

Year 2009-2010 DODGE COUNTY 4-H OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Dodge County 4-H sponsors a variety of trips and awards available only to youth in grade 6 or higher.

To be considered you MUST complete the M.E. (*Member Evaluation*) Forms.

Fill out the category color that matches your HIGHEST CATEGORY trip choice.

Partial financial assistance for these is provided by the Leader's Association.

Category I (Green Forms) State 4-H & Youth Conference or Space Camp

Category II (Pink Forms) 4-H American Spirit Trip or 4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus

Category III (Yellow Forms) National 4-H Conference or National 4-H Congress or Key Award

Please Note: DUE DATE is September 18, 2009

INTERVIEW DATES: October 19th & 20th evenings

(Phone interview available in extenuating circumstances)

STATE 4-H and YOUTH CONFERENCE Complete Cover Page and Green Category I to Apply

State 4-H & Youth Conference: June 21st-24th, 2010 UW-Madison Campus. Up to 20 youth can attend from Dodge County to become involved in a variety of seminars, tours, assemblies, recreational, and leadership opportunities. Participants must be in 8th-10th grade as of Jan. 1, 2010. *(Costs about \$210; approx. \$70 is paid)*

SPACE CAMP Complete Cover Page and Green Category I to Apply

Members GRADE 6-8, as of January 1, 2010, explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy and technology. This will be April 22nd-26th, 2010 (tentative) at U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut. *(Cost: about \$500; approximately \$165 is paid.)*

4-H AMERICAN SPIRIT LEADERSHIP TRIP Complete Cover Page and Pink Category II to Apply

This is an educational experience that focuses on increasing the understanding and appreciation of American Heritage. Youth study American Heritage, develop leadership skills and learn about citizenship. Youth travel with adult coordinators and chaperons to Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Niagara Falls and Lexington; June 16th-24th, 2010 (tentative). Participants must be 8th-10th grade as of Jan. 1, 2010. Dodge County can select up to 3 delegates & 2 alternates. *(Cost: about \$1,050; approximately \$350 is paid.)*

4-H CITIZENSHIP-WASHINGTON FOCUS: Complete Cover Page and Pink Category II to Apply

Use the nation's capitol as a resource youth experience; learn individual citizenship responsibilities, America's heritage & branches of government. Dodge County can select 2 delegates + 2 alternates. Participants must be 10th-12th grade as of Jan. 1, 2010. Your choice of weeks from June through July. *(This experience costs around \$1,050, of which approximately \$350 is paid)*

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE: Complete Cover Page and Yellow Category III to Apply

Six Wisconsin youth selected at state level from county recommendations to an event that brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation together to work together towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. Held in Washington DC, March 27th-April 1st, 2010 (tentative). Grade 10th-12th *(Cost: \$1000 – a portion is paid by 4-H Foundation and Dodge Co Leaders Association).*

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS: Complete Cover Page and Yellow Category III to Apply

Delegates will participate in self-development seminars, tours and a service project. Emphasis is on evidence of overall individual development and indepth involvement in 4-H Club, project and activity work. Evidence of leadership in 4-H, school and community efforts is important. Held in Atlanta, Georgia Nov. 26th-30th, 2010. Dodge County may select 1-2 delegates. Delegates must be 9th-11th grade as of January 1, 2010. *(Cost: approx. \$900-a portion is paid by 4-H Foundation and Dodge Co Leaders Association)*

WISCONSIN 4-H KEY AWARD: Complete Cover Page and Yellow Category III to Apply

Dodge County can select up to 5 people. Sponsored by Wis Farm Bureau Federation & Affiliates to provide recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, developed leadership ability and been helpful members in club/community. Youth for this award must be in 10th grade or older as of January 1, 2010 and must have completed at least three years of club work and one year of youth leadership.

WHAT FORM do I FILL OUT? To be considered for more than one trip award, **only fill ONE form out.** Fill out the form with the **highest** category that qualifies you for the trips you wish to apply for. Questions? Call the 4-H Office (386-3790)

You may not be selected for your first choice, so plan accordingly.

**Suggestions for Completing your
M.E. (Member Evaluation) FORM**
(ME Form is attached)

PLEASE READ this, and subsequent forms thoroughly BEFORE you begin to write AND complete ONLY the appropriate forms. These forms allow for a concise statement of WHAT you have accomplished during your 4-H experience.

DO NOT ATTACH this sheet to your finished Form!

ME Forms include: What you've learned, done, accomplished, and how much you've "grown." You'll need to pick out and combine things from THROUGHOUT your 4-H years, including projects that best communicate what you've done and what the results and benefits have been.

Interviews are essential in selecting delegates and the completed Member Evaluation Form aids in the 4-H trip selection process; in addition the ME format is a practice for "real life" FORMS (*i.e., aptitude tests, college scholarships, job applications, resumes, tax forms, etc.*).

The Member Evaluation process is a "life skill"---teaching you about interviewing for future jobs; therefore, dress accordingly!

General Guidelines:

- Include information from THROUGHOUT your 4-H experience.
- Appearance, accuracy, thoughtfulness and grammatical correctness IS IMPORTANT.
- Make your form readable. Single spaced typewriter copy or print neatly in blue/black ink.
- Clarify terminology - say EXACTLY what you mean/describe exactly what you've done. "Great" doesn't help readers know what you did or accomplished...how you have "grown."
- Use narrative form, phrases, charts or outline (*or a combination*); whichever communicates best. (WHAT you've accomplished is more important than the format used.)
- Be consistent in tense (*past, present, future*).
- Be selective in what you write AND avoid repetition.
- Limit listing of awards/ribbons; include ONLY most significant START with most recent year.
- Have someone who did not help you check your grammar and spelling.

Dodge County ME Guidelines:

- The “Year 2009-2010 Trip Awards” page **MUST BE filled out by ALL APPLICANTS.**
- Awards have been divided into THREE (3) CATEGORIES - *locate YOUR preference*
- Fill out the COLOR forms that coincide with your selection
- Special instructions for each SECTION title follow:

4-H LEADERSHIP

Leadership means taking responsibility for planning, arranging, conducting and evaluating programs, projects and activities.

You will want to include:

- 4-H leadership, learning/doing goals you've set for yourself (*learning to plan meetings, ways to motivate people, teaching younger members, working with different ages*).
- Progress you are making toward your 4-H leadership goals.
- Future plans to continue meeting these or new leadership goals.
- 4-H leadership roles that you have assumed.
- Leadership roles that have been most beneficial to you or to others.
- Major 4-H leadership accomplishments beneficial to you or others.
- Club, county, district or state responsibilities.

NOTE: *Indicate specific leadership responsibilities you've assumed in particular projects/activities. BE SPECIFIC and try NOT TO REPEAT in other sections.*

4-H PROJECT or ACTIVITY REPORTS

Your most important projects or activities (*other than leadership*) are described in this section; Consider writing about:

- Goals
- What you've learned or skills you've developed
- How size and scope of project or activity has grown...
 - * financial investment, savings, loss or gain
 - * number of techniques tried, things made, things grown, etc.
 - * the intangible (*appreciation of others, satisfactions, etc.*)
 - * awards that indicate quality of work (**BE SELECTIVE**)
- Things you've done in project/activity (*demonstrations, tours, meetings, etc.*)

OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (not previously reported)

Start with your most recent year and summarize your other 4-H leadership, project or activity involvement; you have not written about yet. Indicate special responsibilities or importance if it is not evident. *Examples: health, safety, conservation, recreation, music, drama, speaking, etc.*

NON-4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Start with your most recent year and summarize those things that you are involved in at school, church, community organizations, etc.

DISCUSSION QUESTION (Is only for Category III)

This section allows you to share your thoughts on a question for which there is no right or wrong answer. You will be evaluated on your depth of thought and how clearly you can communicate.

MEMBER EVALUATION (M.E.) FORMS are DUE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!