

## 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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