

Staff Report
Leaders Association Executive Board Meeting
March 20, 2017

Early Bird Camp registrations are due May 1st. This year camp is from July 15-19, 2017 held at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. We have an excellent group of 20 youth staff members preparing to run camp!

Spring General Leader Meeting is this Thursday on April, 24th starting at 7:00 pm. This will be a great meeting for General Leaders or a representative from the club to attend. All participants will get a sneak peak into the storage closets at UWEX and learn what lurks in the shadows of fun and crafting.

Project Day event was held on Saturday, March 18th at Riverview Middle School. There were 16 different sessions that youth were able to take part in and all completed a project for the fair! 100 youth and adults participated in the program in addition to a number of older youth and adults who helped to lead and facilitate a project during the day.

Communication Arts Festival will be held this year on April 23, 2017. Please promote this excellent opportunity for youth to take. Presently we are wrapping up on finding judges for the event.

The **4-H Ambassadors** have been hard at work learning the basics of promoting 4-H Youth Development. They have learned how many clubs we have: 33; how many members are enrolled: 950; how many leaders are enrolled: 350; and many more fun facts about the Sheboygan County 4-H Program. We have more than 30 members who are serving as Ambassadors this year.

4-H Youth Association has been hard at work with President Bryan Burkhardt taking the lead in planning and fundraising for a great year of fun and learning. This year's activities will include a Timber Rattlers game, a trip to Sky Zone, a summer lock-in at the fairgrounds and much more! Right now the 4-H Youth Association is planning to promote their program through incentives for 4-H Club participation.

The Youth Leadership Clinic will be held March 30-April 1st at Tree of Life Retreat Center. This is an opportunity for members in 8th grade and up to sharpen their skills in leadership and plan some activities to be led in various clubs, projects and other 4-H groups throughout the summer months.

Your 4-H Youth Development Educator will be co-facilitating the next **Strengthening Families Program** starting April 6 through May 18th on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:00 p.m. This program is designed for families with youth ages 10-14. This is a free 7-week program designed to help your family prepare for the various struggles that may lie ahead in the adolescent years. Parents learn to: • Encourage good behavior • Set rules and consequences • Protect against substance abuse • Help with peer pressure • Learn ways to show love and set limits while Youth learn to: • Identify dreams and goals • Deal with stress • Follow rules and resist peer pressure • Handle conflict • Get along with others.

The American Legion and UW-Extension host an annual **Youth Government Day**. This event will be held in Sheboygan County on April 19th at the Sheboygan County Courthouse and Administration Buildings. This year we expect to host over 120 students from Cedar Grove, Oostburg, Random Lake, and Plymouth. Anyone interested in helping to facilitate or participate should contact Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator.