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Dear Parent:

Lincoln University Cooperative Extension (LUCE) would like to invite your youth to the Central Missouri Youth Leadership Development Retreat. Youth will be selected to participate in an exclusive leadership training experience held at our Alan T. Busby Farm – Youth Development Center, Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 23, 2011, here in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Youth Leadership Retreat is designed to develop today's youth into the leaders of tomorrow. This carefully designed 2-½ day training program is for students grades 9-11. Our training will focus on developing communications skills, interviewing skills, mediation and team workshops. This retreat will help:

- students and others understand the value of planning for their future
- students and others explore their strengths, goals and strategies for success
- students and others make the connection between education and success
- reduce the dropout rate

Selected youth will also be given the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills during our signature programs such as Hip Hop Camp (August 2011).

Requirements:

- Good attitude and a willingness to put forth their best effort
- Desire to be trained
- Committed to the training dates for participation

Through hard work and dedication, we will continue to develop youth leaders that will positively impact the lives of others for future generations. **Please respond no later than Friday, July 15, 2011!**

Sincerely,

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