



2017 State 4-H Congress

May 31–June 2 • 2017





WELCOME
from the
STATE 4-H
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

Hello, everyone! My name is Tyler Packer, and I am your 2016–2017 State 4-H Council President. I hope everyone is just as excited about State Congress as I am.

The Mississippi State campus is always a fun stay, and, for the past 5 years, I have had the time of my life during 4-H State Congress. While you are here, I know you will meet many new friends and gain an abundance of knowledge.

Remember, you are representing Mississippi 4-H as a whole this week, and we all know that Mississippi 4-H is the best. So, let's do our best in making the best better.

I am extremely excited to meet you all, and I am so happy to see all of you here. If you need anything, do not hesitate to ask me or your Extension agents and 4-H state staff!

Welcome to Mississippi State University and to the 2017 Mississippi State 4-H Congress. Let the fun begin!

Sincerely,

Tyler Packer

Tyler Packer

State 4-H Council President

GREETINGS FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Mississippi State University! We are pleased to host each of you at the 2017 State 4-H Congress. We hope your visit with us will be helpful and inspiring. 4-H is the largest youth development program in the nation, with just over 6 million young people participating annually—more than 66,000 of them right here in Mississippi.

The theme of the 2017 State 4-H Congress is *4-H Rising to the Challenge*. For someone to rise to the challenge, they act in response to a difficult situation that is new to them. As 4-H'ers, you are here to participate in project work and contests, and your goal is to rise to the challenge. You have more potential than you think, but you will never know your full potential unless you keep challenging yourself.

Positive youth development refers to an ongoing growth process in which all young people endeavor to meet their basic needs for safety, caring relationships, and connections to the larger community, while striving to build academic, vocational, personal, and social skills. The MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program is designed to foster youth development and build on the strengths of young people, recognizing their need for both ongoing support and challenging opportunities.

So become the best you can be, whether you're holding an office, participating in a contest/project, or participating in State 4-H Congress for the first time. Remember, you are part of a very big family, and we're glad you're here! Let's *Make the Best Better!*

Yours in 4-H,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula I. Threadgill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Paula I. Threadgill
Associate Director, MSU Extension Service

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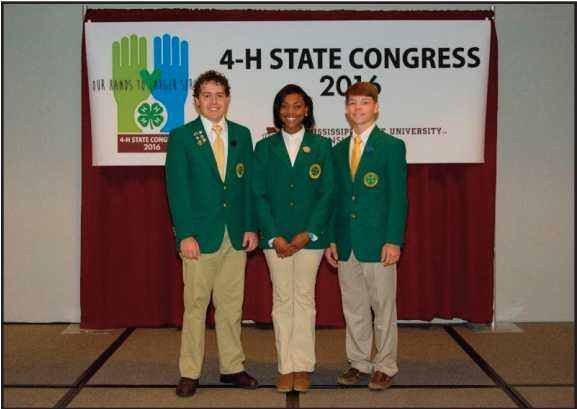
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2016–2017 State 4-H Council Officers



Standing left to right: Tyler Packer, President, Greene; Hunter Garrett, Vice President, Lee; Kwadasha Renshaw, Song Leader, Lee; James Eli Magness, Parliamentarian, Tate; Jessica Gates, NE Region VP, Lee; Nathan Rodgers, NW Region VP, Desoto; Mallory Lewis, SW Region VP, Walthall; and Cody Ingram, SE Region VP, Lauderdale. *Sitting left to right:* Caitlin Hidalgo, Secretary, Lee; and Taylor Fields, Reporter, Lee.

2017 National 4-H Conference Delegates



Left to right: James Eli Magness, Parliamentarian, Tate; Mallory Lewis, SW Region VP, Walthall; and Hunter Garrett, Vice President, Lee.

2016–17 State 4-H Ambassadors



Left to right: Jonah Holland, Tishomingo; Marisa Laudadio, Alcorn; Lauren Revel, Lowndes; Caitlin M. Hidalgo, Lee; Hunter Garrett, Lee; and Jessica Gates, Lee.



Wednesday • May 31

- 8:30–11 a.m. **Registration of County Delegations***
Hurst Hall lobby
***ADULTS ONLY**
- Enter Project Exhibits**
Hurst Hall lobby
Poster Art, Insect Collections,
Dairy Posters, Photography Exhibits
- 9 a.m.–2 p.m. **Share-the-Fun Contest**
Dorman Auditorium 140
- PowerPoint Presentations****
Bost 409
***Participants will have an assigned
time for contest.*
- Welding Contest**
Ag & Bio Engineering Shop
- 10–10:30 a.m. **Officer Candidates Meeting**
Inside Hurst Hall
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Lunch** on your own
- 12:30–1:10 p.m. **Informal campaigning**
in front of Bost Building B
- 12:45–1:15 p.m. **Adult Orientation Meeting*****
Bost Building B
*****ALL ADULTS**
- 1:15–1:45 p.m. **Opening Assembly**
Bost Building B Auditorium
- Presiding & Welcome**
Tyler Packer, State 4-H Council
President, Greene
- Pledge of Allegiance**
Lauren Revel, State 4-H Ambassador,
Lowndes
- Congress Overview**
Brittany Harper, State 4-H Ambassador,
Jefferson Davis; and Ty Herchenhahn,
State 4-H Ambassador, Forrest
- 4-H Pledge**
Nathan Rodgers, NW Region Vice
President, Desoto

Adjourn

Tyler Packer

2 p.m. Delegates report to contest, tour,
and workshop sites

2:30–5:30 p.m. Visual Presentation Contests

Beef/Jousan	CVM 4043
Clothing/FCS	Union 328
Conservation/Burger	Thompson 118
<i>(Includes Forestry, Wildlife, Soils, & Water)</i>	
Consumer Ed/Smith	Union 329
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<i>(Includes Bicycle, Safety, Petroleum Power)</i>	
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Personal Development/Hardman	Union 231
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<i>(Preregistration is required)</i>	
Plant & Soil Science/Reginelli	Union 327
Sheep/Swine, Meat Goats/Jousan	CVM 4043
Vet Science & Pet Care/4-H Staff	Lloyd-Ricks- Watson 115

Workshop

2:30–4 p.m. *Don't Text and Drive
and Don't Drive Drunk*
Facilitators: John Hubbard,
Trey Pope, & Benton Mosley
Location: SWAMP
(parking lot behind McKee Hall)

Workshops

3–4:30 p.m. *B Quick, B Smart—Learn about Bees*
Facilitator: Dr. Jeff Harris
Location: Clay Lyle (Entomology Bldg)

Ready to Be a Star—Dancer!
Facilitator: Crayton Coleman
Location: Sanderson Studio A

3:30–4:30 p.m. *You DO NOT Want to ROLL OVER!*
Facilitator: Master Sgt. Criss
Turnipseed, Mississippi Highway Patrol
Location: SWAMP
(parking lot behind McKee Hall)

Tours

3–4 p.m. *Use Your Senses–Be a Food Scientist*
Facilitator: Dr. Courtney Crist
Location: MSU Sensory Lab/
Herzer north end

3–4:30 p.m. *Interactive Math Walk Around MSU*
Facilitators: Lori Matzek & Re-C Carter
Location: Meet at Hunter Henry
Center on west side of campus

MSU Athletic Facilities

Facilitator: MSU Staff
Location: Welcome Center/stadium
side next to Barnes & Noble

Tours

4–5 p.m. *MSU Walking Tour*
Facilitator: MSU Staff
Location: Welcome Center/stadium
side next to Barnes & Noble

Use Your Senses–Be a Food Scientist

Facilitator: Dr. Courtney Crist
Location: MSU Sensory Lab/
Herzer north end

5–7 p.m. **Wednesday contest results due
in Bost 401**

5:30–7 p.m. **Dinner** on your own

7–7:20 p.m. **Informal campaigning**
in front of Bost Building B

7:30–9:45 p.m. **General Assembly**
Bost Building B Auditorium

Presiding

Tyler Packer, State 4-H Council
President, Greene

Pledge of Allegiance

Lauren Revel, State 4-H Ambassador,
Lowndes

Introduction of Speakers

Nathan Rodgers, NW Region VP

Welcome

Dr. Paula Threadgill,
Associate Director, MSU Extension

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Gary Jackson, Director,
MSU Extension

**Congress Political Rally
& Campaign Speeches**

Introduction of Candidates

President – Tyler Packer, Greene

Vice President – Hunter Garrett, Lee

Secretary – Caitlin Hidalgo, Lee

Parliamentarian – James Eli Magness,
Tate

Reporter – Taylor Fields, Lee

Song Leader – Lauren Revel, Lowndes

**Introduction of
Regional Vice Presidential Candidates**

Northeast Region – Jessica Gates, Lee

Northwest Region – Nathan Rodgers,
Desoto

Southeast Region – Cody Ingram,
Lauderdale

Southwest Region – Ty Herchenhahn,
Forrest

Announcements

Brittany Harper, State 4-H Ambassador,
Jefferson Davis

4-H Pledge

Brittany Harper

Adjourn

Tyler Packer

Elections – Bost Buildings A & B

9:40 p.m.	Mississippi Showdown Committee Meeting Sanderson Center
10 p.m.–12 a.m.	Mississippi Showdown Sanderson Center
11–11:45 p.m.	Run-Off Election (if required) Sanderson Center
	County Meetings Sanderson Center
12:30 a.m.	In Dorms
1 a.m.	Lights Out

Thursday • June 1

7–8 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Ambassador & National 4-H Conference Interviews Union Whittington Board Room
8:45 a.m.	Delegates report to contest and workshop sites
9 a.m.–5 p.m.	All-Day Contest Tracks
	Child Dev./BensonUnion Ballroom M Photography/Ag Comm.....Bost Theater Wildlife Judging/Burger.....Thompson Hall, Tully Auditorium, 132, 142
9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Contests <i>*Wear your Congress T-shirt.</i>
	Automotive Driving*/TagertAg Eng. 141 Bicycle Contest*/Alexander.....Howell Eng. 103 Career Pursuit/SwortzelUnion 326, 327 Clothing Selection/FCSUnion Ballroom U Computer/MorganBost 409 Consumer Judging/SmithDorman Aud. 140, 120, 128, 156 Dairy Products Judging/Jousan.....Hernsberger Pilot Plant Insect ID & Collection/Guyton.....Clay Lyle 110, 119 Forestry Judging/Forestry.....Thompson 118, 125, 127 Horticulture Judging/DennyUniversity Greenhouse Classroom

Interior Design/4-H Staff	Union 325
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Mississippi Cookoff/Fountain	Moore 104
Poultry/Egg Preparation/Wells....	Poultry Science 116, 117
Public Speaking I & II/Sparks ...	Union 230, 231
Tractor Driving*/Wooten	Ag & Bio Engineering Shop

9–10 a.m.	Tours	
	<i>MSU Athletic Facilities</i>	
	Facilitator: MSU Staff	
	Location: Welcome Center/stadium side next to Barnes & Noble	
	<i>MSU Walking Tour</i>	
	Facilitator: MSU Staff	
	Location: Welcome Center/stadium side next to Barnes & Noble	
10–11:30 a.m.	Workshops	
	<i>Don't Text and Drive and Don't Drive Drunk</i>	
	Facilitators: John Hubbard, Trey Pope, & Benton Mosley	
	Location: SWAMP <i>(parking lot behind McKee Hall)</i>	
	<i>Living in a Bug's World...and Eating Them + Careers with Bugs</i>	
	Facilitator: Dr. John Guyton	
	Location: Clay Lyle (Entomology Bldg)	
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Tour	
	<i>MSU Athletic Facilities</i>	
	Facilitator: MSU Staff Location: Welcome Center/stadium side next to Barnes & Noble	
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
1–5 p.m.	Ambassador & National 4-H Conference Interviews Location: Union Whittington Board Rm	
1:30 p.m.	Delegates report to contest, workshop, or tour sites	
2–5 p.m.	Contests	
	Citizenship Bowl/Norwood	Union U
	Clothing Construction/FCS	Union 328
	Compact Tractor/Linhoss.....	Engineering 141
	Dairy Bowl/Jousan.....	CVM 4036

Electric Judging/Wooten.....Ag Engineering 100
 Livestock Bowl/Jousan.....CVM 4044
 Poultry Judging/Wells.....Hill Poultry
 Science 116, 117
 Robotics/Smith.....Union Dawghouse
 Seed ID & Quality/Reginelli.....University
 Greenhouse Classroom
 Small Engines/Wooten.....Ag & Bio
 Engineering 100

Workshop
 2–3 p.m. *Coming to MSU? What You Need
 to Know Now*
 Facilitator: Naron Remillard
 Location: Union Fowlkes Auditorium

Tours
 2–3 p.m. *Interactive Math Walk Around MSU*
 Facilitators: Lori Matzek & Re-C Carter
 Location: Meet at Hunter Henry
 Center on west side of campus

MSU Walking Tour
 Facilitator: MSU Staff
 Location: Welcome Center/stadium
 side next to Barnes & Noble

Workshops
 3–4 p.m. *Leadership Today, Tomorrow,
 and in the Future*
 Facilitator: Marisa Laudadio
 Location: Union 230

3–4:30 p.m. *The Mississippi Youth Preparedness
 Initiative (MyPI) and You*
 Facilitator: Dr. Ryan Akers
 Location: Lloyd-Ricks-Watson 15

3–5 p.m. **4-H Share the Fun**
Sound Check & Practice
 Location: Bost B

5:30–7:15 p.m. **Dinner** on your own

7:30–9:30 p.m. **General Assembly**
 Bost Building B Auditorium

Presiding
 Tyler Packer, State 4-H Council
 President, Greene

Pledge of Allegiance

Ty Herchenhahn, State 4-H
Ambassador, Forrest

**Share the Fun & Modeling Squad
Showdown**

Lauren Revel, State 4-H Ambassador,
Lowndes

Announce State Council Officers

Tyler Packer

Announcements

Brittany Harper, State 4-H
Ambassador, Jefferson Davis

Adjourn with 4-H Pledge

Jessica Gates, NE Region Vice
President, Lee

9:30–11:15 p.m.

Dance*

Union Ballroom

Games*

Union Dawghouse

**Wear your Congress T-shirt.*

11:15–11:30 p.m.

County Meetings

Union lobby

12:15 a.m.

In Dorms

1 a.m.

Lights Out

Friday • June 2

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

7–9:30 a.m.

Residence Hall Check-out; turn in
access cards* by counties.

*Lost access cards are \$15 each.

Must be paid at check-out.

Hurst Hall Lobby (girls)

Nunnelee Hall Lobby (boys)

8–8:45 a.m.

**Practice for State 4-H Council
Officer Installation**

Bost Building B Auditorium

9–11 a.m.

General Assembly

Bost Building B Auditorium

Presiding

Hunter Garrett, State 4-H Council
Vice President, Lee

Pledge of Allegiance

Jessica Gates, NE Region Vice
President, Lee

Moment of Silence**Introductions**

Cody Ingram, SE Region VP, Lauderdale; and Taylor Fields, State 4-H Council Reporter/Ambassador, Lee

Greetings

Dr. Gregory Bohach, Vice President, MSU Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine

Remarks

Dr. Gary Jackson, Director, MSU Extension

Recruitment

Dr. Scott Willard, Associate Dean and Professor, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Recognition of Special Guests

Dr. Paula I. Threadgill, Associate Director, MSU Extension

State 4-H Council Officer Installation

Tyler Packer, State 4-H Council President, Greene

Mississippi Farm Bureau**Award Presentation**

Mr. Mike McCormick, President, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation

Service Learning Project

Cindy Ring, Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross of North Mississippi

Awards and Recognition

Jonah Holland, State 4-H Ambassador, Tishomingo; Brittany Harper, State 4-H Ambassador, Jefferson Davis; Nathan Rodgers, NW Region Vice President, Desoto; Caitlin Hidalgo, State 4-H Council Secretary, Lee

Announcing 2017–18**State 4-H Ambassadors**

Eli Magness, State 4-H Council Parliamentarian, Tate

Announcing the 2018**National 4-H Conference Delegates**

Eli Magness, State 4-H Council Parliamentarian, Tate

Our Challenge: 4-H in the Future

Tyler Packer, State 4-H Council President, Greene

Congress Slideshow**Announcements**

Brittany Harper, State 4-H Ambassador, Jefferson Davis

Adjourn with 4-H Pledge

Lauren Revel, State 4-H Ambassador, Lowndes

11–11:30 a.m.

**Orientation & Photo Shoot for
2017–18 State 4-H Ambassadors
2017–18 State 4-H Council Officers
2018 National 4-H Conference
Delegates**

2017 4-H CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

Wednesday • May 31

2:30–4 p.m.

Don't Text and Drive and Don't Drive Drunk*Limit 50*
The Mississippi Farm Bureau Safety Team will share information about the dangers of distracted driving, texting and driving, adjusting the radio, etc. Cell phones and golf carts will be used on a closed course to show the dangers of texting and driving. The Fatal Vision goggles and golf carts will be used on a closed course to simulate drinking and driving. Both texting and driving and driving impaired are against the law in Mississippi and could cost your parents heartache (and you, your life). Parents will be responsible and will owe legal fees if you are involved in an accident while drinking or texting.

3–4 p.m.

Ready to Be a Star—Dancer!*Limit 50*
Are you ready to be a star or at least shine like one? Have fun while learning some new dance moves. Come see if you can keep up with a repeated sequence of steps and keep time with the music—or do you have two left feet? It will be fun to find out while getting some good exercise! (Please remember to wear athletic shoes only; no bare feet or other shoes allowed.)

3–4:30 p.m.

The Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative (MyPI) and You: Empowering Teens to Enhance Individual, Family, and Community Preparedness and Resilience*Limit 40*
Want to strengthen individual and family preparedness for disasters? Learn skills and content that can lessen risks, treat injuries, and potentially save lives? Would you like to provide a valuable service to your family, neighborhood, and community, and improve your leadership and communication skills? If the answer is yes, then the Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative (MyPI) is just the program for you. Please join us for a discussion about this national award-winning program created and delivered in Mississippi and now being replicated across the United States. Don't miss this great opportunity.

B Quick, B Smart—Learn about Bees*Limit 20*
Bees are important for many reasons, including pollination of agricultural crops in Mississippi. Learn how being “busy as a bee” can help you improve our environment and make the world a better place for bees and humans.

3:30–4:30 p.m.

You DO NOT Want to ROLL OVER!*Limit 100*
Mississippi Highway Patrol officers will present a live demonstration of what happens in a roll-over crash. This will be an exciting demo that will give you insight into the dangers of a roll-over crash and how to keep this from happening to you. Listen to the troopers give ideas on how to avoid this type of roadway crash.

10–11:30 a.m.

Don't Text and Drive and Don't Drive Drunk.....Limit 50

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Living in a Bug's World...and Eating Them

+ Careers with Bugs.....Limit 20

Insects and other arthropods dominate our world. Virtually everywhere you step, there are springtails in the soil, and ants have a monopoly on almost every square inch of habitable soil. Beetles are the most dominant species in terrestrial ecosystems, and that is just the beginning. Entomologists will never run out of bugs, and their careers include medical, forensic, veterinary, row crop, aquatics, beekeeping, insect physiology, taxonomy, pest control, forestry, Extension, and entomophagist (and that is a mouth full)! We will tour the Arthropod Zoo and discuss careers!

2–3 p.m.

Coming to MSU? What You Need to Know NowLimit 50

It is never too early to start planning for your college experience here at MSU. This 1-hour presentation includes information on MSU, admissions, scholarships, campus life, and academic programs.

3–4 p.m.

Leadership Today, Tomorrow, and in the FutureLimit 35

This session will share how leadership skills affect you every day and can be improved upon as you embrace your future. Come explore paths to leadership opportunities with your own proven leader.

2017 4-H CONGRESS TOURS

Wednesday • May 31

3–4 p.m.

Use Your Senses: Be a Food Scientist.....*Limit 16*

Do you ever wonder what it's like to create food products? Come be a Food Scientist for a day! In the Garrison Sensory Evaluation Laboratory, you will get the chance to taste and evaluate food, as well as test food products for color and texture! Put on your lab coat and try to figure out the secret ingredients of the food products based on the clues you uncover at each station.

3–4:30 p.m.

MSU Athletic Facilities*Limit 25*

Guided tour of Davis Wade Football Stadium, Humphrey Coliseum, Mize Pavilion, Leo Seal Jr. Football Complex, and the Templeton Building, which houses the MSU Hall of Fame.

Interactive Math Walk Around MSU*Limit 15*

The Math Walk is an interactive tour around MSU's campus created and led by staff from the MSU Extension Center for Technology Outreach. Students work together in small groups to solve math challenges at 10 locations around campus. The tasks target objectives from the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards and incorporate all eight Standards for Mathematical Practice. These problems come from a variety of mathematical domains including geometry, measurement, and statistics, and have connections to other disciplines such as history and art. The goal of the tour is to help students see mathematics in the world around them, while receiving exposure to an institution of higher learning.

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Mississippi State University Extension Service

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2017 4-H CONGRESS

Appropriate Dress

We want to make a positive impression for 4-H at all times; therefore, appropriate dress is critical. Green and white clothing or clothing displaying the 4-H emblem is encouraged at all functions.

For guys

Casual: jeans, khakis, T-shirts, athletic shoes. Does not include cut-off or worn jeans with holes or ragged edges.

Snappy casual: slacks (jeans or khakis are appropriate), shirts without ties, dress shoes or boots.

Dress-up: dress slacks, shirt and tie, jacket, boots. No denim clothing or athletic shoes.

For girls

Casual: jeans, khakis, T-shirts, athletic shoes. Does not include cut-off or worn jeans with holes or ragged edges.

Snappy casual: skirts or slacks, appropriate blouse or shirt. Dress denim (denim skirts and jeans) and khakis are appropriate.

Dress-up: dresses, suits with skirts or dress slacks, blouses. No denim clothing or athletic shoes.

DAY	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATE DRESS
Wednesday	Opening assembly	Casual
Wednesday	Contests	Dress appropriate for your competition
Wednesday	Workshops	Dress appropriate for your workshop
Wednesday	Dinner and night assembly	Casual
Thursday	Contests	Dress appropriate for your competition
Thursday	Workshops	Dress appropriate for your workshop
Thursday	Dinner, night assembly, and dance	Casual <i>Congress T-shirt and jeans</i>
Thursday	Movies/Games	Casual <i>Congress T-shirt and jeans</i>
Friday	Awards Program Assembly	Snappy Casual/ Professional

Official 4-H Officer & Abassador Attire

Green jackets

Button-down white shirt with collar

(males wear a yellow necktie or bow tie)

Khaki pants with belt *(check hem of pants)*

Khaki skirt

Tan or dark dress shoes

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT APPROPRIATE

Tube tops, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, strapless tops, casual tops with spaghetti straps; dresses/tops/pants/skirts that expose midriff, navel, back, or cleavage; see-through or muscle shirts; clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or drugs; clothing that has vulgar, obscene, or offensive messages or images; cut-offs, ripped jeans, or other clothing with holes.

(Club Congress clothing must conform to dress code.)

NOTE: When in doubt about attire, check with your Extension agent.

GENERAL INFORMATION

State 4-H Congress Headquarters

The official State 4-H Congress Headquarters is the State 4-H Office located in 402 Bost Extension Center, Building A, (662) 323-3350.

Hospital

Medical attention for minor and ordinary ailments will be available at the Student Health Center, (662) 325-2431; after 5 p.m. at Urgent Care, (662) 324-2244; and at Oktibbeha County Hospital, (662) 324-4565. In case of serious illness or injury, the delegate's parents will be notified immediately. Extension agents will be responsible for keeping check on physical condition of their delegates. Each 4-H member and leader attending Congress and paying the required registration fee will be covered with sickness and accident insurance. Preexisting conditions are not covered. The State 4-H Department is not responsible for expenses not covered by this insurance.

Lost and Found

Lost and found articles should be reported to the State 4-H Office, 402 Bost Building A. Delegates should also report to their Extension agent any lost or found articles.

Security

In case of emergency, call the Mississippi State University Police Department, (662) 325-2121.

County Messages

All telephone messages and mail will be placed in county boxes in Bost Room 401. Extension agents should check the county boxes often.



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Gary B. Jackson

Dr. Gary B. Jackson is the director of the Mississippi State University Extension Service. MSU Extension provides research-based information, educational programs, and technology transfer focused on the issues and needs of the people of Mississippi, enabling them to make informed decisions about their economic, social, and cultural well-being. It is the lead outreach and engagement unit of Mississippi State. Dr. Jackson became director of MSU Extension on January 1, 2011.

Prior to becoming the Extension director, Dr. Jackson served as the director of MSU's School of Human Sciences from 2002 until 2010. Dr. Jackson served as the associate dean of MSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from 1996 until 2001.

Dr. Jackson has taught numerous courses, workshops, and seminars on critical thinking, problem solving, research methodology, agricultural communication and leadership, and Extension education. He received the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Journal Article of the Year in 1995. He also received the Outstanding Service Award from the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation for his work in and support for agriculture. He is an active member of the National Extension Directors and Administrators and the Association of Southern Region Extension Directors.

Dr. Jackson obtained his doctoral degree from Penn State University, where he was awarded the Pennsylvania Governor's School Excellence in Teaching Award and the Kozak Memorial Fellowship for his research in agricultural distance education. He received his bachelor's and master's of science degrees from Mississippi State University. He is a native of Water Valley, Mississippi, and he is married to Dr. Nancy Sawallis Jackson, who is a large-animal veterinarian. They have two children and two grandchildren.



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