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Local Before and After School Providers Attend State Conference

Lincoln County was well represented at the 2009 Wisconsin After School Conference held on March 27-28th in Wisconsin Dells. This conference “Bridging to the Future” brought to focus the unique role after school, summer programs and learning opportunities can play in helping youth develop and explore the full potential of what they can achieve. During the conference, attendees took part in several workshops where they gained valuable program ideas and resources they will bring back to Lincoln County for implementation in local before and after school programs. Participants will be sharing information they gained during the April 16th Lincoln County After School Network quarterly meeting.

Attendees included (front row – left to right) Gladi Felser, Director of the Tomahawk Friends program; Julie Odden, Program Supervisor and Coordinator for the “After the Bell” program held at Prairie River Middle School in Merrill; Nancy Beyersdorf, Washington Elementary School CLC Coordinator; Amanda Kostman, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor; Fern Langhoff, 4-H Volunteer Leader assisting with 4-H After School Clubs; (back row – left to right) Mary Ingman, Tomahawk Elementary School Counselor; Debbie Moellendorf, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent; Steven Roets, and Myria Kludy, who are both 4-H Ambassadors that work with 4-H After School Clubs.

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For more information about before and after school programs in Lincoln County or to become involved in the Lincoln County After School Network, contact Debbie Moellendorf, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent at 539-1072.