. The estimated return times are also on the bottom of that sheet as well.

Dress Code: You do not need a formal outfit for any event. Thursday Night out at Toby's is dressy. Dresses with nice shoes for girls (heels would be okay here since you won't be doing much walking that night). Dress shirt and dress pants for guys. For sightseeing away from the National 4-H Center, our delegation **will NOT wear** blue jeans pants or blue jeans shorts. Blue jeans are **ONLY** okay at the National 4-H Center and on the bus to and from Washington. Shorts for sightseeing need to be at least extended arm finger tip length long. Please bring a pair of Khaki pants or a Khaki Skirt (of respectable length) to wear with the CWF polo shirt you will receive at registration for your visit to Capitol Hill. Capri/cropped pants, shorts, and mini-skirts will not be allowed on Capitol Hill Day.

Spending Money:

You will be responsible for purchasing one meal en route, two lunches and one dinner on your own during CWF and one meal on the way home. You may also want to allow a little extra money for souvenirs. Program staff suggests budgeting at least \$25 per day, for a total of \$150-200. Some people will spend more; others will spend much less. Budget carefully to allow for expenses on the return trip.

You should consider obtaining travelers checks instead of carrying all cash. If you bring traveler's checks, you need to bring a government issued photo ID (drivers' license or state ID) in order to cash them. National 4-H Center will cash traveler's checks only on Monday after 4:30 for those requested on Sunday. This is the ONLY time the National 4-H Center will cash them. Most shops will cash them, however, if you present a government issued photo ID. Some security measures have changed, so be sure to bring along a photo ID.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please give me a call or e-mail me at auck.1@osu.edu. If I'm not in, leave a detailed message and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

I hope that your personal philosophy for CWF is to meet new people, try new things, and participate fully. If it is, and you do that, I'm sure you'll have a wonderful trip and a meaningful experience! Have fun!

"Parent's Special Note" It is important for you to be on hand to pick up your delegate when the bus arrives at the drop off point. The bus cannot leave a drop-off location until your child is picked up, and late arrivals for pick-up can inconvenience dozens of other families if you are not there to pick up your child when the bus arrives. We estimate travel times as closely as we can. However, it is hard to anticipate all potential contingencies in ten to twelve hours of travel. Give us significant time on either side of projected time of arrival, please.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Auck
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Enclosures: Pick up Point List
Information for parents (blue sheet)

c: Group leaders

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