USU Extension 4-H Members to Participate in Mock Legislature

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MOCK LEGISLATURE
Utah State University Extension 4-H youth will learn first
hand about the lawmaking process in a mock legislative
session at the Utah State Capitol building on April 17 from
10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The 4-H members will present and debate current bills on
the House floor of the Utah State Capitol. Youth practice
the entire legislative process by studying bills prior to the
event, presenting the bills in committee and passing or
rejecting the bills on the House floor.

“By participating in Mock Legislature, youth get a hands-on
experience that helps them understand the governmental
process and shows them it’s really not that scary,” said
Crag Dart, USU Extension 4-H ambassador advisor. “It
helps them realize they can be involved in the legislative
process and government, and it’s actually fun.”

Dart said youth also gain valuable skills such as public
speaking, debating, resolving conflict, negotiating, critical
thinking and disagreeing in a civil manner.

State Representative Paul Ray of Davis County, along
with members of the Office of Legislative Research and
General Counsel, will sponsor the event and will join other
Utah Senators and Representatives in observing the
proceedings.

The citizenship mission of the 4-H program empowers
young people to be well informed and actively engaged in
their communities and the world.

For more information about the USU Extension 4-H mock
legislature, visit utah4h.org/events/mock/index.

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