

Staff Report
4-H Leaders Association Meeting April 20, 2020

It is with such sadness that I have to share the news with you that Upham Woods is cancelling all summer residential programming. This means that we too must cancel **4-H Summer Base Camp**. Even if we were not traveling to Upham Woods, we would have to cancel due to the health and safety of our campers and the consistent messaging regarding COVID-19.

4-H Outpost Camp has not yet been cancelled and will depend on recommendations from UW-Madison, Division of Extension. A decision will be made mid-May.

Spring General Leader Meeting is Monday on April, 28th starting at 7:00 pm. This will be a great meeting for General Leaders or a representative from the club to attend. Leaders will learn about how to make a club website and some cool interactive ways to work with youth for fun and planning purposes using technology.

We are excited to announce the selection of **Megan Hand as our Sheboygan County 4-H Summer Intern**. Megan is a 4-H Alumni from Sheboygan County and is currently a student at UW River Falls. We are excited to welcome her aboard near the end of May to begin to plan a summer full of educational events for our 4-H Members and youth throughout Sheboygan County.

Volunteer Status there are many volunteers that have not been approved on 4HOnline because they are missing a step or two. The major thing missing is the Mandatory Reporter Training that is completed through 4HOnline. We cannot approve people until it shows that it was completed. Right now, background checks need to be completed online as there are not people in the offices to process the paperwork.

The **Fine Arts Festival** was scheduled for Saturday April 4th. Sadly it had to be canceled. We are hoping to still find a way to judge the physical art pieces prior to the fair.

Teaming up with **Health and Human Services** went very well for the first quarterly experience! Through the club and family donations along with help from the Endowment Fund, 4 youth who needed some community service hours were able to assemble 147 Foster Care Activity bags. After the assembly, they had a guest speaker come in to talk about work applications and interview skills.

State, National and International Experiences have been put on hold this year. Youth will be reimbursed fully for what they have paid in. This takes some time, so please be patient. There may be some programs that will be approached in a creative way, but as for travel out East with American Spirit and Citizenship Washington Focus and going South to Alabama for Space Camp have all been canceled. UW Madison has canceled all summer campus activities, therefore the Wisconsin State 4-H and Youth Conference will not be happening on campus. I believe that they are trying to come up with a way to still hold this event, maybe later and/or at a new location.