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**TO: Cooperative Managers, Credit Union Presidents, Public Relations
and Member Services Staff**

FROM: David Erickson, Director of Member Services

RE: Minnesota Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference

We are pleased to announce that the *Minnesota Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference* will be held March 16-17, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel, Roseville, Minnesota. High School students (grades 10, 11, 12) are eligible to participate in this exciting and educational program. We proudly offer this program as an opportunity for young people to develop an understanding and appreciation of the purpose, operation and scope of cooperative business. A real, working cooperative will be formed and operate during the conference. Students will also learn from speakers with powerful messages about leadership and the value of cooperation. And, the conference provides an opportunity for students to develop new friendships and meet youth leaders from all over the state.

Due to the generous contributions from foundations and member cooperatives, we are able to offer this two-day conference for only \$150 per person. The registration fee covers food, lodging, speaker fees, conference t-shirt, and educational materials. You can help youth from your area learn valuable lessons about cooperatives by sending them to this conference. Agriculture instructors in your area have received information about the conference, and we anticipate they will help select students to attend the conference. Students that are members of 4-H, DECA, Future Business Leaders, FHA/HERO, VICA, HOSA and other groups would also be excellent representatives to the conference.

Enclosed are a program and registration forms for students and chaperons (make additional copies as needed). Completed registration forms with payment and signed parental permission must be received at the Cooperative Network Madison office no later than **February 20, 2009**. Please contact your local agriculture instructor, business education teacher, vocational student organization advisors and 4-H leaders to let them know you would like to sponsor students to the Minnesota Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference in Roseville.

Thank you in advance for your support of this outstanding cooperative youth leadership program.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact me at (608) 258-4405 or Amy / Vicky at (651) 228-0213.



**Minnesota Cooperative
Youth Leadership Conference**
March 16-17, 2009
Radisson Hotel, Roseville

Program

Dream, Learn, Do, Become MORE...You Are a Leader!

Monday, March 16

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight

Co-op Store – Evergreen Room

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration – Hotel Lobby
Group Photos – Salon C**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Opening Session – Salons D&E
Welcome and Overview of Conference
Youth Board Introductions
Youth Mixer
Running for the Youth Board
Let's Cooperate
A Co-op Store for Us

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

The Cooperative Difference – Salons D&E
Lisa Moorhouse, Communications Manager
CHS, St. Paul, MN

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Salons A&B

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The Cooperative Difference (Continued) –Salons D&E

2:05 – 2:45 p.m.

Team Meetings
Working on cooperative case studies led by MAC Youth Board
Team 1 – Rosebrook Room
Team 2 – Salon A
Team 3 – Salon B
Team 4 – Salon C

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break (Visit the Co-op Store) – Evergreen Room

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Breakthrough Leadership – Salons D&E
Conducted by Craig Hillier, CSP
Winning Edge Seminars, Lakeville, MN

6:10 p.m.

Youth Board Interviews – Fairview Boardroom

7:20 – 8:15 p.m.

Banquet – Salons D&E
Announcement of MAC Youth Board Candidates

8:20-10:00 p.m.

Dr. Al Snyder, Hypnotist – Salon A&B

10:00 p.m.

Free Time--- Ice Cream Social, Play Games (Salons D&E) or Swim

10:00 –11:45 p.m.

Visit the Co-op Store – Evergreen Room

12:00 Midnight

Lights Out!

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast -- Poolside

7:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Co-op Store – Evergreen Room

7:50 – 8:30 a.m.

General Session –Salons A&B

Welcome and Eye-Opener
Case Study Reports

8:35 – 9:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Choose to attend three

8:35 – 9:10 a.m.

Session I

9:20 – 9:55 a.m.

Session II

10:00--10:35 a.m.

Session III

Session Topics:

The Pork Industry – Walnut

Jason Keck, Minnesota Youth Board
Owatonna, MN

12 Principles of Financial Management – Salon C

Louis Doering, Vice President
Twin Cities Federal Credit Union, Falcon Heights, MN

Climate Change – Rosebrook

Transition from High School to College – Salons A&B

10:35 a.m.

Break---- Visit the Co-op Store and Check Out of Hotel Rooms

11:00 – 12 Noon

SOS Players – Hudson, WI – Salons D&E

The acting troupe's primary goal is to promote individual responsibility and demonstrate the power that each person has to determine their future by the choices they make. SOS aims to leave each student feeling hopeful, empowered and informed.

12:05 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

General Session – Salons A&B

Election of Youth Board

Closing Speaker---

Mike Stranz, UW-Madison Student & 2005-2006 Wisconsin State FFA Vice President
Abrams, Wisconsin

Snack Store Co-op Report

Closing Remarks by Youth Board

Announcement of 2009-2010 Youth Board

1:00 p.m.

Pick Up Box Lunches – Hotel Lobby
Have a Safe Trip Home!

DELEGATE INFORMATION FORM

RETURN FORMS BY: February 20, 2009

To: **Cooperative Network**
131 W. Wilson St., Suite 400
Madison, WI 53703-3269
Fax: (608) 258-4407

NO ONE MAY ATTEND THE MEETING WITHOUT A SIGNED PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP.

Minnesota Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference March 16-17, 2009 Radisson Hotel, Roseville, MN

Please **print legibly** or type:

INCOMPLETE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Telephone No. (____) _____ Sex (M / F) _____ Age _____ Birth date ____/____/____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Organizing Individual (teacher/youth leader) Name and Phone _____

Organizing Individual email address _____

Hometown newspaper name _____ Phone number _____

Newspaper fax _____ Newspaper email _____

Name of local FFA or 4H club if you are a member: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Sponsor organization: _____

Sponsor address: _____

Sponsor contact person: _____ Telephone: (____) _____ Ext. _____

Sponsor **contact person email:** _____

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$150 PER INDIVIDUAL. I agree to sponsor the above student for the amount of \$150. A Sunday night lodging fee is approved by me. Yes / No (Circle one)

Sponsor signature: _____

IS SUNDAY NIGHT LODGING REQUIRED? [] YES [] NO (COST \$45)

THE COST WILL BE **YOUR EXPENSE** UNLESS APPROVED BY THE CO-OP IN ADVANCE, AND IS BASED UPON THE ASSUMPTION OF **AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE PER ROOM.** SUNDAY LODGING **WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WITHOUT ADVANCE RESERVATION.**

List other participants who will be riding with you to the conference.

Please specify any disability accommodations needed (indicate number of registrants needing one or more of the following to participate in this conference):

____ Dietary restrictions/vegetarian; please specify _____

____ Brailled materials ____ Taped or large print materials ____ Barrier-free room

____ Interpreter (e.g. ASL, signed English), please specify _____

____ Accessible parking space ____ Wheelchair or Scooter User

Other (specify): _____

Requests must be made before the final registration deadline. After the deadline, no guarantee can be made for diet or other accommodations.

PARENTAL PERMISSION: I give my permission for _____ to attend the Minnesota Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference at the Radisson Hotel, Roseville, MN.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ (Print and Sign)

No youth will be admitted without this SIGNED PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION or without payment.

CHAPERON / INSTRUCTOR REGISTRATION FORM

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RETURN FORMS BY: February 20, 2009

Name _____ Sex (M/F) _____

School/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone (____) _____ Sponsor: _____

Sponsor Email Address: _____

_____ \$155.00 Conference fee per chaperone based on double occupancy*

_____ \$215.00 Conference fee per chaperone based on single occupancy*

_____ **I require Sunday night lodging. Advance arrangements must be made with your sponsor. Sunday night lodging fees are not included in the conference registration fee. The cost is \$93.**

- Conference fee includes Monday night lodging, meals, breaks, speaker fees, conference t-shirt, and conference materials.

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_____ Barrier-free room _____ Other

(specify): _____

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