

Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association Staff Report
September 18, 2017

Our 4-H Open House will be held on Thursday, September 21st at the Sheboygan County Fair Park in Plymouth from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Give it your all as we do our best to promote one of the greatest 4-H programs in the state. We need clubs, project leaders, members, and families to join the fun. We are looking for hands on activities for youth and families to learn more about 4-H and the opportunities available to 4-H members and their families. Please call the Extension Office at 459.5903 or fill out and return the form in the back of the Crier to sign up for a club or project booth. Invite your friends, invite your family, and encourage others to explore the Sheboygan County 4-H Program at this year's 4-H Open House.

4-H Camp Riversite has installed a **9-hole Disc Golf Course!** **Disc golf** is a sport in which players throw a disc at a target, and is played using rules similar to golf. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from a tee area toward a target, throwing again from the landing position of the disc until the target is reached. Players seek to complete a course in the lowest number of total throws. Check out the fun this fall before the snow flies!

The **YEAR OF THE 4-H PROJECT!** 4-H projects are where our program shines in teaching independence, mastery of new skills, belonging to a group of like-minded people and graciously giving back to others through sharing your time and talents.

Schedule a 4-H Project Meeting or two! Let's get a date on the calendar for winter or spring and invite some young people to join you in sharing your skills! Make it a meeting, a workshop, or even a field trip! Again, Call Nancy Brown at 920-459-5903 to help spread the word about the details of when, where and what 4-H'ers can learn with your guidance! Not sure how to teach what you know . . . that's what we are here for! Give us a call and we can help you plan and lead a great learning opportunity!

Stay tuned for additional 4-H Project Leadership opportunities throughout this 4-H YEAR OF THE PROJECT! Don't forget parents make GREAT 4-H Project Leaders. It's not a hard job but it is an extremely valuable one!

Club and Committee Leadership Summit (Leader and Officer Training) Make sure you have Thursday, October 26 from 7-9:00 p.m. marked on your calendar for our 2018 Mandatory Club and Committee Leadership Summit! We will meet in the Wombat Room at UWS (use the Acuity Tech Center Entrance for easy access). At least one leader from each club and all available officers must attend! It is certain to be a great evening of sharing, learning and a wonderful start to a new 4-H year! NOTE: There will be a **NEW** General Leader Training from 6-7 p.m. that evening. All new general leaders are encouraged to attend and all general leaders interested are welcome. Pizza, salad and drinks will be provided from 6-7 p.m. for all! Join us!

Enrollment. The 4-H Enrollment will again be online which started September 6th. Go to: <http://wi.4honline.com>. **THE RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR CURRENT MEMBERS IS NOVEMBER 1ST, 2017.** All information on Personal Information page remains the same. Grade and Years in 4-H advance. Clubs and projects listed remain but years in project advances.

Enchanted Forest will be held at 4-H Camp Riversite on October 21st. Your club's help is needed with games, skits, parking cars, crafts, petting zoos and more. Your members can also sign up for the Pumpkin Pleaser or Scarecrow contest! In this YEAR OF THE 4-H PROJECT your experience at Enchanted Forest can easily become a 4-H Exhibit – Save your scarecrow and send it to the fair. Practice your pumpkin growing or carving skills to bring a pumpkin to the fair. Write an original fairy-tale script and submit it in creative writing! Design a costume for a skit or to roam about the event and then enter it in the fair. This is a great opportunity for you to crank out several projects – 10 MONTHS BEFORE THE FAIR!

Encourage members of any age to apply for awards and trips. The August and September Cloverleaf Crier's include all of the awards and trip info that you might possibly need. The hard work of 4-H is all paid off with these opportunities for recognition and celebration with other members from around the county, state and nation. Not sure where to start with applying for Trips? **ALL YOUTH 7th grade and up can apply and interview to attend the 4-H State Youth Conference in Madison, WI in June 2018!** It is the best place to start when looking to spread your wings and travel with 4-H. All interviews will be on Tuesday, October 17th. This is for those who apply for Trips and Key Awards and the Project Awards. If you would like to help with interviews, please let Linda know by calling 459-5903.

The **4-H Awards and Recognition Program** plans are underway for the celebration at Acuity Corporate Headquarters on November 27th. H'orderves will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin around 7 p.m. The outgoing and incoming Presidents should present speeches and help is needed from the Executive Board to present awards.

There will be several **Volunteer in Preparation (VIP)** trainings scheduled in the next few months. The first two are scheduled on Thursday, November 21st from 10-noon and 6-8 p.m. We have had many people call requesting to be enrolled leaders this is the first step in that process!

2017 National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum Opportunities Coming Up!
Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders: October 5, 2017 – 6:00-7:30 PM (CT)

Creating an environment where 4-H members feel safe as they grow and develop leadership skills means having volunteers who understand the basics of positive youth development. This session will feature ideas and activities that help foster life skill development by focusing on strategies for more effective club interactions. Participants will learn about the Essential Elements of 4-H and the 5 C's of positive youth development, so join us to set the stage for more successful club meetings!

“STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders: November 2, 2017 – 6:00-7:30 PM (CT)

Build on the roots of 4-H as we STEM our way into agriculture and animal science for experienced and new 4-H'ers. Gain resources to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) leaders through traditional animal sciences project areas in communities. Volunteers will gain ideas for planning and organizing fun, educational sessions for youth.

Helping 4-H'ers Grow in Life and Work: December 7, 2017- 6:00-7:30 PM (CT)

In 4-H, all youth can explore their future. Club meetings, events, camps, and after-school programs are places to develop life skills and expand their interests through 4-H. During this session volunteers will share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration. Caring adults can help all young people make decisions and create their own positive future.

SECRETARY & REPORTER AWARDS/TREASURER RECOGNITION: The Sheboygan County 4-H Leader's Association annually provides awards to Club Secretaries and Reporters. In order to be considered for this optional opportunity for recognition, Jr. and Sr. 2016-2017 Awards, your Club's Secretary and Reporter Books need to be brought to the Extension Office by **October 1st**. In addition to our Secretary and Reporter Awards, there is an opportunity for our very important Club Treasurers to be recognized for their hard work. In order to be considered for this recognition, Club Treasurers must complete and submit a Treasurer Book (due to UWEX by October 1st) which is to include a Book Cover, Monthly Reports, an End of Year Financial Report, a Ledger and other Financial Reports on behalf of the past 4-H Financial Year. More information about criteria and submission requirements are available at: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-book-pages>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Nancy at 459-5903!