

## BAYFIELD COUNTY OLDER MEMBER AWARDS

### Key Award

This prestigious award provides special recognition for up to three 4-H members in their senior year of high school or older who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H program, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their club and community. 4-H'ers must have completed at least three years in the program. The award is sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Record books from past years are to be submitted and will be used as a criterium to determine award winners. Winners receive a framed certificate, a personalized plaque, and pin. Record books must be submitted to the Extension Office by the September Leaders meeting. The award will be selected by the 4-H Executive Board at that time.



### (Awards Selected on Basis of "Older Member Award Application")

#### Beginning Leadership Award

This award is intended for youth in eighth grade or older who are just beginning their 4-H career and have demonstrated good leadership qualities. Recipients will be recognized with a certificate for outstanding beginning leadership.

#### Outstanding Leadership Award

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated consistent leadership abilities at club and county levels. Up to two youth in 10th grade or older will be selected and awarded a framed certificate.

#### Outstanding Youth Project Leader

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the ability to teach younger members project-related skills.

#### Community Service Award

This award recognizes individuals who have excelled in service to their communities.

#### Legislative Citation

This award will identify a candidate, in ninth grade or older, who has demonstrated outstanding service to their community through 4-H involvement. The winner will receive a citation signed by a State legislator representing Bayfield County to be presented at the 4-H Recognition Banquet.

#### 4-H Ambassadors

Up to four youth will be recognized for their involvement and knowledge of the 4-H program and their desire to serve as 4-H Ambassadors. Bayfield County 4-H Ambassador duties include reaching the public with the 4-H story, helping other 4-H'ers better understand the 4-H program, promoting 4-H programs and events in the media, and assisting with and hosting 4-H programs and events. This is a two-year term.

**Junior Ambassadors** (first year) will be inducted at the 4-H Recognition Banquet and encouraged to attend State Conference as an ambassador. **Senior Ambassadors** (second year) will take on new, more challenging roles in their second year.

## TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Pathfinders Youth Leadership Camp

This 6-day residential program offered through UW-Extension, the Great Lakes Visitor Center, and Northland College builds youth leadership skills and environmental awareness through hands-on learning. It is open to any high school age youth interested in Lake Superior and who wants to make a change in their community. Youth who participate in the Older Member Awards process and express an interest in this opportunity will receive financial support from the Leaders Association to attend the week of their choosing (registration will be the responsibility of the applicant).

### Northern District Winter Camp

This three-day teen camp, held in January, focuses on teen issues and recreation. Up to ten Bayfield County 4-H'ers, in eighth grade or older, are selected. *All first time Older Member Award applicants are encouraged to apply for this trip.* Award winners receive partial scholarships from the Leaders Association to attend. 4-H'ers may receive scholarships to attend this event more than once.

### Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

This conference is designed to help participants develop self-confidence, express and exchange ideas, increase knowledge of 4-H subjects, gain ideas for use with local 4-H programs, make new friends and experience campus life. Up to ten Bayfield County 4-H'ers, grades 8-10, will be selected to each receive a partial scholarship to attend. The conference takes place Monday through Thursday of the third week of June.

### Citizenship Washington Focus

This 10-day award trip focuses on citizenship in the 4-H program and is considered a top level recognition for deserving candidates. Participants travel by bus to the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Bayfield County selects up to three delegates, 10th through 12th grade, to each receive a partial scholarship to attend. The northwestern Wisconsin delegation usually participates in this event in late June to early July. Participants must have attended Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference or another State 4-H event prior to going on this trip. **(please see attached additional information on this trip)**

### National 4-H Conference

Six youth from the state (grades 10-12) will be selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C. The goals of the National 4-H Conference are to provide an opportunity for youth/adult partnerships to make recommendations to expand and improve 4-H, and encourage states to include both youth and adults in planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs. In addition, delegates update legislators on current developments in 4-H, take new ideas back home, and work with each other to put together and implement a report on a specific area of improvement. Bayfield County will select one or two interested nominees for this trip. For more information, see the National 4-H Conference web site at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/national/index.html](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/national/index.html).

### State 4-H Leaders Conference

This two-day conference, for adult and youth leaders, offers seminars on a variety of topics including 4-H projects and leadership. It takes place on the campus of UW Oshkosh. Up to three youth will be selected to attend and receive partial scholarship from the Leaders Association. **The conference occurs in even-numbered years only and will not be offered in 2005.**