

**4-H Staff Report
Leaders Association Meeting 2-18-19**

Scholarships are coming due March 1st. The Leaders Association will award 5 scholarships this year. A committee will be coordinated to review scholarships and will consist of a mixture of 4-H Leaders and community members. If you know of someone who would make a great reviewer, please let Linda know.

Summer Internship Applications are due on March 15th. Please encourage previous/graduated 4-H members (or really anyone that you think would be a great addition) to apply. This is always an excellent opportunity for young adults to really get involved with the 4-H program and the UW Extension office.

Camp Staff Interviews will take place on March 14th. Additional help is appreciated and would be needed from 5:30-9:30 that evening. Please contact Nancy if you are available to help and let her know which session you would like to help with Campfire Fun, Questions and Answers, Health and Safety, Planning and Teaching, or Goal Setting.

Summer Camp is right around the corner, July 7-11th at Camp Lakotah. Registration for the event is open on 4HOnline so sign up now! As always we are looking for adult staff who would like to help this year as chaperones and support the youth staff development meetings. 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???

Project Day registrations are due on Wednesday, February 22nd. The event is taking place on Saturday, March 16th at UW-Sheboygan. There are many different sessions (some repeating from previous years and some are completely new) that youth are able to take part in and hopefully even complete a project for the fair!

Music and Drama Festival will be on April 6th with performances of both musicals and plays/dramas and individual/duet vocal or instrumental performances. It will be held at the Sheboygan Falls High School Theater. Please promote this exciting event for clubs as a whole and youth participation!

Communication Arts Festival will be held this year on February 24th from 1-4pm. We have 103 participants with almost 170 entries! It will take place here at the UW Extension Office. Please come and cheer on our participants!

Movie and Pizza Night will be on March 1st. They will be showing 2 movies, "Wreck it Ralph 2" and a bonus feature. 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. The youth association will be finalizing the details at the February meeting.

New Leader Orientation is set for Thursday, February 28th from 10-noon OR 6-8pm. If you have interested parents or potential new volunteers, please let them know about this date! To volunteer, adults must complete all 4 steps: attend this training, have a background check done, complete a mandatory online reporting training and enroll on 4HOnline.

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 2019 Sheboygan County Fair!**

SPIN Membership: What is a 4-H SPIN Member? A 4-H SPIN Member is a 4-H member with a Special Interest in a specific project area. 4-H SPIN members must meet the minimum requirements of the countywide project (over six hours of educational programming, pay project dues, participate in project events, and complete all required service to the project). The selected countywide project appeals to a specific interest of the member and delivers content while also allowing young people the opportunity to make decisions and provide leadership within the project.

Group Decision Making: Let's Decide! Group Decision Making Strategies, March 4, 2019 - 6:30-8:00 pm at the Extension on campus of UWGB-Sheboygan Rm 5024, cost = \$20 per person Help your club, committee or group make a decision. How to get the group to decide what the best choice is? How do I get the shy members to give ideas? How do I reign in the bossy Betsy's? This workshop will teach several strategies groups can use to weigh options and make a decision. Ideal for nonprofit boards, clubs, school groups, the classroom and more!

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