

**Staff Report – Leaders Association Executive Board
January 21, 2019**

New Family Welcome is on Thursday, **January 24th**. This is a unique opportunity for new families to learn how to navigate the 4-H club, county and state levels. We offer advice for 1st year members and some suggestions for age-appropriate engagement. In addition, we try to provide a welcoming environment for parents to get acclimated and comfortable with the maze of opportunities. As always we would love to have someone assist with presenting and or set-up for this event. We could also use some older youth to help lead activities for the young members.

Communication Arts Festival is scheduled for Sunday, **February 24th**. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to test out their communication skills in a variety of different formats. Youth can write, draw, sculpt, demonstrate or do interpretative reading (just a few examples) to communicate with the world around them. This event is great for youth to practice on a smaller scale and receive feedback from caring adults. Please help promote this event to the youth in your clubs!

Project Day will be on **March 16th** at UW Sheboygan. There are 12 different sessions being held by both volunteers and community members. Help is needed to set up rooms and signage, provide support to presenters, assist participants in finding their way and cleaning up at the end of the day. If you are interested in helping us on that day between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., please let Linda know by calling 459-5900.

Music and Drama Festival is set for **April 6th** at the Sheboygan Falls High School Theater (NEW LOCATION). This is an exciting opportunity for our 4-H performers to experience on stage performances. We are eagerly waiting on registration forms to come in for both club performances and individual musical talents.

Movie and Pizza Night will be on **March 1st**. Wreck it Ralph 2 will be played starting around 5:30 and a second movie is in the talks. This will enable the Youth Association to hold some ice-breakers, allow some casual time for eating pizza and socializing and enabling parents to get kids home at a reasonable time. Please promote this with the youth of your clubs.

Base Camp is right around the corner, **July 7-11th** at Camp Lakotah. Applications for the youth staff are due on February 15th with interviews being held on Thursday, March 14th. We are looking for adult staff who would like to help this year as chaperones and support the youth staff development meetings. There is an adult camp staff meeting to review that applications and also start preparations for this coming year on Thursday, February 21st at 6:00pm. The perks of going to camp involve 5 days of nature, lots of laughter and making a difference in the lives of about 100 young people. Now who can pass this up???

What about Outpost Camp? This year we will inaugurate what is sure to be a series of the best of Wisconsin's Natural Resources. 2018 Outpost Camp will be held **July 14-17, 2019** at **Peninsula State Park!** All members grades 7 and up are welcome to join us for 4-H Outpost Camp but space is limited! This special park adventure will include loads of outdoor fun. **SAVE THIS DATE!**