



Purpose of the Council:

To provide a statewide forum for 4-H Youth Development volunteer leaders that offers:

- Issue awareness and discussion;
- Education on new opportunities;
- Topic/interest sharing between counties;
- Opportunities for volunteers to be involved in planning and evaluating specific statewide programs, serve on state committees and as chaperones for state and national programs.

Annual Fall Meeting (Fall Forum):

1. Attended by one adult delegate and one youth delegate per county. County 4-H programs select delegates annually.
2. The Fall Forum meeting to include business, updates, education, discussion and networking.
3. The agenda will be established by Executive Board. Content of this meeting would contribute to state and county 4-H program direction, communication for entire state to be aware of current happenings and opportunities and serve as a forum on common concerns.
4. Each person attending is expected to communicate information back to their counties
5. The Fall Forum is held cooperatively with Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council
6. The Fall Forum provides an opportunity for other statewide 4-H activities to be held concurrently, such as the annual 4-H Foundation recognition event.

Executive Board:

1. The Executive Board consists of three people minimum or 1 person per each 1000 4-H Volunteer Leaders per district selected for three-year terms plus one alternate per district. Delegates are selected with rotational terms with one new person per year per district. The membership of this core group is about 18. Only 1 delegate per county can be elected for a term on the board at a time.
2. Members to the Executive Board are selected at the district caucus at the annual meeting held at Fall Forum.
3. The Executive Board selects its officers.
4. The Executive Board holds up to quarterly meetings by teleconference or face-to-face. A summer face-to-face meeting could be held in conjunction with Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference to encourage chaperoning and controlling meeting costs.
5. The Executive Board responsibilities include setting the agenda for Annual Fall Forum, awareness of volunteer involvement in state level committees/work; public/governmental relations; performing specific officer roles and advocacy when requested by the 4-H Youth Development Program Area. In addition, the Council holds a position on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

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TIPS FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO FALL FORUM

The Fall Forum is a collaborative meeting of the Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council and the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council. The Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council consists of an adult volunteer from each county and returning members from the Executive Board. The Wisconsin 4-H Youth Council is an elected group of 24 youth volunteer leaders and represent geographical districts throughout the state.

The purpose of the Fall Forum is 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 as it strengthens the impact of our work locally.

Delegates to the Fall Forum do make a difference in our organization, both statewide and county wide. Selection of the youth and adult delegate from each county is important. **In working to select your representatives, please consider the individual's commitment to 4-H and the program in Wisconsin, and their support of youth/adult partnerships.** We offer the following suggestions.

Role of Delegates

- Actively participate in the Fall Forum
- Willing to learn and share about current 4-H Youth Development issues and programs
- Able to share current local 4-H and youth issues and initiatives
- Enjoy connecting with 4-H youth and adult leaders from across the state
- Willing to consider a potential statewide leadership role
- Enjoy new opportunities for self, youth and the program

Selection of Delegates

- Consider emerging 4-H adult and youth leaders with some local 4-H experience
- Consider youth leaders in leadership roles of local 4-H teen leader groups.
- Delegates should be able to have a connection to the policy board and youth group within the county program. They do not have to be a member, but able to provide the needed communication network for information.
- Delegates could be members of the local 4-H policy board
- Consider selecting a new team of delegates each year so that the opportunity is shared
- Youth that are interested in state leadership roles in 4-H

Possible Opportunities for Delegates to Share Forum Information

- Agenda item for local 4-H policy board and county wide 4-H association or federation meetings
- Agenda item for local 4-H teen group meeting
- Column or feature story in 4-H newsletter
- Feature story in local newspaper
- Featured speaker in local radio spot
- Presentations at local 4-H clubs
- Presentation at county Extension Education Committee meetings



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