

4-H Staff Reports
4-H Leaders Association Exec Board Mtg June 17, 2019

Camper Registrations have all been confirmed. We currently have 70 campers registered for Base Camp from July 7th-11th, 2019 held at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma, WI. We have an excellent group of 16 youth staff members preparing to run camp! We have 18 campers registered for Outpost at Peninsula State Park.

This summer brings the new opportunity of hosting a 4-H Club as part of the Howards Grove Activity Center's youth development programming. The **HG TIGERS 4-H CLUB** (ages 8+) will meet weekly at the Howards Grove Activity Center at 435 N. Wisconsin Drive, Howards Grove, WI. Members will explore photography, robotics and animal science in this 11-week program starting in June and concluding in August. Members may have their projects displayed at the Sheboygan County Fair and participate in a face-to-face judging event. Registration information is available by calling the Howards Grove Activity Center at 920-782-0207.

Fair meeting recap: On May 29th Sarah and Linda were able to meet with Donna, Patti and Suzi from the fair office. We reviewed the tips sheet that is sent out to the 4-H families on how to successfully register for the Junior Class Fair exhibits. Registration will be open June 15-July 15th. There are NO EXCEPTIONS for late registrations (including if you have it sitting in 'pending'). Also the fair office will not be sending out reminder calls/emails if you are sitting in 'pending'. If a general leader/project leader wants to review who has all submitted or is in 'pending' for fair for their club or project, they can go to the fair office and write down a list. We discussed the lack of success of members attending Fair Association Meetings for reconsideration regarding entry status. Our recommendation to the office was to discourage members from attending due to the unlikelihood of a change being made.

Each spring we host the Communication Arts Festival and the Music and Drama Festival. The committees have asked for a survey to be sent out to everyone in the 4-H program to learn more about why or why they don't participate, ways to improve the programs and also, looking into the possibility of combining the two events and holding them both in April. The survey closed June 14th and we will review the data with the committees and share the results at the July All Leaders Association meeting.

Since January, Linda has been meeting monthly with the "From Feathers to Fur... We're Bustin' Out" committee. The goal of the committee is to raise \$30,000 to expand onto the current Rabbit and Poultry Barn. Similar to the Raise the Roof campaign, 4-H is raising the funds with the intention of turning over the funds necessary to the Sheboygan County Fair Association, who will be responsible for completing the expansion. To date, they have raised over \$11,500 (plus the Culver's Day profits) and have two different companies offering to donate the trusses and excavating (site prep and gravel work).

Free Fishing Day took place on Saturday, June 1st at the Sheboygan Falls River Park. With the help of volunteers from the 4-H Rangers, SPIN, Ourtown Orioles and Lakeview Badgers, Amy was able to hand out more than 70 bags of 4-H information and 4-H logo "goodies." Dozens of faces were painted and the spin-the-wheel quiz game was very popular, with kids coming up to play almost constantly throughout the event. It was a great day between the raindrops!

Cloverbud Day Camp will take place on Thursday, July 25th. Amy is in the process of recruiting counselors. Interested volunteers can reach her at 262-689-8177 or murrewriting@gmail.com. The first planning meeting for counselors is on June 19th at UWEX, 7 p.m.

To be a 4-H volunteer, every year the volunteer must reenroll in 4HOnline and agree to the expectation statements AND every 4 years complete a state run criminal background check. If one of these steps is not completed, then we cannot approve them as a volunteer. For a first time volunteer, there are 4 steps that need to be completed. They need to enroll on 4HOnline and agree to the expectation statements, complete a state run criminal background check, complete the online Mandatory Reporter Training and attend a New Leader Orientation. Again, all 4 steps need to be completed before we can approve them. Since the beginning of the 4-H year, Linda has held 7 orientations, training 55 new volunteer leaders to the 4-H program. At this point in time, we have 281 approved 4-H volunteers! We also have 60 volunteers sitting in "pending" as they have not completed one (or more) of the 2 or 4 required steps.