

Staff Report

Leaders Association Meeting 11-20-17

The **Music and Drama Festival** date is going to be in April. It will be more than likely be held at the UW Sheboygan Theater. Remember that this year it is not only for clubs to perform in, but if individual/duet youth wish to perform a vocal or instrumental piece it will be judged.

Thank you to all of the clubs and groups who have submitted the **Annual Charter** renewal on time. This charter is a useful tool as it helps us in the office know your club's adult and youth leadership, goals, community service ideas, how you are welcoming new members and families, what are your plans throughout the year, and finally your clubs financial review. So far, all but one group (out of 48) have submitted the proper paperwork. Those that do not turn in completed charter renewal applications run the risk of losing their groups charter and therefore will not be considered an active group. With that comes not being able to use the name and logo of 4-H for any purpose.

We held the **Club and Committee Leadership Summit** on Thursday, October 26th. We had over 120 people in attendance, and some very meaningful conversations. Hot topics included, Ladder of Youth Participation and Club Evaluations. Club officers broke off to learn about their individual officer position, while the Committee Chairs and General Leaders learned about the Background Check Process, working with your club officers and getting organized.

Trips and Awards and the **MegaPacket**: This year around 160 youth applied for all of the trips and awards opportunities. This includes the Clover Award, Project Awards and the Older Youth Trips and Awards. We've also been able to provide a variety of adult insight as we brought in both new and returning interviews as trips and awards are selected. What ideas do you have to help better promote the trips and awards that are offered.

The **New Leader Orientations** are in full swing. If you have interested parents in your clubs that would like to take on the role as an adult volunteer, please inform them about the upcoming New Leader Orientation dates (November 21st January 18 from 6-8 pm). All parents, leaders and volunteers must go through this orientation/training prior to working on their own with kids in any project or activity. This process is not complete until a background check is conducted. We also ask for people to RSVP so that we have enough materials prepared.

We are in the final preparations for the **4-H Awards and Recognition Program** that will occur on Monday, November 27th at the Acuity Corporate Headquarters. A lot of help is needed to pull off this celebration. Help is needed to transport supplies to and from Acuity, register guests as they arrive (we especially need to know what leaders are in attendance), set up and hand out awards and certificates, assist with taking pictures, and much, much more! Please let Sarah know if you plan to be available that evening to assist.

We are looking for volunteers/youth to help lead a session or 3 for the **4-H Project Day** on Saturday, March 17th. If you would like to help, but not sure what with, talk with Sarah, Linda or Manda and we can brainstorm some ideas!

Remember that we combine the **December/January Cloverleaf Crier**. If you would like to have any information placed in it, make sure to get your information in by November 20th.