

Why Participate?

- ◆ Adults, as well as young people, feel alienated from government - This 4-H program influences the future by educating young people.
- ◆ The program enables youth to learn about local government and motivates them to participate in citizenship and government now and in the future.
- ◆ Research shows that youth involved in this type of learning experiences adopt more positive attitudes toward government.



Nationally, 4-H Youth Development creates opportunities for youth to develop skills, practical knowledge and wisdom through observing, doing and reflecting on experiences. we call this “learning by doing” - a learning model that has been active and successful for 100 years.

Madison County Local Government

Intern Program Started in 1978 with 12 students.

As of 2013, almost 1225 students have completed the program.

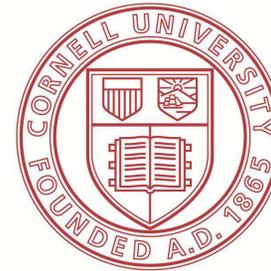


What Local Government Interns say about the program:

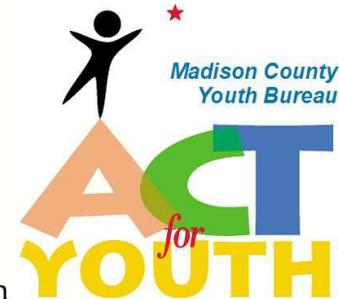
- ◆ *I look at my community from a whole new perspective.*
- ◆ *I recognize the wide range of services that the county provides.*
- ◆ *I will participate in government because I know that I can make a difference.*
- ◆ *I am more aware of government and it's function.*
- ◆ *I plan to register to vote and be an informed voter.*
- ◆ *I am seriously considering a profession in government and political science.*
- ◆ *I had fun and I looked at government first hand.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERN PROGRAM

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Learning about civic involvement through hands-on experiences.



Local Government Intern Program

Local Government Interns learn about local government by:

- ◆ Interacting with county supervisors
- ◆ Visiting and interacting with staff in various county departments
- ◆ Exploring environmental issues through a field trip to the landfill
- ◆ Spending time observing court procedures and interacting with court officials
- ◆ Participating in “Public Adventures” an active citizenship curriculum for youth
- ◆ Discussing current events
- ◆ Creating committees and writing resolutions to gain insight about how county government works
- ◆ Experiencing hands-on civic involvement
- ◆ Journaling and reflecting on experiences gained from the program
- ◆ Practicing parliamentary procedures
- ◆ Conducting their own “board meeting”

Who can be an intern?

- ◆ High School Juniors and Seniors
- ◆ Students who are interested in government and civic activity
- ◆ Students who attend school in Madison County



When is the Government Intern Program held?

- ◆ Fall semester (Oct. till Jan.)
- ◆ Meet two times per month - usually Tuesdays (occasional Mondays or Wednesdays)
- ◆ Meet from 9:00 am. - Noon (job shadow day is one all-day session)

4-H is the youth development program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, linking the resources of Cornell University to young people. We create supportive learning environments in which diverse youth and adults reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, and caring citizens.



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