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To: 4-H Agents, FFA Advisors, Youth Dairy Volunteer Leaders and Parents

From: Chris Holcomb, Dairy Extension

Date: May 9, 2017

Subject: 2017 Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat

It is my pleasure to announce that Florida will be hosting the 2017 Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat this year. Our committee has been working hard to plan an event that you will have a wonderful experience at. We have assembled a program with many fun and educational activities that will be centered around the Bradenton, FL area. We will have the opportunity to visit a wide variety of farms in Florida, ranging from a minimal input grazing dairy milking around 5,000 cows to a large agri-tourism herd that produces their own milk and cheese. We will also take a trip to Adventure Island and get involved with some interactive workshops and tours. We anticipate a good time to be had by all and know that you will enjoy our world class Florida hospitality and fun. All meals and lodging are included in the registration fee except for lunch at Adventure Island. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat, it will be a time to remember.

Enclosed are the registration form, participation form, and agenda for the retreat. The retreat is open to youth who are 8-18 years of age and any adults who wish to attend.

Please have these forms postmarked by **June 2, 2017**. The cost this year is \$200.00. Please make your checks payable to **Polk County 4-H Foundation with SEDYR in the memo field**. Send the forms and payment to:

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Feel free to contact me with any questions at 863-519-1050 or christophersholc@ufl.edu