

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION STAFF REPORT

September 21, 2020

Our 4-H Open House will be held throughout National 4-H Week this year in a virtual format. 4-H : Welcome to Our House! will include the launch of a new 4-H Landing Page on our website along with links to club information and videos, project sneak peaks, interactive member experiences and the opportunity to visit 4-H Staff and Volunteers during Open Office Hours throughout the week! **Be sure to update your club profile information and let Sarah know if you'd like to be a part of the virtual learning and fun.**

Club and Committee Leadership Summit (Leader and Officer Training) Make sure you have Thursday, October 29 and/or November 10th marked on your calendar for our 2020 Mandatory Club and Committee Leadership Summit! Times, Zoom links and an agenda will be shared as soon as it becomes available. 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!

Enrollment. The 4-H Enrollment will again be online which started September 4th. Go to: <http://wi.4honline.com>. **THE RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR CURRENT MEMBERS IS NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020.** 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 17th. Your club's help is needed with performing skits and parking cars. 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!

There will be several **Volunteer in Preparation (VIP)** trainings scheduled in the next few months. These will be virtual and regional opportunities. Stay tuned!

Encourage members of any age to apply for **4-H Awards and Recognition.** The September 11th Cloverleaf Crier includes all of the awards 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.

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. 2020-2021 Awards, your Club's Secretary, Reporter and Community Builders Books need to be brought to the Extension Office by **October 1st**. 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 1st) 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.

Awards/Recognition/Reports Pick-up and Drop Off Times. With UWBG campus being closed to the public unless **by appointment**, I'd like to provide an opportunity for clubs, groups, and individuals to drop off materials face-to-face at the 4-H Youth Building in Plymouth at the Fairgrounds. I will be present at the Youth Building on **Tuesday, September 29th from 4-6 p.m.** **This will be the perfect time to drop off large items such as record books, officer books, and other materials. The other option is to drop them off at the Extension office in the drop box.**