

Awesome! I have never seen anything like that before. Wait a minute let me back up a couple of steps. Howdy! My name is **Kelsey Conklin** and I was one of the five 4-H members to go to the 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin this past September. I am 18 years old and I am going for my Associates Degree at Highline Community College. I have been involved in 4-H for 10 years and I have owned my own animals for about 7 years.

Enough about me, lets talk about this awesome trip I was privileged to take this year. When I was gone to Madison for five days, each day was a different adventure. We went all over the place. One day we visited three different types of farms. The next day we went to NASCO and Hoard's Dairymen. It was one of the greatest trips I have ever taken.

We didn't just go to different farms and businesses we also stayed at the hotel and had a few classes there. We also had a few classes the University of Wisconsin. One of my favorite classes was when we got to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen. As I said I am trying to get my Associates degree at Highline. While I was in Madison I took a class in marketing the dairy industry. I now want to finish up my Associates and transfer to the University of Wisconsin to major in marketing because of the one hour class I took on it.

You can tell that this trip impacted me greatly. It only took an hour for me to figure out how much I would like to pursue a career in marketing. We also got to do a lot of other fun stuff. Every night after dinner we would have recreation. The man running it really knows his stuff. He made everything so fun for the whole group. If I were to rate this trip from 1 to 10, ten being the highest I would have to give it a 15. Yeah it was really that much fun and educational.

To end this letter I would just like to thank everyone that made it possible for me to be there. These people would be the interviewees that I had, my chaperone (**Gary Fredricks**), and the 4-H Dairy Endowment Fund. Thank you again. I had a great time and I will never forget the great gift that you have given to me.