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## 2018 MCB Fall Conference

**Theme: "Rural Rally"**  
**Date: October 14 & 15, 2018**

**Location: Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center,  
Columbia, MO**

Mark your calendars to attend the 55th Annual MCB Fall Conference. Look for speaker and session updates in next month's MCB newsletter.

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## The Courage to Lead!



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### *2018 Youth Civic Leaders Summit (YCLS) Wrap Up!*

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### **Summit Challenges 4-H & Community Betterment Youth to Lead With Courage**

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160 leaders of all ages from across Missouri attended the 2018 Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit, March 2-4, near Camdenton. Youth and adult teams gathered from over 20 county 4-H programs and community betterment groups across Missouri.

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Organizers say the goal of this year's event, themed "The Courage to Lead!" was to inspire leaders of all ages to lead with courage, built on a foundation of character and commitment to service.

Carey Portell, motivational speaker from St. James, MO, shared how personal courage, family commitment, and support from the Missouri AgrAbility Project, empowered her to triumph over major injuries sustained in a car collision.

[2017 Youth Civic  
Leaders Summit](#)

Dylan Johnson, Director of Advance for the Missouri Governor's Office, spoke on how young people being involved makes the world better, and how his involvement in government at a young age led him a role as the state's youngest executive staff member.

[2016 Youth Civic Leaders Summit](#)

Neil Klemme, University of Wisconsin Extension 4-H specialist and his team, showed how communities in the Midwest are using "Youth First Impressions" to gain fresh perspective and ideas on making towns more inviting to visitors.

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As youth leaders, Mitchell Moon (Missouri 4-H) and Katelyn Watts (Missouri Community Betterment) encouraged participants to make the most out of leadership opportunities available through their organizations.

**Recorded Webinars Available to MCB Communities**

Lafayette County 4-H and Missouri Community Betterment youth advisors served as hosts for the weekend, contributing hours of planning and on-site leadership through youth-adult partnerships.

The Salem Initiative  
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Summiteers explored leadership styles, built teamwork, and learned how to plan service-learning projects with guidance from Mizzou Alternative Break leaders from the University of Missouri.

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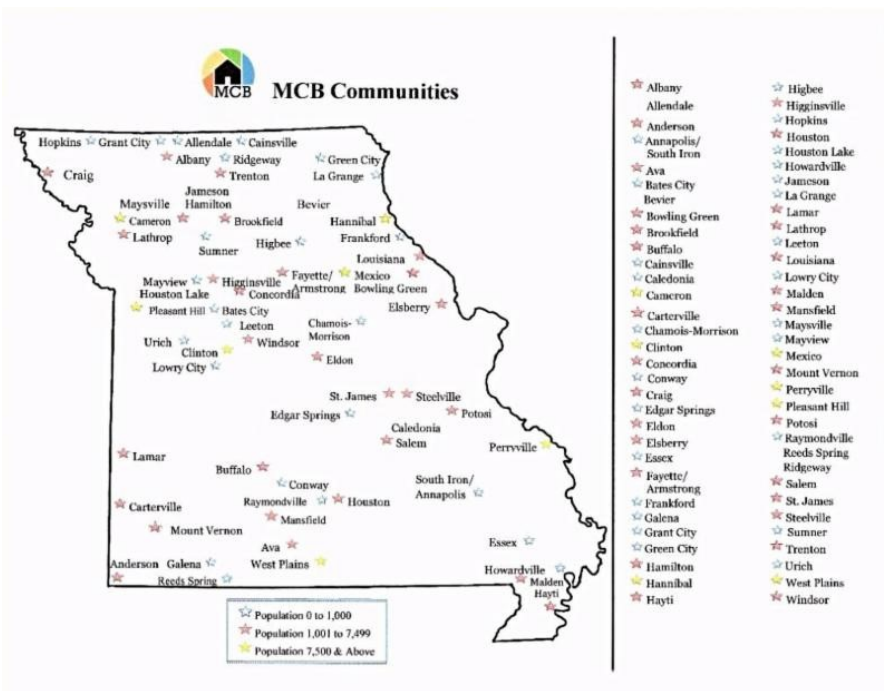
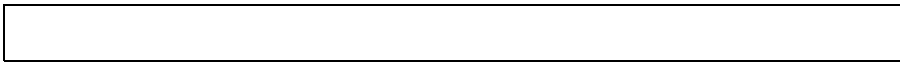
They attended a youth-led civic forum with elected officials, learned how to support rural broadband access in Missouri, and weighed in on why Missouri high school graduates choose to move away or back to their communities.



Youth and adult teams proposed community action projects for 2018 and took first steps to applying for mini-seed grant funding to implement their ideas. Participants also teamed up with Windermere Conference Center staff and volunteers to complete on-site service projects, contributing time valued at over \$3,000.

Have an idea, suggestions, comment? Share it with us! Your input is important to MCB, without it we cannot grow to be the best organization we can to help you and your communities!

The summit is an annual event, with generous sponsorship support from Monsanto Company, Cenex Harvest States Foundation, Missouri Community Betterment, and the Missouri 4-H Foundation.



**Please Welcome the Newest  
MCB Communities**

- Bates City
- Concordia
- Conway
- Frankford
- Sumner

## **Teresa Keller, MCB Executive Director, is ready to visit your community!**

If you have not scheduled your annual MCB Community Visit yet, please reach out to [Teresa](#) and schedule one today! Community visits allow Teresa to bring you up to date on MCB happenings, funding opportunities, provide networking, outreach and more. It is also an excellent time for you to share your progress and success stories or any challenges your community might be facing to determine ways in which MCB could be a conduit to needed resources and information.



## **We want your Input.....**

What would you like to learn more about? MCB Communities receive access to educational webinars each year and we would like to ensure the topics are relevant to your needs. If you have an idea or specific area of interest you would like to learn more about, please let [Teresa Keller](#) know.



## **MCB Facebook Page**

Be sure to visit our [MCB Facebook page](#) for community updates, funding opportunities, upcoming events and more! If you have an event in your community that you would like shared with other MCB members, please send your information to [Teresa Keller](#) for posting.



## **2018 Judging & Awards Program**

The 2018 Judging & Awards Program forms will be uploaded to the MCB Website by May 1, 2018.

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