



October 2009

Dear General Leaders:

As the 2009-2010 4-H year begins, we want to thank our leaders for making a difference in the lives of our youth. The following story illustrates your value to our 4-H members.

ANONYMOUS

As the old man walked the beach at dawn, he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up star-fish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the youth, he asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish," countered the other. "How can your efforts make any difference?" The young man looked at the starfish in his hand, then threw it to safety in the waves. "It makes a difference to this one," he said.

If it is fitting that this story is anonymous. The starfish surely didn't know whose hand it was that tossed them to safety. Let us all seek the goal of helping others to attain their goals-if so, our efforts will indeed be greatly valued... It makes a difference to each one you reach out to.

Thank you to all of our Dodge County 4-H leaders. May you have a successful and rewarding year. **YOU really DO make a DIFFERENCE!**

Yours in 4-H,

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Administration Bldg. AUDITORIUM, Juneau
OCTOBER 15, 7 PM & November 30, 7 PM

LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Administration Bldg. AUDITORIUM, Juneau

OCTOBER 22 at 7:00 pm

Re-Enrollments DUE

Re-Chartering at 5:30

All clubs need to send a representative
Return clip-out by Oct 16
(Supper will be provided)

4-H ACHIEVEMENT

Dodge County 4-H Achievement Program will be

**Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 pm,
Administration Bldg auditorium.**

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

If you would like a members of the Leaders Association Executive Board or an UW-Extension Agent attend your local achievement program, Please let Sally know.

4-H FAMILY FUN DAY

November 8 - Dodge Entertainment Center,
Horicon 1 pm—5 pm

Rock River Royals will be hosting the Family Fun Day and the Solo/Small Group Music Festival on Sunday, November 8 at the Dodge Entertainment Center in Horicon. The Family Fun day will feature bowling. Participants can bowl two games. Bowling begins at 1 pm. Concessions will be available for purchase. The cost of the bowling will be \$3 for the 2 games for members and \$6 for others (parents, younger brothers and sisters, friends, etc. Your registration will include one soda.

Checks should be made payable to Dodge County 4-H Leader's Association. There will also be Bingo to play. The **DEADLINE** for registering for bowling is

October 16. If you have any questions, please call Emily Zillmer at 920.485.4029. Thanks to Rock River Royals for hosting this event. Return the **clip-out on this page by Oct 16 WITH payment.**

NEW FAMILY GATHERING

Tuesday, December 29, 6 pm, Auditorium

Information is in October Newsletter. Encourage new families and members to attend to find out more about the "Basics" of 4-H. This is a time to get their questions answered and head them in the right direction.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS 4-H TEAMS

Saturday, January 9, 2010

This would be an excellent opportunity for your youth to learn interaction skills and activities for club meetings. Let Sally know if your club is interested and you will receive more information. Look in the newsletter for more information.

DODGE CO 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

The Dodge County 4-H Endowment Fund Committee will be taking applications for Grants from Dodge County 4-H Clubs or 4-H County Committees or Groups. The interest from Dodge County 4-H Endowment Fund will be used for these grants. The application deadline is January 30. For more information contact Anne Oelke at 920.326.3875. The current application is on the website.

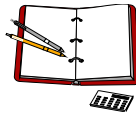
MEMBER ENROLLMENT

County enrollment fees are \$8 per member

(\$1 of this is applied to insurance fees)

Local Clubs may have fees in addition to this.

Remember: The PROJECT FEE is \$4 per project AFTER the first 3 projects per member.



CLUB YEARLY PLAN

When your club officers & leaders complete your yearly club plan, **be sure to send a copy to the 4-H office.**

4-H NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

need to be into the office by the 10th of each month. Be sure to get secretary information to us by this date. The newsletter goes to printing on the 15th. You may email the secretary minutes to Deb at dwibelhaus@co.dodge.wi.us

CLUB MEETING SPEAKER

If your club has had good speakers, or programs, please write them down and give to Deb or Sally. We will write them up for the Leader Logue so others can use them also.

USE OF CLOVER

All clubs received the guidelines for the use of the clover. If you need another copy, let Sally know.

If you are having anything printed (Club t-shirts, mugs, etc.) your design must be approved. Submit your design to Sally BEFORE you have your items made.

CLOVERBUD & EXPLORING WORKSHOPS

Janet Zander continues conducting county workshops for Cloverbuds and Explorers. ENCOURAGE members to attend.

CLUBS CHANGING LEADERSHIP

If you plan to have a change in the general leadership of your 4-H club **please** notify the 4-H Office as soon as possible! The sooner we know about the upcoming change, the more help we can offer to make the transition a smooth one and the sooner we get the new leader on our mailing list.

PLEASE!!!

Fair checks are run and will be distributed at Achievement. They're stamped "Void after 90 days." This is December 30, 2009. Announce to members so they CASH those checks!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

COMMUNITY BUILDERS BANQUET –
November 17th, 6:30 PM

SHOP WITH THE COPS

Dodge County 4-H works with this program sponsored by the Dodge County Sheriff's department. 4-H members wrap gifts and do crafts with the participants. We need about 50-60 youth and adults to help with this program on December 12 at Bayside Supper Club, Beaver Dam. The exact times will be given to the clubs volunteering. It will be in the morning. If your club is interested, please let Sally know who would like to help and a contact person from your club. The club must have at least one responsible adult that stays with the members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCK IN

Encourage members, and leaders to join us for this special event! **The date will be in January.**

When:

Time: 6:00 pm.- midnight

Where: Dodgeland Schools

Who: 4-H members and adults (members 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult)

Come and join in the fun making projects for others. Activities of the evening include:

- Pillow Cases for Clothes for Kids
- No-Sew Blankets for Operation Military Kids and the VA Hospital
- Rubber-Stamped Cards for senior citizens
- Stencil-painted Items for Nursing Homes
- Other projects . . .

All materials and supplies will be provided. We need lots of people to help as there are lots of projects to work on. We would like to make at least 50 pillow cases, at least 75 no-sew blankets, at least 100 stencil painted items, and lots of cards, and more . . .

There will be time for recreation in the gym. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Dodge County 4-H Leader's Association. Funding for the projects has been received from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, Operation Military Kids, Thrivent Financial, American Legion Posts, and friends of Dodge County 4-H.

More information coming.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK NIGHT

We will hold a Community Service Night for making No-Sew Blankets for Shop with the Cops. It will be on **Tuesday, November 24 from 6 – 9 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. Please

bring a scissors that cuts fabric. Please **return the clip-out by November 13** if you can join us. All ages are welcome!!

Plans are being made for the Community Service Lock In that will be held in January. The details for the night will be in the November-December Newsletter.

Community Service Night

November 24, 6-9 pm

Names: _____

Adults _____ # Youth _____ Grades: _____

Club: _____

Phone: _____

Return: Nov 13 to 4-H Office, 127 E Oak St, Juneau 53039

4-H Fish & Chicken Dinner

November 6, 2009, 4-8 pm

Juneau Community Center

Advance Tickets:

\$6 for Child 4-10 years

\$9 for Adults

Tickets at the Door:

\$6.50 for Child 4-10 years

\$10 for Adults

Clubs reviewed information on tickets, volunteer sign up, and an information letter at the September Leaders Association Meeting. Let us know if you have any questions.

Re-chartering—Leaders Training

October 22 @ 5:30 pm

Name: _____

Club: _____

Phone: _____

Return: Oct 16 to 4-H Office, 127 E Oak St, Juneau 53039



FRIENDS Helping FRIENDS

Dodge and Washington County 4-H

As children grow up and enter adolescence, peers play an increasingly important role of sources of information, support and influence. The impact peers have on one another is often seen as a negative force (*peer pressure*) responsible for experimentation and involvement in harmful behaviors. However, research studies have documented the value of peers as positive role models and sources of support for one another. The peer education model is the basis for "Friends Helping Friends", an educational program developed by the University of Wisconsin-Extension, 4-H & Youth Development, designed to train youth to teach younger peers how to make knowledgeable decisions about a variety of issues that confront them.

Friends Helping Friends is designed to develop leadership skills in youth. Youth learn teaching strategies, activities and resources they can use in making presentations at 4-H clubs. Youth teams are trained to lead activities and discussion which deal with:

* Communication * Cooperation/Teamwork * Friendships * Self-esteem * Peer Pressure

A training session will be held **Saturday, January 9 at The Addison Town Hall, near West Bend on Hwy 33, from 8:30am-5pm** and provide teams with a "hands-on" activities notebook they can teach at your club meetings.

Three to four clubs will be selected to attend the training session. **A Club Team would be 2-4 members plus an adult leader.** We would like you to introduce this to your club members/officer team. *If your club is interested, please contact Sally by **December 11, 2009**.*

Selection: Youth should be in grades 4 through 10.
(*If youth older or younger are interested, contact Sally.*)
Clubs should consider having a team of males and females.
Youth will need to complete a one-page application form.

Cost: \$20/participant includes meals, program supplies & a t-shirt.
County Leader Association will provide funding for part of the workshop.

Trainers: Dodge & Washington County 4-H Youth Development Agents will conduct the training with assistance of two 4-H volunteer leaders from each county.

Expectations: Youth are responsible for sharing learning activities in an in-depth youth leadership and peer education training program that can be implemented in your club.

*****See your General Leader for an application and additional details***
(General Leaders: ONE Application Form is attached--EACH participant fills one out!)**



Friends Helping Friends Application

Name _____ Grade _____

Club _____ Phone _____

Address _____ T-shirt size _____

Explain why you would like to be part of a Friends Helping Friends team for 4-H:

List previous leadership roles you have fulfilled in your club, school or community organizations:

Explain why you feel that it is important to be a good friend to your fellow 4-H members:

What skills do you have that would help you as a Friends Helping Friends team member?

If selected, I agree to share what I have learned by presenting activities at 4-H and modeling what I learned.

Signature (4-H Member)

I support this youth's application for Friends Helping Friends. I believe he/she exhibits the responsibility and leadership skills necessary to be a team member.

Signature (4-H Leader)

I give my son/daughter permission to participate as a member of Friends Helping Friends team.

Signature (Parent)