

**Staff Report**  
**4-H Leaders Association Meeting April 17, 2017**

**Early Bird Camp registrations** are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Camp is \$155 (or \$140 with the Early Bird Discount!) for 4-H members. This year camp is from July 15-19<sup>th</sup> held at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. We have an excellent group of youth staff members preparing to run camp!

**Camp Staff Training** is happening in full swing. We had our Kick Off meeting on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and had a great start to the unique youth-adult partnership that happens with camp staff! Our overnight training will be from April 28-29. The youth have some amazing things planned!

**Spring General Leader Meeting** is this Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. This will be a great meeting for General Leaders or a representative from the club to attend. In addition to learning about Expanding Access, participants will get a sneak peak into the storage closets at UWEX and learn what lurks in the shadows of fun and crafting.

We have a Sheboygan County **4-H Summer Intern** again this year! Kimberly Mueller will be starting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She grew up in the Ozaukee County 4-H program and has taken advantage of many of the County, State and National 4-H opportunities. Kimberly is presently attending the University of Stevens Point.

The **4-H Ambassadors** have been working hard to re-design a 4-H Ambassador Logo and Ambassador Gear over the past few months. We are “bringing things back home with the classic Kelly Green Polo Shirt and a modern logo. The 4-H Ambassadors will be continuing to work hard to coordinate a few great events in the upcoming months including a County Board Reception on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Free Fishing Day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, a summer program at Cedar Grove Library and summer marketing programs at the Sheboygan County Farmers Markets. If you are interested in joining the 4-H Ambassadors

**Several Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics** related project leaders met in early November to discuss the “launching” of a concerted effort to meet the needs of local and 4-H youth in the development of STEM related learning. We are excited to be introducing a series of project-based opportunities to explore science and technology related to the **Aerospace Project** this year. All members and non-enrolled youth are welcome for our STEM Programs. Activities will be targeted to youth grades 3-8.

This year Sarah Tarjeson will once again have the opportunity to travel as one of the chaperones on **the 4-H American Spirit Experience**. It is an amazing experience and we recommend that youth grades 8-10<sup>th</sup> grade apply to be one of the delegates to attend. It involves an 8 day bus trip and participants travel through Amish country out to New York, Boston and Canada! There are many options for youth to travel and experience different places such as Washington D.C through the Citizenship Washington Focus trip, Madison through the WI State 4-H and Youth Conference, and Atlanta through the National Congress trip. Watch the Cloverleaf Crier around September for application and interview dates.

The American Legion and UW-Extension host an annual **Youth Government Day**. This event will be held in Sheboygan County on April 19th at the Sheboygan County Courthouse and Administration Buildings. This year we expect to host over 137 students from Cedar Grove, Oostburg, Random Lake, and Plymouth. Anyone interested in helping to facilitate or participate should contact Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

**4-H Project Day** event was held on Saturday, March 18th at Riverview Middle School. There were 16 different sessions that youth were able to take part in and all completed a project for the fair! 100 youth and adults participated in the program in addition to a number of older youth and adults who helped to lead and facilitate a project during the day.

**Communication Arts Festival** will be held this year on April 23, 2017. There are over 60 entries from youth in the 4-H program spanning from 1<sup>st</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Other Staff tasks that have been part of our time and energy have included: supporting the Raise the Roof Ad Hoc Committee; logistics for Honor Show Chow Clinic, a Statewide 4-H Youth Development Conference, New Leader Orientations, Cloverbud Leader trainings, Regional 4-H Program Area meeting, 4-H Camp Staff Interviews (adults and youth), exploring programming at North High School, supporting the adult leadership team for Outpost Camp 2017.