

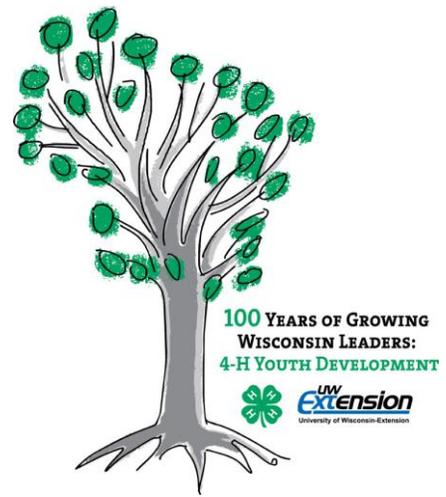
Celebrate WI 4-H Centennial October is “Wisconsin 4-H Reads” Month

Badger State Buddies

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This statewide “read” will engage members, leaders, families and the community in conversation. Join the discussion today!



Read the book as a family

- Use the Digging Deeper questions at the back of the book for a family dinner conversation.
- Use a Wisconsin state map to locate the many communities that are referenced in the book. Discover the history of those cities and towns.
- Explore service projects in your community that can be done as a family.
- Do you have family members who were in 4-H or another youth organization? If so, ask them to tell a story about their experiences.
- What did you like about the book? What didn't you like about the book?
- Which character did you most closely identify with? Why?

Talk about the book as a 4-H club

- How has technology changed what happens in 4-H clubs and projects?
- How are the characters in *Badger State Buddies* similar or different to members in your club?
- Discuss what the 4-H pledge means.
- How are youth making decisions in your club?
- What community service efforts does your club do? Why does it matter? What are you learning?
- What does your club do to help members feel like they belong? What new things might you try?
- Find 4-H alumni living in your community and invite them to a club meeting to talk about what 4-H was like when they were a member.
- If you were writing this book, what would you put in it?

Resources

Visit the *Badger State Buddies* webpage <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/bsb/> for resources:

- Color poster (8.5x11") to display in a classroom or library, with space to add club contact info
- *Badger State Buddies* order form
- Meet the author and illustrator and read the author's notes
- Club activity plan for promoting 4-H with *Badger State Buddies*
- Press release for your use
- Free bookmarks available to use for publicity
- Promotional flier
- Share your impact