



**USDA - Veterinary Services
Alcorn State University**

Ag-DISCOVERY

July 5 - 23, 2004

Alcorn State, MS

Alcorn State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are joining forces to kick off a pilot outreach program to create an awareness of multi-cultural teenagers from diverse populations about careers in animal science and veterinary medicine. The three-week summer enrichment boarding camp is scheduled to be held July 5 - 23, 2004, at Alcorn State University's main campus in Alcorn State, Mississippi.

The program is designed to provide hands-on experience through wet labs, workshops, and field trips. It allows students to live on a college campus and learn science from university professors and practicing veterinarians working for the United States government. Students will also participate in character and team-building activities and diversity workshops.

Students between the ages of 12 and 16 who have displayed an interest in animal health are eligible to apply for admission to **Ag-DISCOVERY**. (*Must be at least 12 and no older than 16, as of June 30, 2004*)

Please copy the attached materials and distribute to interested students, as needed. A complete application package will include 1) [the application](#), 2) *a two-page essay entitled, "What I'd Like to Know About Animal Health and Why? "*, 3) [Three character references](#), one of which must be from a teacher or counselor who is not related to you, 4) *Proof of age*, and 5) a signed [Student/Parent Contract](#).

NOTE: The application packet MUST BE postmarked by May 15, 2004.

Mail To:

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**PLEASE MAKE & DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE APPLICATION
PACKET TO INTERESTED STUDENTS.**



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