

Staff Report – Leaders Association Executive Board
January 18, 2016

New Family Welcome is on Tuesday, January 26th. 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. As always we would love to have someone assist with presenting and or set-up for this event. We could also use some older youth to help lead activities for the young members.

Project Day will be on March 12th at Plymouth Riverview Middle school. There are 11/12 different sessions being held by both volunteers and community members. Help is needed to set up rooms and signage, provide support to presenters, assist participants in finding their way and cleaning up at the end of the day. If you are interested in helping us on that day between 8: a.m. and 3:30 p.m., please let Linda know by calling 459-5900.

Music and Drama is set for February 13th at the Weill Center. This is an exciting opportunity for our 4-H performers to experience this classy location and professional setting. We are eagerly waiting on registration forms to come in for both club performances and individual musical talents. A mandatory meeting for club coordinators was held today before this meeting.

Movie and Pizza Night will be on February 26th. This year only one movie will be shown: Inside Out. 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.

Camp is right around the corner, July 6-10th. Applications for the youth staff are due on February 15th with interviews being held on Thursday, March 17th. We are looking for adult staff who would like to help this year as chaperones and support the youth staff development meetings. There is an adult camp staff meeting to review that applications and also start preparations for this coming year on Monday, February 15th at 6:00pm. 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???

New Volunteer Leader Orientation has been happening over the past few months. So far this 4-H Program Year we have 28 NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERS in the county. Each year we typically host training for at least 50-60 leaders!

Foods and Nutrition Project Members will once again have the opportunity to host a Spring Break training for elementary age students. The Choose Health Action Teens curriculum will be used to host, train and assess youth leaders who are looking to make an impact on youth in their community regarding food choices, health and fitness. These Health Action Teens then use the Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness curriculum to lead 6 one to two hour sessions with elementary students. Recruitment will begin February 1st for these Health Action Teen Positions. CHFFF will likely be held at Longfellow

Elementary School as well as Plymouth Community Education school age child care programs over Spring Break.

Several Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics related project leaders met in early November to discuss the “launching” of a concerted effort to meet the needs of local and 4-H youth in the development of STEM related learning. We are excited to be introducing a series of project-based opportunities to explore science and technology related to Rocketry this year. This effort will be help in partnership with Spaceport Sheboygan.