The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6 day exploration for youth in District 10 & District 12 to experience West Texas agricultural production.

4-H members that have a strong interest in production agriculture who are outgoing high school freshmen through outgoing seniors or ages 15–18 as of September 1, 2015 are invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected. Application deadline is June 17th and the balance is due July 8th.

**Expected Program Outcomes**
Participants will have the opportunity to see production practices many have never seen. Hopefully this will give an insight to career opportunities some might not have considered. One thing is for sure, students will be exposed to many quality programs and will have the chance to better their understanding of the agricultural food producing industry that feeds a growing world population.

**Evaluation Methods**
Participants will be evaluated on a post evaluation that will measure their increased knowledge to the specific programs covered on the tours. They will also answer open ended questions on how the tour will impact their future career choices, and why.

**Application Deadline**
June 17, 2016
Cost Per Participant: $200
Participants will learn the value of technology in livestock & crop production from a commercial perspective. Crop related technology will include the role genetic modification plays in reducing production costs to producers & helps in limiting the use of pesticides. Improved technology in irrigation is critical to producers in the high plains of Texas. Participants will see firsthand how changes in irrigation have improved the efficiency of irrigation for high plains growers.

The youth will also see the importance technology plays in dairy production from a feed monitoring standpoint to its role in milk production monitoring of dairy cattle. The improvements in technology benefiting the livestock industry will also be a highlight of the tour. A tour of Timber Creek Veterinary Hospital and their use in cloning, embryo transfer and artificial insemination will also be discussed, as well as the role it plays in improving profitability and beef quality.

While many youth are interested in some aspect of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all of the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. One of the primary purposes of the Youth Agriculture Lifetime Leadership tour is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier agriculture universities in the country. While each university may offer differing degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly outgoing educators when it comes to agriculture education. Participants will tour Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University and Angelo State University.

Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve on their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Participants will see how numerous agricultural related issues are challenged on a daily basis by groups targeting our food supply system. Participants will be provided opportunities to defend agricultural related topics based off of the information they learn from the tour presenters.

Another highlight of the week will be a stop off at Palo Duro Canyon and watching the play “Texas” before heading back south on a return trip home.

To watch the promotional video from the 2015 YALL Tour visit: www.youtube.com & search Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Tour
2016 YOUTH AGRICULTURAL LIFETIME LEADERSHIP Application

Cost: $200.00 per student  Deposit: $100.00 is required to complete your application

Application deadline: June 17, 2016  Balance Due: by July 8, 2016

Send Application & Checks Payable to: Kerr County 4-H, 3775 Hwy 27, Kerrville, TX 78028

Personal Information
Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
Date Of Birth: _______________________________________________________________________
Age: ______  Gender: ______  Phone: ___________________(home) ______________________ (cell)
Address: (street, city, zip) _____________________________________________________________
E-Mail: _______________________________________________________________________________
Parent / Guardian: ______________________________________________________________________
Parent / Guardian Phone: __________________________________________________________________

Shirt Size
Please circle a size and indicate Men’s/Women’s (Button down shirt)  S,  M,  L,  XL

School Information
Grade Classification: _________________________________________________________________
Date Of Birth: ______________________________________________________________________
Expected Graduation Date: ____________________________________________________________

4-H Information
Number of Years in 4-H: ______________________________________________________________
Offices held: (local, district, state) ______________________________________________________
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Project / Activity Involvement: (list up to 10) _____________________________________________
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Application Questions

1) Why do you want to participate in this opportunity?

2) What do you hope to gain from this experience?

3) Describe any past agricultural production experience you may have.

4) List other extracurricular activities you are a part of.

By signing this document the applicant and guardian acknowledge that if chosen, the applicant is expected to fulfill the agreement of attending this event.

Youth: _______________________________________________________________________

Guardian: ______________________________________________________________________