

**4-H Staff Report
Leaders Association Meeting 2-17-20**

Scholarships are coming due March 1st. Linda would like help with the coordination to find people to review scholarships and will consist of a mixture of 3 4-H Leaders and 3 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 February 27th. 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. Base Camp is July 12-16th at Camp Upham Woods. Outpost Camp is July 23-26th at State Campgrounds Wyalusing. 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 were due on Friday, February 14th. The event is taking place on **Saturday, March 7th** at UW-Green Bay-Sheboygan Campus. 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! We are looking for volunteers for the morning of the event to help set up, run registration and welcome people starting at 8:00 am and the program ends at 12:15. Contact Linda, Sarah Britt or Manda Schwartz if you would like to help!

Fine Arts Festival is set for **April 4th** at the Sheboygan Falls High School Theater. This is an exciting opportunity for our 4-H performers to experience on stage performances and have their art critiqued by a caring judge. We are eagerly waiting on registration forms to come in for group performances, individual musical talents and communication arts (Due March 4th). The committee has worked hard through the past few months to pull together 3 to 4 workshops for members to learn tips and tricks to help with the day.

Movie and Pizza Night will be on February 28th We will be showing 2 movies, "Hotel for Dogs" and "A Dog's Journey". 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 Tuesday, February 25th from 6-8pm and Thursday, February 27th from 10:00 am - noon. 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. Please have your people RSVP so that we know who and how many to expect!

New Family Welcome was on Thursday, **January 23rd** with 53 attendees! This is a unique opportunity for new families to learn how to navigate the 4-H club, county and state levels. We offer advice for 1st year members and some suggestions for age-appropriate engagement. In addition, we try to provide a welcoming environment for parents to get acclimated and comfortable with the maze of opportunities. We had an outstanding turnout of attendees and everyone

enjoyed their pizza! A giant thank you to Chelsea and Ariana Adair, Kandy Huiras and Ellis Robson for coming to mingle with the new families and work with the kids while Linda talked with the adults.

Projects are underway for 2020! Please be sure to double and triple check that your children are entered correctly. Remember All Animal Projects, Shooting Sports and Blacksmith project members must be enrolled by March 1, 2020. All non-animal related project members must be enrolled by May 1, 2020! **These deadlines must be met in order to show at the 2020 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.

UW-Extension has merged with University of Wisconsin - Madison! We are now the Division of Extension with UW-Madison. You will see some changes to our branding over the next couple of months. Our website is now Badger red and our logo reflects our change as well. With that, there are now **New and Improved Policies from UW Madison and the Division of Extension:**

- Volunteers and Staff cannot sign contracts. We need to send them through the proper channels. This may take 3-4 weeks, so please plan ahead. Examples include:
 - Memorandum of Understanding
 - Memorandum of Agreement
 - Membership Agreement
 - Partnership Agreement
 - Internship Agreement
 - Consulting Agreement
 - Other Non-Purchasing Agreements
- If a high risk injury occurs, notify staff immediately (well after 911 and the parents/guardians).



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Mamma always taught me that you need to **leave a place better than you found it.** That is necessary when you use room here at the Extension Office and on campus. Many people and groups use the rooms and we need to be respectful about that. We do not have the staffing available to clean the rooms after you are done with it. Therefore, it is expected that if you use one of our rooms or campus rooms, you will return the tables back to their place, vacuum the floor if you had a snack or did a project where anything could have fell to the ground, clean the white boards off and wipe up the tables. If this does not improve, there will start to be a charge for room usage.