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To: 4-H Youth Development Faculty and Staff  
Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council Executive Board  
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council

From: Marie Witzel, Interim ALC Advisor and 4-H Youth Development Agent  
Monica Guilette, President Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council  
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RE: 2011 Fall Forum  
Saturday, October 29, 2011  
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! A time of connection and dialogue of the Wisconsin State 4-H Adult Leader Council (ALC) with its delegates from every county and the Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC) with representatives from every region of the state!**

### What is 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. Fall Forum is not a volunteer conference open to all volunteers. It is intended to be a forum focused on dialogue with volunteers representing individual counties.

### Who Attends 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.** *Wisconsin Adult Leader Council Information and Guidelines*, <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/InformationGuidlelineDocALCrevised62010.pdf> provides information on ALC and selecting delegates. 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. YLC and ALC Board members do receive an email regarding Fall Forum.

- In addition to county delegates, the ALC Board and YLC attend Fall Forum. Their attendance is important. ALC Board members and present YLC members can serve as the county delegate, but counties are encouraged to send a different individual for their county delegate. The Annual Meeting for ALC and 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.

### What Happens at Fall Forum?

- Facilitated dialogue on “Why Invest in 4-H?”
- Updates from Monica Guilette, ALC President and Laura Holm, YLC President
- Updates from Yvonne Horton, Associate Dean and Director; Interim 4-H Youth Development Program Director
- Educational workshop on the Annual 4-H Volunteer Leader Training, “PROJECT LEADERS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE” preparing delegates to assist in co-teaching this workshop in the county
- The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Donor Recognition Luncheon
- Annual Meeting of ALC
- YLC meetings and selection of new members
- Silent Auction with proceeds going to the Upham Woods Capital Campaign

### How Do Delegates, YLC Members and ALC Board Members Register?

Registration is required for ALL PARTICIPANTS. All participants need to pay the \$25.00 registration fee. This is reduced from past years. Registration is done on line by the County 4-H Youth Development Staff. **Online registration is open September 1 through October 3, 2011 only. There will not be an opportunity for any late or onsite registrations.** There will be only one registration coming from a county, so make sure all delegates, ALC Board Members and YLC members from that county are on that registration. Counties will be able to cover the required registration fees as they wish. The link for registration will be sent to county staff. All registration fees and extra fees are due to **Lori Murphy, 610 Langdon St, Rm. 436, Madison WI 53703** postmarked no later than October 3, 2011. This should be in the form of one check from the county.

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.

Friday night lodging reservations will be made for those that live over 2 hours from Stevens Point and request lodging. There are no additional charges for lodging and rooms will be shared. Those requesting a private room will have to pay an additional \$40.00 with registrations. Participants must stay in the rooms they are assigned. Adult volunteer delegates from a county are expected to serve as chaperones for youth delegates. Contact Marie Witzel or Lori Murphy for questions regarding Fall Forum.

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

- Fall Forum Agenda and Information Letter
- Link to Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
- Agendas for ALC Annual Meeting and YLC Meeting
- ALC Proposed Bylaw Changes (posted in September)
- Information regarding the Silent Auction and contribution requests from county 4-H programs is on the Fall Forum website. There is a request that individuals and counties are welcome to donate an item to the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the 2011 Silent Auction will go to the Upham Woods Capital Campaign.

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 supporting delegates as they prepare to attend and then return to your counties filled with information and issues for consideration in your county.**