

Benefits of attendance:

Adults feel youth delegates benefit from attending Superior Days in a variety of ways.

Adult Perspective:

Keith, (Superior) said "Superior Days benefits from having the youth participation because they (the youth) bring a different perspective than the adults might. It also allows them (youth) to see what is possible when we all come together."

Dennis, (Cloverland) stated that "the youth are our future - the earlier they can learn about the government and make a difference, the better they are to become good citizens."

Youth Reception



Youth Delegates mingle at youth reception held Wednesday night

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Superior Days Youth Brochure



A diverse group of residents from northwest Wisconsin collaborate to enhance and build upon the area's relationship with Wisconsin state government. Youth delegates play a key role in Superior Days. They are involved in the planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating all aspects of Superior Days.

Purpose of student participation:

- Increase the knowledge and civic skills of youth in the Superior Days process.
- Raise the perceptions among adults as to the contributions that area youth can make through adult-youth partnerships.
- Assist teens in communicating with state government through development of a "Youth Agenda."

Frequently Asked Questions:



Students from Superior High school, lobbying for Exotic Species

"What is the appropriate age for a youth attendee?"

Students between the ages of 16 and 18, depending on the maturity level.

"What are the costs for the youth?"

Usually there are no costs, except for personal spending, for youth who are sponsored by schools or agencies.

"Who pays?"

Local area school districts and youth organizations, such as 4-H club.

"Is spending money provided to the youth attendees?"

No funds are provided for free time expenses. Youth must provide their own funds for special activities.

"What activities are there to do when free time is allotted?"

Each group pre-plans special activities. In the past, youth delegates have attended basketball or hockey games, if the Badgers were playing. They can also enjoy shopping and dining on Madison's State Street.

"What do students wear?"

Youth should wear business/dress-up type clothing for all meetings held in Madison during Superior Days. Youth have some free time during their trip in

which they can wear casual clothes.

Typical Youth Agenda:

Tuesday:

Depart for Madison around 6:00am

Arrive in Madison 1:00pm

Group Intro to Assembly

Departments meetings (pick)

Hospitality room open (free time)

Wednesday:

Breakfast

Lobbying teams meet and picture taken

Lobbying 10-12

Lunch

Legislative shadows

Youth Dinner/youth reception

Thursday:

Wrap-up Breakfast

Leave Madison

Youth Perspective:



Kimber Johnson, youth delegate introduces the Governor at the lobbying breakfast.

Olivia, 16 from Bayfield County; first-time attendee:

Olivia is among the first group to ever come to Madison from Bayfield County. She likes "to have an idea of the political issues surrounding her life, and being able to see government in action is a remarkable experience" for her. Olivia went on to say that she believes the job of legislators is about "gathering ideas from other people, weighing them, looking them over, and then choosing the most

important ones to represent and bring to the Governor."