

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION STAFF REPORT

September 16, 2019

**Our 4-H Open House will be held on Thursday, September 26th at the Sheboygan County Fair Park in Plymouth from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Give it your all as we do our best to promote one of the greatest 4-H programs in the state. We need clubs, project leaders, members, and families to join the fun. We are looking for hands on activities for youth and families to learn more about 4-H and the opportunities available to 4-H members and their families. Please call the Extension Office at 459.5903 or fill out and return the form in the back of the Crier to sign up for a club or project booth. Invite your friends, invite your family, and encourage others to explore the Sheboygan County 4-H Program at this year's 4-H Open House.

**Club and Committee Leadership Summit (Leader and Officer Training)** Make sure you have Thursday, October 24 from 7-9:00 p.m. marked on your calendar for our 2020 Mandatory Club and Committee Leadership Summit! We will meet in the Wombat Room at UWS (use the Acuity Tech Center Entrance for easy access). At least one leader from each club and chartered committee and all available officers must attend! It is certain to be a great evening of sharing, learning and a wonderful start to a new 4-H year! NOTE: There will be a **NEW** General Leader Training from 6-7 p.m. that evening. All new general leaders are encouraged to attend and all general leaders interested are welcome.

**Enrollment.** The 4-H Enrollment will again be online which started September 4<sup>th</sup>. Go to: <http://wi.4honline.com>. **THE RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR CURRENT MEMBERS IS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019.** All information on Personal Information page remains the same. Grade and Years in 4-H advance. Clubs and projects listed remain but years in project advances.

**Enchanted Forest will be held at 4-H Camp Riversite** on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Your club's help is needed with games, skits, parking cars, crafts, petting zoos and more. Your members can also sign up for the Pumpkin Pleaser or Scarecrow contest! Your experience at Enchanted Forest can easily become a 4-H Exhibit – Save your scarecrow and send it to the fair. Practice your pumpkin growing or carving skills to bring a pumpkin to the fair. Write an original fairy-tale script and submit it in creative writing! Design a costume for a skit or to roam about the event and then enter it in the fair. This is a great opportunity for you to crank out several projects – 10 MONTHS BEFORE THE FAIR!

Encourage members of any age to apply for awards and trips. The August and September Cloverleaf Crier's include all of the awards and trip info that you might possibly need. The hard work of 4-H is all paid off with these opportunities for recognition and celebration with other members from around the county, state and nation. Not sure where to start with applying for Trips? **ALL YOUTH 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up can apply and interview to attend the 4-H State Youth Conference in Madison, WI in June 2020!** It is the best place to start when looking to spread your wings and travel with 4-H. All interviews will be on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This is for those who apply for Trips and Key Awards and the Project Awards. If you would like to help with interviews, please let Linda know by calling 459-5903.

The **4-H Awards and Recognition Program** plans are underway for the celebration at Acuity Corporate Headquarters on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Hors d'oeuvres will be served following the program which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Help is needed from the Executive Board to present awards.

There will be several **Volunteer in Preparation (VIP)** trainings scheduled in the next few months. The first two are scheduled on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10-Noon or 6-8 p.m. and again on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. We have had many people call requesting to be enrolled leaders this is the first step in that process!

**Secretary & Reporter Awards/Treasurer and Community Builders Recognition:** The Sheboygan County 4-H Leader's Association annually provides awards to Club Secretaries, Reporters, Treasurers and those who put together a Community Builders Book. In order to be considered for this optional opportunity for recognition, Jr. and Sr. 2018-2019 Awards, your Club's Secretary, Reporter and Community Builders Books need to be brought to the Extension Office by **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. In addition to our Secretary and Reporter Awards, there is an opportunity for our very important Club Treasurers to be recognized for their hard work. In order to be considered for this recognition, Club Treasurers must complete and submit a Treasurer Book (due to UWEX by October 1<sup>st</sup>) which is to include a Book Cover, Monthly Reports, an End of Year Financial Report, a Ledger and other Financial Reports on behalf of the past 4-H Financial Year. More information about criteria and submission requirements are available at: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-book-pages>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Nancy at 459-5903!

**New this year... Record Book Contest!** Two Sheboygan County club leaders are challenging members to show their best record books! Club leaders please submit your clubs best record books by Nov. 1 to the Extension office. **This is a firm deadline.** We will evaluate the record books and invite the members to the Clover Awards Ceremony for recognition. Cash prizes will be awarded.