



# Citizenship Washington Focus 2022

Washington, DC and Hyatt Regency Bethesda

June 5 – July 15, 2022

The following is a tentative CWF 2022 schedule of events including sites and activities that will take place on each day. A final schedule, with further workshop descriptions and finalized timing, will be distributed in early 2022.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is National 4-H Council's premier leadership and civic engagement experience for high school students.

State delegates will experience Washington D.C. like never before by using the nation's capital as their classroom, connecting with young leaders from across the country and gaining the skills to become effective change agents.

## **During the CWF program week, delegates will:**

- Strengthen communication, leadership, and civic engagement skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of Youth Voice and the skills necessary to make change in your community, such as civil discourse and media literacy
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's capital city, Washington, DC, as your classroom
- Create a plan and work with your fellow delegates to develop the steps to carry out the plan upon your return home, to make a difference in your community.

# Tentative Schedule of Events

## *Sunday – Day 1*

### **Check-in/Registration**

### **Welcome to Washington**

Hear from inspiring speakers, meet your Program Assistants, and get excited about your week in Washington, DC

### **Workshops focused on:**

- Defining Civic Engagement and understanding how your voice, at any age, can be used to affect change
- Identifying stakeholders in our communities and understanding the importance of how local level change can make a difference across the country.
- Discussion on change-making in your community after CWF

### **Social Time & Pin Trade**

Meet your fellow 4-H'ers from across the country and make new friends! You'll also have an opportunity to share a piece of home with your peers.

### **Delegation Huddle**

Huddle with your state delegation to prepare for the week's activities and experiences while in Washington, DC

## *Monday – Day 2*

### **FDR & MLK Memorials**

On your first trip into the Nation's Capital, experience the monuments dedicated to two of our country's most important statesmen while exploring the majestic views of downtown Washington, DC.

### **Workshops focused on:**

- How Civil Discourse is vital to becoming engaged and effective members of our communities and a healthy discussion about what we can do to revive civility and respect in our community while solving problems and working collaboratively.

- Media Literacy and its importance in being well informed as you prepare for constructive conversation and problem solving. We'll dive into practices for being responsible users of technology and critical consumers of the media you will use in your own communications and advocacy.
- Additional time for planning with your state delegation.

### **Night Tour of the monuments of the National Mall**

For over 200 years, the National Mall has symbolized our nation and its democratic values, which have inspired the world. The National Mall - the great swath of green in the middle of our capital city and stretching from the foot of the United States Capitol to the Potomac River - is the premiere civic and symbolic space in our nation. You'll get the chance to explore:

- Jefferson Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- WWII Memorial

## ***Tuesday – Day 3***

### **Arlington National Cemetery**

The most famous cemetery in the country, is the final resting place for many of our nation's greatest heroes, including more than 300,000 veterans of every American conflict, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan. Solemnly reflect on the sacrifices made by the men and women of the US Armed Forces and also have a chance to see the Changing of the Guard.

### **Town Hall**

Delegates will have the opportunity to use their voice as they share their views on important national topics in a supportive, small group format with peers from all over the nation. Delegates will:

- Use active listening and media literacy skills to discuss national issues;
- Recognize how different geographic, demographic, and lived experiences may inform legitimate differences on a variety of national issues

- Come away with a broader understanding of many of the important issues facing our country today.

### **Workshops focused on:**

- Debriefing the Town Hall session and developing insights from each other after hearing diverse viewpoints from our peers from across the country
- Additional planning time for your delegation

### **States Night Out (formerly known as Cultural Heritage Night)**

Enjoy a night out on the town with your delegation planned by your coordinator to take in all the city has to offer.

Dinner on your own.

## ***Wednesday – Day 4***

### **Capitol Hill Day**

Travel with your delegation to meet the lawmakers from your state who shape national policy and let your voice be heard about the issues that you care about

Lunch and Dinner on own, one Union Station voucher provided per person

### **Marine Corps Memorial**

The United States Marine Corps War Memorial represents this nation's gratitude to Marines and those who have fought beside them. While the statue depicts one of the most famous incidents of World War II, the memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in defense of the United States since 1775.

### **Twilight Tattoo (Weeks 1-4)**

The U.S. Army's Twilight Tattoo is an action-packed military pageant featuring Soldiers from the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's ceremonial units, the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own."

### **Air Force/Pentagon Memorials (Weeks 5 & 6)**

Take a night tour of the monuments in Arlington, overlooking Washington, DC, that honor the service of those in the US Air Force as well as those that lost their lives at the Pentagon during 9/11.

## *Thursday – Day 5*

### **Delegation Day**

Enjoy this time with your delegation, planned by your head coordinator, as you explore additional sites throughout the city. Many delegations take this time to enjoy the various Smithsonian Institute museums, Holocaust Museum, along with other great sites!

Lunch on your own.

### **Workshops focused on:**

- Debriefing the week’s work and lessons learned from your time in Washington, DC
- Opportunities to develop next steps for enacting change in your communities

### **Closing Ceremonies & Farewell Dance**

A final celebration of the new friends made and skills developed over the course of your week at CWF, including speakers, social activities, and time for final fellowship.

## *Friday– Day 6*

### **Check-Out**