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Dear 4-H Leader,

Thank you for your attendance at the October annual meeting. Elections were held and we still have a vacant spot on the executive board for the Adult Leaders Group. Please consider nominating or running for this position if you are in District #4: Helping Hands, South Byron, Wonder Workers or a county leader. This position would be committing to attend the 3 annual leaders meetings and an executive board meeting approximately every other month. If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone to run please contact Tracy Keifenheim at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu or 920-929-7730.

Countywide club officer workshop will be Saturday, November 16, at UW FDL with check-in from 9:30-10 and workshop promptly starting at 10 am to noon followed by a free pizza lunch! Please inform your officers of this event and encourage them to participate. All club officers and General Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend, even if they have held their office before, as the training kicks off with a large group session where officers will be working as a team and begin the stages of team development. During the second part of the training, youth will attend breakout sessions specific to their officer role. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend sessions along with the youth so that adults can provide support throughout the year. To RSVP e-mail me, call the UW-Extension Office, or fill out the google form: [click here for Google Form](#). <https://forms.gle/L46wCtZcELszVVSEA>

Charters

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted your charters! Tracy will contact you for more information if needed. **Please remember all parts of the charter are due November 1st.** The **annual required leader training** in Fond du Lac is **Thurs., November 14thth** at UW-Fond du Lac. One session will be offered at 1 p.m. and one session will be offered at 6 p.m. There will be other opportunities that are announced at a later date. At least one volunteer from each 4-H club or group is required to attend the annual training to maintain your charter. To register please call or e-mail the UW-Extension office. Please RSVP at least one week before the session you will be attending.

Did you know that there needs to be at least one enrolled adult leader present for every ten youth at EVERY 4-H event? Adults only count in the ratio if they have completed the

four steps to becoming an enrolled leader (pass a national background check, enroll in 4HOnline, complete the online mandated reporter training, and attend an in-person Volunteer in Preparation Training). Please encourage all parents in your club to attend the volunteer training on **October 30th or November 14th from 1-3 or 6-8 pm at UW-Fond du Lac**. Register at least one week before the training date. To register for the Fond du Lac training e-mail me at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu. Other dates are also available in nearby counties that you can attend if that works out better.

Upcoming VIP Training Dates

Please register for a Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training at least one week in advance so that materials can be prepared.

Fond du Lac County VIP Training

- Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 1-3 or 6-8 pm, UW Fond du Lac (to Register contact Tracy Keifenheim at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu or 920-929-3370)
- Thursday, November 14th, 2019 1-3 or 6-8 pm, UW Fond du Lac (to Register contact Tracy Keifenheim at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu or 920-929-3370)

Washington County VIP Training

- Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 6-8 pm, Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center, 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd, West Bend, WI 53095. We will meet in the Ziegler Building's West Meeting Room; Register online or call Karen at 262-335-4478.

Sheboygan County VIP Training

- Monday, October 28th, 10 am – 12 pm OR 6 -8 pm @ Extension, Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 Rm 5024 (contact Linda Robson to register: linda.robson@wisc.edu 920-459-5903)
- Tuesday, November 26th, 6 -8 pm @ Extension, Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 Rm 5024 (contact Linda Robson to register: linda.robson@wisc.edu 920-459-5903)

The **Family Learning Day committee** is off to a great start and they are looking for youth and adults to lead sessions. Please talk to a few youth members and encourage them to lead a session. A leader directly asking a youth (and encouraging them that they would do an awesome job) is the best way to get our youth to expand their leadership roles. The presenter registration is now on our website under Events and the **deadline for presenters is December 15th**.

The Communication and Arts Festival committee will be meeting again but is looking for some input. Please take the time to fill out the Creative Arts Fest survey if you haven't done so already. The results of this survey will directly affect the 2020 Creative Arts/Communication and Arts event! Please complete this **survey by November 15th**.

This year due to participant levels, staffing, and volunteer capacity, the annual event where youth have the opportunity to perform on stage and/or showcase their talents is going to look a

little different. In Washington County, this has been called Communication and Arts Fest and in Fond du Lac County this has been called Creative Arts Fest.

As you may know, UW-Fond du Lac is now a part of UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Washington County is now a part of UW-Milwaukee. As a result of this, there have been some increases in the cost of holding events at these locations. Unfortunately, with this change, larger events or weekend events will cost the 4-H Program significantly more than previous years. The committee has looked into a few different locations and this survey has been developed to help guide the committee's decision. Please consider this information as you complete the survey below. <https://forms.gle/w7C1Enkq2Sq3QezWA>

I am looking for youth to be on this committee. My goal is to have the committee behalf adults and half youth. **Research shows that youth feel more comfortable and feel more welcome when their opinions are valued and listened to, when they have equal decision making power, and when multiple youths are present.** If you know a youth member who enjoys the Communication and Arts Festival, please reach out to them and encourage them to join this committee. I would also love to contact them and send them a formal invite.

You can access 4hOnline to find your **club roster**. Check it regularly to see if previous members have not enrolled so you can contact them. Look for new families so you can include them in communication.

Club activities are highlighted in the *Club News* section of the newsletter. It's easy to have your **club news** included also. Just have your secretary or reporter mail or e-mail their secretary minutes or report (and photos) to tracy.keifenheim@ces.wisc.edu at the Extension Office. With new youth taking office, this is a good time of the year to get them into the habit of sending the notes in. Highlights and pictures are also shared on the 4-H Facebook page! Please encourage the officers to send the updates and photos by the 15th of the month. I realize not all of the clubs have met by the 15th of every month, if this is the case for your club please get the updates in as soon as you can to get them in that month's newsletter.

Thank you for all you do for the young people in Fond du Lac County. **Thank you for your volunteer leadership!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Keifenheim". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Tracy Keifenheim
4-H Program Coordinator
UW-Madison Division of Extension, Fond du Lac County

Idea Corner

South Byron has a unique way they do snack at their monthly meetings. Members in the Foods and Nutrition project take turns signing up to provide a snack for the club. This could be something the youth is planning on taking to the fair or something he or she has already exhibited at fair. The member then talks about how he or she made the snack and the group has the opportunity to ask questions.

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

The First-Ever Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center

With the increasing need to help feed the world's growing population and with sustainable farming practices dominating many Americans' conversations about food, nutrition, and environmental welfare, more and more people want to know where their food comes from, how it is produced and who is producing it.

Here in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, one of the most important states to the agriculture industry, we have a unique opportunity to lead the way in educating and engaging people with the first-ever Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center.



Start exploring!

Explore the all-new agri-tourism destination in Wisconsin! Includes interactive exhibits, the Land O'Lakes Birthing Barn, a tour to a local dairy farm and a Café onsite. Spend the whole day or just stop in for ice cream! 4-H Coordinator Tracy Keifenheim recently toured Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center - she welcomes any questions you may have about this great learning resource just an hour northeast from us!