

**Staff Report**  
**4-H Leaders Association Meeting April 15, 2019**

**Summer Camp** is right around the corner, July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the event is open on 4HOnline so sign up now! **Early Bird Camp registrations** are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. This year camp is from July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 held at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma, WI. We have an excellent group of 18 youth staff members preparing to run camp!

**Camp Staff Training** is happening in full swing. We had our Kick Off meeting on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and had a great start to the unique youth-adult partnership that happens with camp staff! Our next training when we are all together will be June 9<sup>th</sup>, meanwhile staff are completing some online learning modules and getting committee's together to make plans.

**Spring General Leader Meeting** is Monday on April, 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 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 extended the **4-H Summer Intern** application deadline to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage people you think would be good applicants to get their application in!

Sarah Tarjeson has been and is travelling Washington D.C. where she traveled with 11 4-H members from across the state of Wisconsin for **4-H National Conference** in Chevy Chase, Maryland. April 14-17, Sarah will be participating in the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference with other administration and key stakeholders of the Division of Extension. As a part of both of these experiences Tarjeson will participate in two days of 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 8-10<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sheboygan County Courthouse and Administration Buildings. This year we expect to host almost 100 students from Sheboygan North, Sheboygan Christian, Cedar-Grove Belgium and Plymouth. Anyone interested in helping to facilitate or participate should contact Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

**New Leader Orientation** is set for Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 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.

The **4-H Music and Drama Festival** occurred on April 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 24 amazing performances between clubs, instrumental and vocal. It was held at the Sheboygan Falls High School and I believe we will use that venue again.

Other Staff tasks that have been part of our time and energy have included: supporting the Feathers to Fur: Barn Expansion Ad Hoc Committee; logistics for Honor Show Chow Clinic, Regional 4-H Program Area meeting, 4-H Camp Staff Interviews (adults and youth), programming at Jefferson Elementary School and Seton Catholic School, plans for the 1<sup>st</sup> Community Youth Voice Conference (CYVC) 2020, supporting the adult leadership team for 4-H Base Camp!