Staff Report 4-H Leaders Association Meeting April 16, 2018

Summer Camp is right around the corner, July 14-18th. Registration for the event is open on 4HOnline so sign up now! Early Bird Camp registrations are due May 1st. This year camp is from July 14-18, 2018 held at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. We have an excellent group of 22 youth staff members preparing to run camp!

Camp Staff Training is happening in full swing. We had our Kick Off meeting on Friday, April 13th and had a great start to the unique youth-adult partnership that happens with camp staff! Our overnight training will be from April 27-28 The youth have some amazing things planned!

Spring General Leader Meeting is Tuesday on April, 26th starting at 6:30 pm. This will be a great meeting for General Leaders or a representative from the club to attend. Leaders will take an in depth look into the demographics of our membership and how it compares to the population of the communities we serve.

We have a Sheboygan County **4-H Summer Intern** again this year! Kiana Gasch will be starting on May 20th. She grew up in the Calumet County 4-H program and has taken advantage of many of the County, State 4-H opportunities. Kiana is presently attending the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Music and Drama Festival will be on April 21st with performances of both musicals and plays/dramas and individual/duet vocal or instrumental performances. It will be held at the UW Sheboygan Theater. Please promote this exciting event for clubs as a whole and youth participation!

Sarah Tarjeson recently returned from Washington D.C. where she traveled with 10 4-H members from across the state of Wisconsin for **4-H National Conference** in Chevy Chase, Maryland. As a part of the experience Tarjeson participated in congressional visits on Capitol Hill to share the impact of the program on our youth and our communities.

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 8-10th 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 18th at the Sheboygan County Courthouse and Administration Buildings. This year we expect to host over 50 students from Random Lake, Elkhart Lake and Plymouth. Anyone interested in helping to facilitate or participate should contact Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Projects are underway for 2018! Please be sure to double and triple check that your children are entered correctly. Remember All Animal Projects and Shooting Sports project members must be enrolled by March 1, 2018. All non-animal related project members must be enrolled by May 1, 2018! **These deadlines must be met in order to show at the 2018 Sheboygan County Fair!**

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, Regional 4-H Program Area meeting, 4-H Camp Staff Interviews (adults and youth), programming at Jefferson Elementary School and supporting the adult leadership team for 4-H Base Camp!