

Alaska Conference for Teens will hold Bush conference

The Alaska Conference for Teens (ACT) is a conference planned and conducted by teens for teens. The ACT IV leadership team, made up from last year's participants from throughout the state, has met monthly since last September planning and preparing for this conference. The conference will take place in Kodiak, April 17-20, Fairbanks, June 9-14, and in Bethel, July 21-26.

As a first this year, three different locations were chosen in order to lower the costs and make it possible for more teens, ages 14 to 19, to attend. Registration costs will be \$75.00 for Kodiak, \$125.00 for Fairbanks, and \$175.00 for Bethel. These costs will cover meals, housing, program expenses, workshop supplies, and in Kodiak, a boat trip to Woody Island. Scholarships are available by turning in an application with the registration.

Each year the Leadership Team selects a theme that is of special interest to teens. This year the Kodiak conference will focus on Alaskan issues and the court system; in Fairbanks, teens will learn about jobs and careers; and in Bethel, emphasis will be placed on jobs and careers and handling employment issues. Workshop topics, field trips, and group projects will include: seeing a courtroom; meeting a judge; finding out how court cases are presented and decided; and participating in "mock trials" conducted by teens. The issues for the "mock trials" will be the future of Alaska's Permanent Fund; child restraints/safety belts; 1991 — the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; the impact of off-shore oil leas-

ing on marine animals; sexual abuse; and teen "substance abuse". The teens will also prepare a resume, fill out a practice job application, participate in a "mock" job interview, spend an afternoon "on the job" with people in various careers, and research a job/career field.

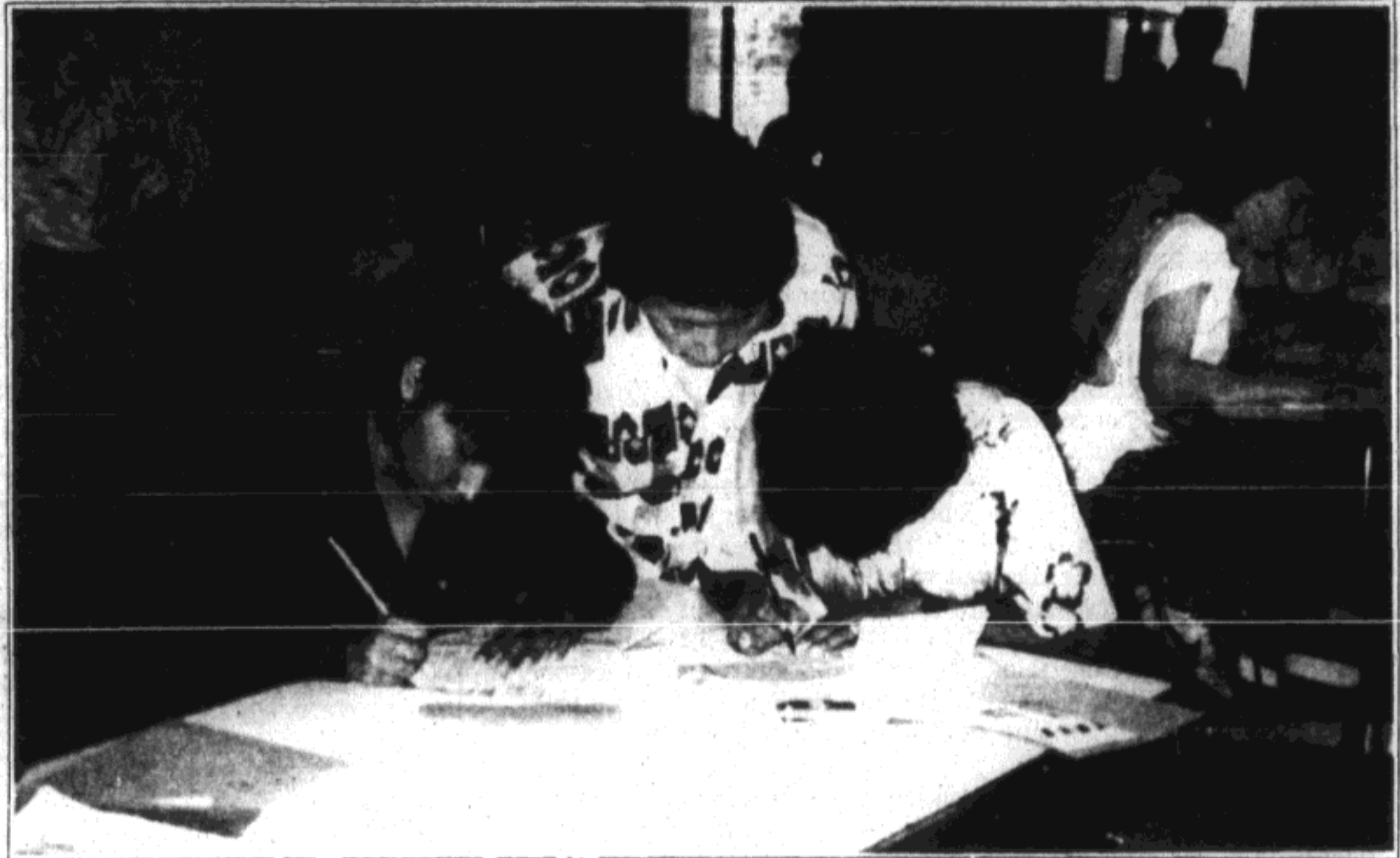
Get-acquainted games, movies, nonsense Olympics, skits, sports, and social activities are also being planned.

As Stacey, Kos, and Jeanne say,

"Teens should attend because you meet a lot of new people, you make new friends, you learn how to get along with others, you learn a lot about Alaska, it helps you in the future, it helps you in school, it's a lot of fun, you understand the problems facing us in Alaska, and it helps you in everyday life."

Registration and scholarship applications are due three weeks prior to each conference date except for

Kodiak, which is two weeks beforehand, on April 3. For more information and applications, contact Susan Halbert, Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development, 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 240, Anchorage, AK. 99508-4143, phone (907) 279-5582. The Alaska Conference for Teens is managed by the 4-H Youth Program of the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service and supported by Chevron



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