



November-December 2008

Dear General Leaders,

Wisconsin 4-H has adapted a “Green Guarantee” and we are in the process of adopting and implementing this in Dodge County. The “green guarantee” is a pledge to 4-H members and leaders statewide that by participating in 4-H anywhere in the state, they are guaranteed a strong, positive youth development experience.

One of the changes that has been made regarding this is that clubs will have to renew their club charter annually. Part of the annual charter renewal process is that at least one certified adult volunteer leader from each 4-H Club must attend yearly training. If this does not happen, the club will not be able to keep its charter and without a charter, a club will not be recognized as part of the 4-H program. (In other words you will not be a 4-H Club).

We have been talking about club re-chartering and the “Green Guarantee” since last year. At the Dodge County 4-H Leader’s Association meeting on October 28, it was decided to offer this training prior to the February 4-H Leader’s Association Meeting which is on February 17. We will start with supper at 5:30 p.m. and begin the training session at 6:00 p.m. This will probably last about 1 ½ hours and then the 4-H Leader’s Association Meeting will follow. Please mark your calendars for this important date. (It is possible that this will be offered at the January 31 Project Day Camp.)

As a 4-H Leader, you play a vital role in the Dodge County 4-H Program and we truly appreciate the time and talents you share with the 4-H Program throughout the year. Over 700 youth in Dodge County are able to participate in positive youth development experiences thanks to your leadership and commitment.

Thanks for your dedication to Dodge County 4-H. If you have any questions on the re-chartering process and the “Green Guarantee,” please contact Sally.

Have a great 4-H year!!

Yours in 4-H,

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Youth Development Agent

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DECEMBER 2, 7 PM

LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Administration Bldg. AUDITORIUM, Juneau

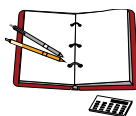
FEBRUARY 17 at 7:30 pm

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 dwiebelhaus@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.

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.

NEW FAMILY GATHERING

Monday, 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 10, 2009

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.

4-H NEWSLETTER –

ELECTRONIC OR US MAIL ✉

Several 4-H families have expressed interest in receiving the 4-H Newsletter electronically rather than US Mail. If you would like to be notified when the 4-H newsletter is on the website, please email Sally. Sally's email address is sschoenike@co.dodge.wi.us

In the email state, Yes I would like to be notified when the 4-H newsletter is on the Dodge County 4-H website rather than receiving the newsletter via US mail.

Then give us your name and the email address that you wish to receive notification. Please do this as soon as possible and we will start this with either the November or January newsletter.

YOU ARE responsible for letting the 4-H office know if you change your email address .

If you prefer to continue receiving the 4-H newsletter via US mail, you need NOT do anything.

Thanks.

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 June 30. For more information contact Anne Oelke at 920.326.3875. The current application is on the website.

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 8 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!

Friday, November 21, 6:00 pm.- midnight

Dodgeland Schools

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

All materials and supplies will be provided. See October newsletter and Leader Logue for more details

PLEASE!!!

Fair checks are run and will be distributed at Achievement. They're stamped "Void after 90 days." This is December 30, 2008. Announce to members so they CASH those checks!



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 10 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 12, 2008**.*

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)