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Dear Delaware 4-H teen,

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday, a planning committee, made up of your State Teen Council Officers from around Delaware has been busy planning the upcoming 4-H State Teen Conference. Now that our work is complete, we would like to invite you and other 4-H members from around Delaware, to a fun and meaningful weekend of learning and sharing at the **2009 4-H State Teen Conference!**

The conference will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel on the campus of the University of Delaware in Newark. There is a **\$50** registration fee for teens to attend the conference which will include meals, an ice cream social and dance, along with overnight accommodations at the Marriott for Saturday, February 7<sup>nd</sup>. An itinerary is enclosed with information regarding arrival time for registration and departure. **Four members of the State 4-H staff, including myself, will be chaperoning this event.** The State Teen Conference is one of the premier leadership events on the calendar for our 4-H members and we are looking forward to a wonderful program! The theme for this year's conference is "Delaware 4-H, 'Blazin' New Trails!"

For weather and safety issues, all Sussex and Kent County attendees are required to ride the bus to the event. Departure times and locations are listed on the reply form. Please review the enclosed information and send your **\$50 registration fee payable to "University of Delaware," by January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Registration must include payment and Health Form/Code of Conduct in advance of event. Payment and forms will not be accepted at the door.

You will also be able to download registration information from the state 4-H and county Web sites. If you or your parents have any questions or concerns regarding this event, please feel free to call me directly at 302-985-1213 or send me an e-mail at [elopez@udel.edu](mailto:elopez@udel.edu). I hope that you will be able to join us in February for this wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other members of the Delaware 4-H family! See you in Newark!

Yours in 4-H,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernie López".

Ernie López  
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