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Have you ever wanted to be part of a program that:
- Provides hands-on leadership?
- Allows you to meet people with similar interests from around the state?
- Introduces you to potential future professors and employers?
- Looks great on the resume you develop during the program?

If so, the Indiana Dairy Youth Academy is for YOU!

“I learned many different aspects of the dairy industry that I did not even know existed. I loved visiting the farms and seeing all the different styles of farms and how operations were run. Another thing I learned is proper calf nutrition which is important to a good foundation to a prosperous cow later on. Also I learned about perceptions that we give to the public.”

- Rachel Stohlman, Participant

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The Dairy Youth Academy is for youth in grades 10-12 (as of September 1, 2014) who are interested in pursing a career in the dairy industry.

The program consists of a series of hands-on workshops that focus on specific facets of the dairy industry, including veterinary science, dairy nutrition, and production management.

The Dairy Youth Academy exposes participants to progressive and profitable agricultural businesses and helps prepare them for employment as managers, technicians, and other agri-service professionals.

**Objectives of the Academy:**

- Expose young people to herd management, crop management, and farm business management techniques on farms in the Midwest.
- Explore career opportunities through interaction with dairy industry leaders and professionals.
- Enhance teamwork approaches to problem solving.
- Develop and improve communication skills.
- Develop the leadership skills to make positive changes and contributions to the dairy industry

**Youth Academy Schedule:**

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<td>September 28 - October 2, 2014</td>
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<td>January 9 - 11, 2015</td>
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**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. To be eligible to participate in the academy you must be in grades 10-12 by September 1, 2014.
2. Be currently enrolled in the 4-H program.
3. Are able to reasonably commit to the Dairy Youth Academy from September of the current year to August of the following year and the wrap-up trip in November.
4. Are not exhibiting dairy animals at the World Dairy Expo during the current year.
5. Are not participating in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest during the current year.

The top 14 delegates will be selected based on their leadership and written application by a panel of industry and extension representatives. Upon acceptance in the Academy, delegates must pay a fee of $100. Most expenses will be generously covered by our sponsors.

Each delegate will be required to evaluate how dairy industry conferences and agricultural tours have enhanced the development of their career opportunities in the dairy industry. These reports will be compiled and delivered in an oral presentation to the local extension groups, Indiana 4-H representatives, dairy industry leaders, and agri-service professionals.

“Rachel has also been able to develop leadership skills through the academy. From helping at the 4-H Dairy Youth Conference to the demonstration table at the Indiana State Fair, each responsibility has allowed her to share her knowledge and in a public way. Wherever and whatever she decides to do in the future, the dairy academy has been beneficial in the development these skills.”

- Jenni Stohlman, Parent