



Missouri Community Betterment Educational Fund, Inc.

Dear Youth Advisor:

MCB is excited to announce the partnership with Missouri 4-H for the **Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit, March 4-6, 2016** at Windermere Conference Center on the Lake of the Ozarks!

The Summit is a statewide energizer for teams of youth (ages 14-18) and adults (staff, parents, volunteers, leaders) who want to make a difference in their communities through leadership, teamwork, and service. Any group that will be working together to strengthen and improve communities in 2016 will benefit from attending the Summit.

County Extension Offices, Participating Missouri Community Betterment Youth Groups, and other Coordinating Community Groups can organize a team using the enclosed Team Registration Form. Teams may consist of as few as 2 teens/1 adult or as many as 8 teens/2 adults. To register a team, groups should:

- 1) Announce the team registration opportunity.
- 2) Add names to the Team Registration Form as youth/adults commit to attend.
- 3) Support youth and adults in completing the online event registration.
- 4) Send team roster (and any team payment due) to the State 4-H Office by event deadline.

MCB Team registrations must be finalized by Monday Feb. 1, 2016. Early team registrations are encouraged.

Online event registration and more information is at <http://4h.missouri.edu/vcls/main> or you can find a link on the Missouri Community Betterment website under the Youth Section. You will need to contact Teresa Keller, Teresa@MOCommunityBetterment.com, for the MCB registration password.

The YCLS 2016 theme is *SPARK!* and will engage youth/adult teams in strength-based conversations and skill-building to expand their leadership and service. Summiteers will grow self-awareness and motivation as leaders, work in youth-adult partnerships, and build teamwork to plan projects to impact their communities!

2016 Summit Highlights:

- Youth and Adult Presenters, Out-of-State Teams, Lots of Group Interaction!
- Recreation Options – EDGE Challenge Course, Bridal Cave Tour, Open Gym, and Line Dancing!
- Saturday Evening Team Talent Showcase!
- Team Action Planning, Regional Networking, Mini-Grants!

Who should attend? Youth/adults from 4-H programs, community betterment groups, community leadership programs, school-based and after-school programs. Cost is *\$135.00 per person, but it has been **discounted for MCB youth groups to \$85 per person**, including 2-nights lodging, meals, materials, t-shirts, and snacks. Some meals and recreation options are extra.

One adult chaperone scholarship (\$135 value) is available to the first 25 teams to register. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for those with financial need. For more information, email henness@missouri.edu.

Please pass along to interested groups, and thanks for your assistance!

Sincerely,
MCB Staff & Board