Dress Code

Leadership Washington Focus provides a number of different opportunities for 4-H youth to interact with peers from across the country as well as Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas. As you and your delegates prepare to enjoy this one of a kind experience, please take note of our dress code and plan accordingly.

There are four (4) designated dress code categories:

1. **Casual**
   Casual dress indicates that delegates and chaperones wear clothes that would normally wear for daily activities. Day one, two, and four of the schedule is designated as casual dress. T-shirts, jeans, shorts and tennis shoes or sandals are most often associated with this designation.

2. **Business Casual**
   Business casual dress indicates that delegates and chaperones wear clothing that would be appropriate for an office setting. Days two and three of the schedule is designated as business casual. Skirts, dress slacks, khakis, polo shirts, or other collared shirts/blouses are most often associates with this designation. Delegates are encouraged to pack comfortable dress shoes for this day as there will be a fair amount of walking.

3. **LWF**
   LWF dress indicates that delegates and chaperones will wear their LWF T-shirts and casual bottoms (jeans, shorts, etc.). Delegates will give their T-shirt size to their coordinator and receive them on Day one. Day four of the schedule is designated as LWF.

4. **Dressy**
   Dressy indicates that delegates and chaperones will wear clothes similar to what would be worn to an evening event or nice restaurant. This category is very similar to business casual with additions such as a tie, dresses, dinner jacket, and a little evening flare.

It is important that delegates and chaperones adhere to the following guidelines for any dress code category:

- Be sure your shorts and skirts are a respectable length (longer than tips of your fingers when arms are fully extended at your side).
- Be sure that the garment covers you appropriately (we discourage severely low neck lines, sagging pants and very thin shoulder straps)
- Be sure that your clothing is not ripped in any way.
- Be sure that your clothing is free of obscene speech or gestures
- Be sure that your clothing selections match the summer climate (the average summer temperature in Washington D.C. is 84 degrees)
- Be sure you pack and wear comfortable shoes
- Hats are not to be worn inside buildings