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Expected Program Outcomes

Participants will have the opportunity to see production practices many have never seen. Hopefully this will give an insight to career opportunities some might not have considered. One thing is for sure, students will be exposed to many quality programs and will have the chance to better their understanding of the agricultural food producing industry that feeds a growing world population.

Evaluation Methods

Participants will be evaluated on a post evaluation that will measure their increased knowledge to the specific programs covered on the tours. They will also answer open ended questions on how the tour will impact their future career choices, and why.

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July 16 - 21, 2017

The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6 day exploration for youth in District 7,10,11 & 12 to experience South Texas agricultural production.

4-H members that have a strong interest in production agriculture who are outgoing high school freshmen through outgoing seniors or ages 15–18 as of September 1, 2015 are invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected. Application deadline is June 16th and the balance is due July 13th.



Application Deadline

June 16, 2017

Cost Per Participant: \$200

Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership

Participants will learn the value of technology in livestock & crop production from a commercial perspective. Crop related technology will include the role genetic modification plays in reducing production costs to producers & helps in limiting the use of pesticides. Though some groves are still coming out of production, unmistakably the Texas citrus industry is gaining acreage and the future looks bright for the famed Texas red grapefruit and its companion orange crop.



The youth will also have the opportunity to experience the King Ranch Wildlife. King Ranch has a long and illustrious history in wildlife management. According to Aldo Leopold (1947), considered by many to be the Father of Wildlife Management, “King Ranch does one of the best jobs of wildlife restoration on the continent, and has unparalleled opportunities for both management and research.”



The Floating Classroom will be another tour stop. They specialize in introducing students to aquatic science in a fun and memorable way, both aboard it's boats and in the classroom.



They encourage students to think scientifically about the world around them while guiding them on adventures of discovery. The full complement of scientific equipment and knowledgeable crew make these programs appropriate for budding scientists.

A stop in Gonzalez will give participants a chance to see a diversified poultry, beef cattle & grain operation, that's 4th generation family owned and operated.



While many youth are interested in some aspect of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all of the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. One of the



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primary purposes of the YALL tour is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier agriculture universities in the state. While each university may offer differing degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly, outgoing educators when it comes to agriculture education. Participants will tour Texas A&M Kingsville on this years tour.

Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve on their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Participants will see how numerous agricultural related issues are challenged on a daily basis by groups targeting our food supply system. Participants will be provided opportunities to defend agricultural related topics based off of the information they learn from the tour presenters.



Emma Garza—Jim Hogg Co.
“I hope to gain knowledge in agriculture & hopefully learn what I want to study when I go to college & see some agriculture that I haven't seen before.”

Taylor Fair—Kerr Co.

“I want to visit the different colleges and different career paths & find one that interests me that I can pursue for the rest of my life.”



Josh Muehlstein—Kerr Co.
“As a graduating senior, I have already selected my college & degree plan, but I would like to find a career path & make contacts that will help me after college.”

Rachel Howell—Gillespie Co.

“I want to learn about other aspects of agriculture technology that I'm not familiar with that I can use in the future & possibly find career opportunities that I'm not aware of.”



To watch the promotional video from the 2015 YALL Tour visit:

www.youtube.com & search Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Tour