

**Award Trip Opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> graders!  
American Spirit Experience!!**

Polk County 4-H members will have an added educational trip experience to apply for at the Fall M.E. Review, Interview and Trip Selection event held Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>!! Youth in grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade this fall can apply for the 4-H American Spirit Experience. The American Spirit Experience is a weeklong trip exploring America's Heritage. Educational exploration spots include Valley Forge, Philadelphia, New York, Plymouth Rock, Boston, and Niagara Falls. Youth will be required to obtain a passport to participate in this experience. Youth will be required to research a pre-assigned historical topic and present to the rest of the delegation.

Total costs will be around \$1400.00 excluding personal spending money and a few meals. (*Half of the registration costs will be paid by the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation for awarded members.*) Dates for 2019 are: June 7-16 or July 5-14.

**To apply, complete a M.E. (Member Evaluation) Form and bring it to the M.E. Review, Interview and Trip Selection on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. along with this completed application form and a Leader Recommendation Form.**

***American Spirit Experience Application Form:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leadership experiences: \_\_\_\_\_

**If selected for this Award Experience I agree to conduct myself in an appropriate manner. I agree to cooperate with everyone in the delegation, adults in leadership roles, and to work to gain as much from this experience as possible. I agree to participate in all pre-trip orientations. I understand I will be financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip if I cancel after the deadline and a replacement cannot be found.**

**APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to apply for the American Spirit Experience. I will work to ensure compliance with trip expectations:

**PARENTS SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_