

To: Virginia Cooperative Extension Faculty

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Scholarship Deadline!
When enrollment reaches 64 or by March 15, 2004

When: March 19-21, 2004

The V.C.F.C. holds a **Youth Leadership Conference at Graves Mountain Lodge** each year for students who are 16-19 years old by July of the year they will be attending. Purpose – To teach about the uniqueness of the cooperative way of doing business.

These students are placed in a rustic, rural setting, secluded from outside distractions with wholesome, down home cooking and have the opportunity to interact with their peers from across the Commonwealth. They are exposed to a faculty of extension and agricultural education professionals, a college professor, cooperative pioneers, and specialists for a 33 hour agenda finely balanced with 7 meals, 16 hours of concentrated “hands on” learning experiences and 11 _ hours of structured fun activities and free time.

We are limited to 64 students so contact your local Farm Supply Cooperative, Petroleum Cooperative, Electric Cooperative, Dairy Cooperative, or Farm Credit Association to obtain one of the scholarships they have provided to the V.C.F.C.

Eight youth attending Graves Mountain Lodge are selected each year to attend National Institute of Cooperative Education (N.I.C.E.). N.I.C.E. is the national cooperative institute and rotates to college campuses each year. This year it will be hosted by Virginia and held on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg in July.

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