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To: 4-H Youth Development Faculty and Staff
Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council Executive Board
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RE: 2009 Fall Forum
Saturday, October 17, 2009
The Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

It's time for the Annual Fall Forum!

The Fall Forum is a collaborative meeting of the Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council (ALC) and the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC). The Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council consists of an adult volunteer from each county and returning members from the Executive Board. The State 4-H Youth Council is an elected group of 20 youth volunteer leaders who represent geographical districts throughout the state. The purpose of the Fall Forum is to provide a forum for 4-H Youth Development issue awareness and discussion, education on emerging opportunities, facilitate discussion between counties, and provide opportunities for volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluating of specific statewide programs. Participation by all counties is important.

At the 2009 Fall Forum delegates will be engaged in a World Café discussion on issues affecting local clubs. They will also experience the second required annual leader training taught by the Strengthening 4-H Clubs workteam members, *4-H Meetings That Shake Rattle and Roll*. Delegates will be able to return to counties to help teach this training with staff.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Donor Recognition luncheon will celebrate our strong partnership with the 4-H Foundation. Ruth Sutton, National Salute to Excellence Winner from Price County will be honored at this luncheon.

To conclude the day, the Adult Leader Council and Youth Leader Council, along with youth delegates, will be meeting separately for elections and business meetings. Any newly elected YLC members may choose to attend the meetings held at Fall Forum.

This year, a silent auction will be held with the proceeds going to provide scholarships for youth and adult volunteer delegates to the 2010 North Central Region Volunteer Forum that will be held in Michigan.

Additional information regarding how volunteers and counties can provide silent auction items is on a separate document and will be posted on the Fall Forum website in the near future.

For those delegates that need to come the night before, there will be a special hands-on interactive session planned using materials from the upcoming Annual Leader Training for 2010. The session will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. It will be a fun evening.

Check out the Fall Forum website for materials and information: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/fallforum.cfm>.

Who Should Attend Fall Forum

Each county should select 1 youth and 1 adult delegate to attend the Fall Forum. **Counties have found it most beneficial to select a new delegate each year. It is important that the delegate can share what local programs are and are willing to share information back to the county from the Fall Forum proceedings.** Go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/fallforum.cfm> to find “A Tip for Selection of Delegates to Fall Forum” which can assist counties in this selection process. Delegates should be youth and adult volunteers who can provide the communication link between county 4-H programs and the Councils. Delegates from past years do not receive individual mailings.

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council members and Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council Executive Board members will receive information by email. Their attendance is important. ALC Board members and present YLC members can serve as the county delegate, but you can send an additional county delegate. Elections for ALC Board members and new YLC members will occur at this meeting. Youth delegates will vote for the YLC members and the adult delegates will vote for the ALC Board members. Council members should coordinate their registrations with the 4-H Youth Development staff in their county.

Registration Details

Registration is required for ALL PARTICIPANTS. All participants need to pay the \$30.00 registration fee. Registration forms are due **by September 23, 2009**. Funding for the Fall Forum comes from the small registration fee, grants from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Monsanto Corporation and the 4-H Youth Development Program area.

Links/Enclosures with this Letter

- Tip Sheet for Fall Forum Delegate Selection: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/fall-forum-tips.pdf>
- Agenda for 2009 Fall Forum: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/FallForumAgenda09.pdf>
- Registration Form for the 2009 Fall Forum due **September 23, 2009**. <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/RegistrationForm09.pdf>
- Updated information sheet on the State 4-H Adult Leader Council and Wisconsin Youth Leader Council: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/InformationSheetALC.pdf> and <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/InformationSheetALC.pdf>

For updated Rosters, Bylaws and Constitutions, and current minutes check out the following websites:

Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/>

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm>

Delegates to the Fall Forum do make a difference in our organization. In working to select county representatives, please consider the individual's commitment to 4-H and the program in Wisconsin, and their support of youth/adult partnerships. ALC Board members and YLC members have made a commitment to assist local counties in their selection of delegates. Thank you for the work of paid and volunteer staff in supporting delegates as they prepare to attend and then return to your counties filled with information and issues for consideration in your county.