

Staff Report

Leaders Association Meeting 12-16-19

The *Fine Arts Festival* (combination of the Communication Arts Festival and Music and Drama Festival) date is going to be in April 4th. It will be held at the Sheboygan Falls High School Theater. The Fine Arts Festival Committee is holding 3 workshops prior to the festival in hopes of drawing more youth and clubs to participate. ALSO... there is going to be a raffle drawing for the youth who participate! For every entry they have in the Fine Arts Festival, they will get a raffle ticket. Great prizes may include \$50 off camper registration, 4-H swag, to shake coupons to use at the fair foodstand (and many more prizes)! Make sure to promote this spectacular event with the youth in your clubs!

Thank you to all of the clubs and groups who have submitted the *Annual Charter* renewal on time. This charter is a useful tool as it helps us in the office know your club's adult and youth leadership, goals, community service ideas, how you are welcoming new members and families, what are your plans throughout the year, and finally your clubs financial review. **ALL of the groups have submitted the proper paperwork!**

We held the *Club and Committee Leadership Summit* on Thursday, October 24th. We had over 100 people in attendance, and some very meaningful conversations. Discussion was about finding your Spark, Youth-Adult Partnerships and Quality Programs. Club officers broke off to learn about their individual officer position, while the Committee Chairs and General Leaders learned about many updates and changes for the year.

Trips and Awards and the *MegaPacket*: This year 117 youth applied for all of the trips and awards opportunities. This includes the Clover Award, Project Awards and the Older Youth Trips and Awards. The Spirit of 4-H Award was created this year and we had 11 nominations. What ideas do you have to help better promote the trips and awards that are offered?

The *New Leader Orientations* are in full swing. If you have interested parents in your clubs that would like to take on the role as an adult volunteer, please inform them about the upcoming VIP Training (aka New Leader Orientation) date of January 9 from 6-8 pm. All parents, leaders and volunteers must go through this orientation/training prior to working on their own with kids in any project or activity. This process is not complete until a background check is conducted. We also ask for people to RSVP so that we have enough materials prepared.

The *4-H Awards and Recognition Program* occurred on Monday, November 25th at the Acuity Corporate Headquarters. The program started promptly at 6 p.m. with a reception and the Charity Ferris Wheel Rides offered afterward. Thank you to all that came to help and support the volunteers and youth with their celebrations of achievements.

We are in full swing planning the *4-H Project Day* on Saturday, March 7th. If you would like to help, but not sure what with, talk with Sarah, Linda or Manda and we can brainstorm some ideas! This year we decided to only hold 2 sessions in the morning, each 1.5 hours long. We already have 15 session presenters scheduled! Make sure to promote this amazing project based event to all of the youth in your clubs! They finish projects that they can take to the fair!

Remember that we only put out a *January Brief* instead of the full Cloverleaf Crier. A lot of great information was put in the December/January Cloverleaf Crier. Please make sure to review it for upcoming events and meetings. Also, it is very important that you get information in to Nancy by the 20th of each month that you want put in the Crier. It does take time to pull together and stressful if things come in at the last minute.