

Thank you for your interest in NCACC YouthVoice! The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and its partners, 4-H Youth Development and Boys & Girls Clubs of North Carolina are proud to sponsor YouthVoice, August 25 & 26 in Wake County.

We hope that you find YouthVoice to be a rewarding experience with opportunities to talk with local county officials; learn about the role of county commissioners as the governing body for counties and the county budgeting process; and develop strategies to further your leadership and communication skills.

CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE

YouthVoice is held in conjunction with the NCACC's Annual Conference, and you will be attending several events with elected and appointed county officials. You are expected to conduct yourself accordingly (abiding by the NC 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct, as indicated on the registration form) and dress appropriately.

For Friday's events, you will need to wear at minimum casual dress pants (khakis, for example) or dress skirt along with a YouthVoice T-shirt that you will receive upon check-in. On Saturday, more formal attire slacks, a collared shirt, a jacket and tie if preferred – is required. Flip-flops are not acceptable at any time during the conference.

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to being registered in 4-H Online by **July 7th**, you need to complete two assignments prior to YouthVoice:

1. attend and speak at your county Board of Commissioners meeting; and
2. submit a photo of yourself with your Board of Commissioners.

You will need to contact your county's Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to request time on the Board's meeting agenda (visit www.ncacc.org/youthvoice for a listing of county contacts and websites, which will include a schedule of Board of Commissioners meetings). Work directly with your 4-H agent to prepare your comments and for the meeting. You can speak on an issue facing youth in your county, your experience as a member of 4-H, or another topic of your choosing.

You are strongly encouraged to request time on your Board of County Commissioners' agenda as soon as possible, as agendas can be developed weeks ahead of the meeting date. Do not wait to request agenda time.

Tell the Clerk to the Board that you will be your county's Youth Delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference and include that information in your comments to the Board. Encourage commissioners to attend the Saturday morning Youth Involvement Breakfast and be prepared to discuss issues of importance to young people in your county.

Photos of Youth Delegates and Commissioners will be displayed on-screen during the breakfast. Photos must be uploaded by your 4-H Agent, to the Google folder found here: [2023 YouthVoice Delegate Photos](#). Photos must be submitted no later than August 4th.

Photos should be named County Name_Delegate Name. (Example: Wake_ShannonMcCollum) By uploading the photo you are saying that all requirements for attending have been completed. If a photo is not uploaded by the deadline, you will be responsible for reimbursing the cost of attendance.

REQUIRED FORMS

Chaperones must have a copy of the delegates' medical form before departing. In addition, parents/guardians should review the multimedia consent release form and a copy be kept on file at the county 4-H Office. The online registration form includes a permission checkbox pertaining to the public release of photos and videos taken at YouthVoice.

COST

The NCACC covers the cost for this event for a select number of youth (one per county 4-H program and one per Boys & Girls Club) and chaperones. If you withdraw from the event after July 7th (without finding a substitute of the same age and gender and notifying NC 4-H), do not attend the event, are asked to leave for misconduct, or do not submit the required assignments by **August 4, 2023**, you will be required to reimburse the NCACC the cost of accommodations, meals and training expenses (\$200).

TRANSPORTATION

You and your chaperone are also responsible for arranging transportation to and from the event. Chaperones who provide transportation for three or more youth delegates will be eligible to receive a gas card to offset transportation expenses.

CONTACTS

We look forward to a great event! If you have questions, Dr. Shannon McCollum with North Carolina 4-H at (919) 515-8486 or shannon_mccollum@ncsu.edu



YouthVoice 2023

12th NCACC Youth Summit

August 25-26, 2023, Wake County

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, August 25

All sessions held at the Raleigh Convention Center

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Check-in window (overnight rooms will be at either the Sheraton Raleigh or Raleigh Marriott City Center)

4 – 4:30 p.m.

YouthVoice Orientation

What is YouthVoice, and why are you here? The orientation provides information about the NCACC and its involvement in youth leadership development; a welcome from NCACC President Tracey Johnson of Washington County; a look at each of the partner organizations; and an overview of YouthVoice events.

4:30 p.m.

See the World Through ‘Real Colors’

At one time or another, everyone reaches a point where they wonder, “Why do people do the things they do?” The answer may surprise you! Everyone has a distinct temperament spectrum comprised of four colors: Blue, Gold, Orange and Green. In this “Real Colors” session, you will learn how to quickly identify your own “color” and personal strengths, as well as that of others. Using this powerful knowledge, you can develop more effective communication skills and build better relationships by recognizing and appreciating the strengths and viewpoints of others.

County commissioners are invited to participate in the “Real Colors” training with Youth Delegates.

The session is being facilitated by Dan Clark, Director of Montana State University’s Local Government Center. An avid hiker, cross-country skier, rock and ice climber, and mountaineer, Dan is a Montana State Extension faculty member and former Mayor of the City of Choteau, Montana.

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| 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Dinner |
| 7:30 – 9 p.m. | Resume ‘Real Colors’ |
| 9 – 10 p.m. | Youth Delegate ice cream social |

Saturday, August 26

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| 7 – 7:30 a.m. | Check out of rooms – put luggage in vehicles |
| 7:45 – 9 a.m. | Conference-Wide Youth Involvement Breakfast

County officials and Youth Delegates begin the day together with breakfast. Banquet tables will include county nameplates to help county officials locate their Youth Delegates. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | General Session with county officials: Keynote speaker Dr. Mike Haynie

Dr. Mike Haynie is Syracuse University’s Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, and the Barnes Professor of Entrepreneurship. As Vice Chancellor, Dr. Haynie leads a broad portfolio of responsibility centers and innovation initiatives, oversees government and community engagement strategies, as well as defense- and veteran-connected programs and initiatives, in addition to other duties.

In 2011, Haynie founded Syracuse University’s D’Aniello Institute for Veterans & Military Families (IVMF), the nation’s first interdisciplinary institute created to inform and advance the policy, economic and wellness concerns of America’s veterans and families. IVMF programs serve more than 25,000 veterans annually, and the Institute is widely acknowledged as the nation’s leading academic voice related to issues impacting veterans and military-connected families. |
| 10:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Find Your County’s ‘Bottom Line!’

Designed as a classic board game, “Bottom Line!” is an engaging learning tool that simulates the county budgeting process. Attendees will work together in small groups – acting as boards of county commissioners – to first decide what values are most important to their counties. The simulation then challenges groups to remember those values during scenarios that force them to choose between cutting programs/services or increasing taxes/fees in order to balance an annual budget. |
| 1:15 – 2 p.m. | Lunch and Evaluation |
| 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. | NCACC Business Session and adjourn

Three Youth Delegates will be asked to provide a report-out to counties during the Association’s annual business meeting on lessons and takeaways from YouthVoice. |



NCACC YouthVoice Multimedia Consent & Release Form

August 25-26, 2023, Wake County

Please read and sign this and give it to your 4-H Agent.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and North Carolina 4-H, a youth development component of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, may use photographs, video and audio of NCACC YouthVoice participants and volunteers, and/or printed, electronic or illustrative material produced by participants for promotional, educational, public relations, marketing or accountability purposes in a number of printed or electronic formats, including:

- *CountyQuarterly*, the monthly printed publication of the NCACC that is distributed mainly to county commissioners, county staff, and State of North Carolina elected and appointed leaders;
- the NCACC's website, www.ncacc.org, and its social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Vimeo, Instagram and SmugMug);
- the NCACC Annual Conference program and promotional mailings; and
- 4-H newsletters, media presentations or publications produced by 4-H Youth Development or agencies contracted by 4-H in slide, photographic, audio, video, written or illustrated presentations.

In addition, photographs that include YouthVoice participants and volunteers may be distributed to County Managers' offices for possible distribution to local media outlets.

This form allows you to choose whether you consent to have your images, likeness and/or property included in photographs, and/or video and audio recordings, published or distributed by the NCACC or 4-H through the media listed above, and consent to have your name and identity revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

By signing this form, you expressly release the NCACC, and North Carolina State University and its agents, employees, licensees and assigns from any and all claims that you have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast or exhibition of such recordings of your image, voice or likeness.

This consent and release is entirely optional, and participants/volunteers who do not give permission remain eligible for Youth Summit participation and for 4-H services, benefits and privileges.

☐ I consent

☐ I decline

Youth Delegate/Volunteer Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If delegate is under the age of 18, permission of the parent or guardian is required.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

