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4-H Brings National Leadership and Civic Process to Action

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Southeast Area— Preston Fritzler, Austin Schroder, Derek Schroder, Laili Wait, Sara Wheeler, Bo Karney, Katlyn Barnhart, Cara Larsen and Jordan Nolder have been selected to represent the Southeast Area for 2010 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip slated June 26-July 3. They will experience the nation's capital and governmental processes first hand as part of CWF.

“CWF is a 4-H summer civic education and leadership program for high school youth held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD,” said Lacey Mann, Southeast Area 4-H Extension Agent. “I know each member will represent our Area well at the nation's capital and I am anxious to see what they will bring back to share with our 4-H program.”

For more than 40 years, 4-H members from across the country have attended the National 4-H Youth Conference Center to experience the nation's capital and the process of the federal government first hand through CWF. These 4-H youth broaden their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world through civic workshops, committees, field trips, Participants learn and practice skills intended to make them better citizens and successful individuals. Nearly 2,000 youth will attend CWF in 2010.

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“CWF is a premier 4-H opportunity that allows some of the brightest 4-H youth from across the country to visit their national 4-H home and explore the nation’s capital,” said Donald T. Floyd, Jr., president and CEO, National 4-H Council. “These youth are exceptional leaders today, learning through 4-H how they can impact their communities, country and world now and in the future.”

4-H is a community of more than 6.5 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Council is the national, private sector, non-profit partner of the 4-H Youth Development Program and its parent, the Cooperative Extension System of the United States Department of Agriculture. Learn more about 4-H at www.4husa.org.

If your child is interested in joining 4-H or you would like further information on the 4-H program, please contact your local CSU Extension Office; Baca County 719-523-6971, Bent County 719-456-0764, Cheyenne County 719-767-5716, Crowley County 719-267-5243, Kiowa County 719-438-5321, Otero County 719-254-7608, Prowers County 719-336-7734. 4-H is a cooperative effort between CSU Extension and the County.

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