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YOUTH ATTEND NATIONAL 4-H/FFA ROUNDUP

Denver, Colorado—More than six hundred youth from 34 states along with Alberta, Canada participated in the Western National Roundup January 6-10, 2010 in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 90th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. In celebration of the 90th Anniversary, the theme “A Swell Show” was a throwback to 1920 and included a night of activities where the ballroom was decorated in a “speakeasy” feel and participants came dressed in their absolutely fabulous 1920’s attire.

4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 qualify for the event either by winning their home state’s contest or being chosen as a state delegate. The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure and meats judging. Workshops offered throughout the week provide a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from communication and team building to leadership development.

Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons won this weekend.

For further information about Western National Roundup and full results for each contest, please see the main conference website at

<http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/>.

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