



## **Frequently asked Question and Answers:**

**2014 travel dates:** June 19-23, 2015

### ***What is California Focus?***

*California Focus* is a unique 4-H citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure. It is open to ages 14-19.

### ***What will the delegates have the opportunity to do?***

As a citizens of a mock community delegates register to vote, conduct a political campaign, elect constitutional offices, analyze the needs and issues of their district, and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law. Delegates will participate in workshops around a theme on the cultural heritage of California. Members will work with adult volunteers, staff and alumni to fully participate in the conference.

### ***Will the delegates get to meet with legislators?***

Legislative appointments at the Capitol allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senator and assembly representative to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their fellow constituents. An overview of the executive branch is presented by the governor's staff. A court clerk guides delegates through the judicial process while delegates sit in the chambers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeal.

### ***Where will the events be held?***

Plans are to be at the Capitol Plaza. The action-packed schedule included time for fun and making new friends through organized recreational activities, a dance, and attendance at local sites.

### ***As a conference delegate members will:***

Register to vote, conduct a primary election, and develop a political campaign through a two party system.

Elect constitutional offices.

Analyze the needs and issues of your district and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law.

Create a [service plan](#) of action for your community

Meet California law makers

Tour the State Capitol, Governor's office and 3rd Court of Appeal

Participate in fun recreational activities, tours and cultural events

Make new friends

***Delegate Criteria:***

- Be active 4-H Member or Volunteer Leader and be selected by your County 4-H Program.

***Program Objectives:***

- Witness California's government in action.
- Participate in the legislative, political, and judicial processes.
- Learn how to communicate with government officials.
- Learn to empower youth to take an active role in government.
- Study California geography, history, heritage, cultures, and economies.
- Develop a personal or group plan of action to effect positive change in delegates' community.
- Practice leadership skills.
- Practice skills of independent living in an interdependent situation.
- Meet and share ideas with young people from diverse areas and backgrounds.

Visit the state 4-H website at : [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/WF/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/)

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