

How do you imagine representing WCEC on Youth Tour could impact your future?

Many life-shaping events happen throughout your teenage years. For me, participating in the WCEC Youth Tour could be one of them. Given the opportunity to participate in this excursion, the WCEC Youth Tour will help my future by fostering leadership development and boosting my confidence.

If I get the chance to go on the Youth Tour, I will develop many leadership skills. I strive to be a leader among my peers, and hope to always be someone they can turn to when needing help with something. I take on leadership roles in organizations such as the FFA. I am an FFA officer, and I enjoy being a voice for the junior members who don't always have the opportunity to state their opinion. I take pride in being a very bright individual. I have devoted many hours to studying and researching numerous topics to give me the best advantage in my future career path. I plan to explore the field of marine sciences at the University of Texas A&M Corpus Cristi when I am older, and I have already taken many steps to reach my goal. I have participated in many marine expeditions and camps in my off time in order to be well educated on this topic. While on the WCEC Youth Tour, I hope to engage with other kids my age and hold meaningful conversations and discussions with them. When placed in a group activity, I enjoy taking charge to encourage our group to complete the task at hand. Time spent on this trip would not be wasted. I will work to enhance my leadership skills by being flexible while working with others, by utilizing my knowledge to successfully complete tasks, and I will make sure to deepen my understanding of service and responsibility. Using these skills that I gain from partaking in this Youth Tour, I will be able to build a firm foundation for my future career and life. Not only will I learn how to use excellent communication skills, but I will also learn to be a better leader by being with a new group of peers. This will

allow me to demonstrate conflict resolution skills, strategic thinking, and innovative decision-making.

While on the Youth Tour, I will be able to have once-in-a-lifetime experiences that will not only be pleasurable and knowledge boosting but also elevate my confidence. I will have the opportunity to see many historical monuments (such as the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial) that I have only before learned about in a textbook. I am looking forward to getting the chance to explore Washington, D.C., and uncovering a world of new aspects of our country's foundation. The duration of this trip will teach me more self-awareness. I will engage with my surroundings and truly have a chance to experience life without viewing it through my phone screen. I will be able to face change and transformation away from home, proving that I am independent and self-confident. Confidence is built through experiences that highlight your best features and also bring out your weaknesses. The more I am pushed to be out of my normal zone of comfort, the more my flaws that created that insecure boundary will crumble. For my future, I want to be fully prepared and ready for all of the curveballs life throws at me. Building my confidence will not only help prepare me, but it will also help my other hidden attributes grow. For most people, our underlying expertise are often masked by our insecurities. Given this opportunity to build my confidence, it will not only help me in the long run but also in my day-to-day life as a teenager. I will be a more outgoing leader among fellow students, and my newfound confidence from this trip will help all of my skills flourish.

In conclusion, the WCEC Youth Tour will help me in the future by fostering leadership development skills and boosting my confidence. I know my time spent on this

trip would be valued, and I would be honored to be chosen to partake in this educational excursion.