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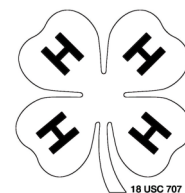
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4-H Focuses on.....

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Relating to Others
- Planning and Organizing
- Learning to Learn
- Communicating with Others
- Leading Self and Others
- Relating to Change
- Applying Science & Technology
- Developing Self
- Mental and Physical Health

Life Skills



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Happy New 4-H Year!

Hats off to everyone for an outstanding Vernon County Fair! Congratulations to all the youth for their many accomplishments recognized and showcased at the fair. So many people have a part in making Vernon County 4-H shine—youth, parents, volunteers—let's be sure to thank them! In fact, consider completing a nomination for Friend of 4-H or Special Leader (those forms are available on page 8).

National 4-H Week is celebrated in Vernon County in a special way. You'll hear radio ads on WVRQ recorded by Joshua Rebhahn, Mapledale Motivators/Route 56 4-H Club. Joshua is travelling to Atlanta soon to participate in National 4-H Congress and sold these ads in return for partial funding for his trip. We wish Joshua the best in Atlanta and look forward to hearing all about it! The Vernon County Broadcaster is publishing a two page 4-H insert in celebration of National 4-H Week. Appreciation gifts will be presented to both WVRQ (being a fan of my chocolate zucchini cake, Gary Gilbertson often asks about my chocolate zucchini crop...☺) and the Vernon County Broadcaster. The media support we enjoy all year long is certainly valued and greatly appreciated in helping us promote and tell our ongoing 4-H story. Lastly, a 4-H Window Display Competition is held around the county. The judges are a feisty group of Emerald Club members (4-H volunteers that have served in our program for 25 years or more). They have a good deal of fun evaluating the various window displays, selecting the winning display and enjoying great fellowship.

Please pay attention to changes in the popular Space Camp program. New this year, only 3 busses will be going to Huntsville and youth can only attend as delegates one time. These changes are driven by budgetary restrictions. Registration opens up early—November 7th this year. This is a popular program in Vernon County and a great way for our youth to learn hands on science concepts. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Speaking of 4-H trips, please give these opportunities consideration, as they are well organized and tremendous learning opportunities. Youth have told me over the years these trips have been among their best 4-H memories. I am offering *Putting Your Best Foot Forward* (information and support on writing cover letters, resume and prepping for a winning interview) in an open house format. Dates and time frames are on page 3. Please remember confidential financial assistance is available, too.



January 2018 will begin a year of change for me as I leave my 26 year career in education. I have truly enjoyed all my roles in education and particularly the last 13 years here in Vernon County. I smile as I think of the many relationships, adventures and happy memories here that I will always treasure. I am optimistic that the nExt generation reorganization will provide new staff who will keep the 4-H Youth Development program strong vibrant and flourishing, with your help. What's next for me? In the December newsletter I'll share a bit more about that.

Colleen Pulvermacher
4-H Youth Development Educator

Payton Sawyer—Nerison

August: Dominic Falter called the meeting to order. Pledges and roll call was taken. Secretaries report was given by Payton Sawyer. Motion made by Agnes Falter to approve the report, seconded by Bridget Palm. Treasures total was \$496.36. Motion to approve report made by John Falter, seconded by Jenna Jolin. Ice Cream Contest was talked over. We all voted our favorite flavor and decided on one. Raffle tickets were handed in, they are due August 31st. Officer nominations were taken and will be decided next month. John Falter made a motion to combined reporter and secretary, seconded by Natalie Jolin. Club discussed food stand shifts and times. Mention made of Parent Leader Federation meeting on September 17th if anyone wants to attended. Scrapbook was talked over. Dominic Falter reminded us about our Educational Projects. Next meeting is Sept. 25, 2017 at Coon Valley Village hall at 6:30. John Falter Made a motion to Adjourn Meeting, Jordan Sawyer seconded. Falter Family serves next month.

Registering for an event on 4Honline



OVERVIEW

Registrations for some activities, camps and trips are done in 4HOnline. This document walks you through registering for an event.

FINDING THE EVENT

Log into your family account and look at your member list. Scroll to the bottom and find the section titled "Register A Member In An Event". Select the name of the member you want to register. Then select the event. A series of boxes will appear at the bottom of the screen. Click on the "Register" button.

REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT

On the next screen you will be asked for specific information related to the event. This may include t-shirt size, cabin or seminar choices, etc. Any required fields are in bold. Click on the "Continue >>" button. If you missed any required fields, you will get an error message and the missing fields will be highlighted. Verify your choices and click on the "Check Out >>" button. On the Payment screen, the only selection is County/Club 4H Check. Click on the "Select Payment Method" button. On the Confirm screen, check the box agreeing to the Pay By Computer Terms and Conditions. Click the "Confirm Order" button. On the Finish screen, you can print your entry. ***This does not take place of required one on one interviews and application process held at the county level for certain events, such as award trips.***



With a new 4-H year comes OPPORTUNITY! Award trip and key award applications are due November 1st. Award trips are excellent opportunities to expand your 4-H experiences beyond Vernon County. The key award, the highest award given in 4-H, requires presentation of your collective 4-H career, which requires strategic preparation. This year I am offering Putting Your Best Foot Forward sessions in an open house type format from 3-7 p.m. on October 11th and 25th. During this time you will get practical help and feedback on completing a cover letter, resume and getting ready for an interview. Questions about trips you

are considering (including costs) can be discussed during this time as well. Parents can come, too! Email me if interested, cpulvermacher@vernoncounty.org to schedule a time slot that works for you on October 11th or 25th.

Colleen Pulvermacher

4-H Youth Development Educator


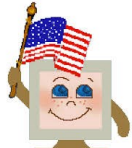


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4-H Calendar Raffle Ticket Reminder!







Listen for 4-H calendar raffle winners on WVRQ AM 1360 Radio Station, 12:15 p.m. News Monday—Friday October 2nd—31st! Winners listing will be updated weekly on our website: <http://vernon.uwex.edu>



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Project Reports, Friend of 4-H, Spec. Leader, Trip & Key Awards</i> DEADLINE	2	3 <i>Fall Forum Green Lake</i> →	4
5 <i>Fall Forum Ends</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>4-H Horse Leader Conference</i> 	11  Veterans Day →
12 <i>4-H Horse Leader Conference Ends</i>	13	14	15 <i>4-H Re- Enrollment</i> DEADLINE	16	17	18
19 <i>L/P Federation Mtg</i> 	20	21	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i> 	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 <i>E-Forum— Helping 4-H'ers Grow in Life and Work</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Farewell Cake & Coffee 1st Floor Conference Rm</i>	16
17 <i>L/P Federation Mtg</i> 	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Christmas Eve Holiday Observed</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	23 Happy Holidays! 
24 	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31  <i>Office Closed</i>						



Vernon County 4-H Leader Parent Federation
Adult volunteers serve our 4-H youth in many ways.
Please consider the following opportunities.



Recognition Committee new member needed – 3 year term, starts this fall

Focus: Assist in the annual selection process for 4-H youth award trips and Key award recipients

The Recognition Committee is a subcommittee of the Vernon County Leader/Parent Federation. Any 4-H volunteer in good standing may serve as a recognition committee member. There are three representatives serving staggered three year terms so that a new member is joining the committee each year. The committee typically meets 2-3 times each year- after the application deadline to score paperwork and set up interview times, to conduct interviews and then to wrap up the year if needed.

Scholarship Committee new member needed – 3 year term, starts spring of 2018

Focus: Assist in the annual selection process for 4-H Scholarship recipients

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of three members serving a term of three years. Thus, a new member will be selected each year by the Federation. The person with the most seniority shall serve as chairperson of the committee. Their responsibilities will include public relations, making scholarship forms available to applicants, naming the Selection Committee, and revising the form when deemed necessary. Please note: The Scholarship Committee may not be the same as the Scholarship Selection Committee. It is possible that an individual may be on both, but no parent of an applicant or anyone with close ties to an applicant shall be on the Selection Committee. The committee typically meets 1-2 times per year.

Leader Parent Federation Officers Needed – 2 year terms

- 4-H Adult Volunteers with knowledge and experience in our county 4-H program, along with a willingness to learn, are well positioned to enjoy serving on the Federation.
- An interest in serving all aspects of the county 4-H program, as opposed to a specific project, best serves our 4-H youth.
- Consistent attendance is needed at the monthly 4-H Leader Parent Federation Meetings, which are generally held at the UW-Extension Office.
- Computer access and proficiency with Microsoft word and e-mail is essential.

Vice President

The role is a two year term, the first year being a support to the President of the federation and the second year to moving into the President role. Duties include: Filling in for executive officers that may not be able to attend a meeting, including leading the Federation meeting if the President is not able to attend. Serve as chairman of the promotion committee. Assist in providing 4-H officer training.

Treasurer

This position is a two year term. Duties include: Maintain accurate and up-to-date financial records of the 4-H Leader Parent Federation. Pay bills and make deposits as authorized by the approved annual budget. Provide monthly written financial reports at all 4-H Leader Parent Federation meetings, including committee balances. Assist in preparation of annual budget.

For further information or if you have questions regarding these volunteer opportunities, contact:
UW-Extension Office, 637-5276



2017-2018 4-H Re-Enrollment

Reminder: If you have not yet completed your 4-H online re-enrollment, a \$5.00 late fee applies to all re-enrollments received at the Extension Office after November 15th.

2018 Wisconsin 4-H State & National Educational Programs Deadline Reminder!

*The award trip application deadline of **November 1st** is fast approaching! Interested in applying and representing Vernon County 4-H as a delegate? The members online enrollment/re-enrollment for the current 4-H calendar year of 2017-2018 must be completed first! Complete information and trip award packets are available on our website at <http://vernon.uwex.edu>. This packet contains complete information on available trips and steps to apply for an award trip. The Vernon County 4-H Leader Parent Federation generously funds 50% of the cost of these trips for 4-H members in good standing. Additional funding may be available if there is financial hardship. Contact Colleen for a confidential discussion. Representing Vernon County on state and nation wide trips is a rewarding opportunity, and it comes with great responsibility. We expect appropriate behavior from all applicants throughout the entire application and interview process. All Trip Award Applications are due to the UW-Extension Office by **November 1st**.*

National 4-H Conference

Where: Washington D.C.

When: **April 6-12, 2018**



Program Costs

Registration fees include transportation from central locations (except Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference), lodging, most meals; orientation and program support materials. Qualified and trained Wisconsin 4-H Adult Advisors accompany youth groups. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of the fees to decrease costs for county 4-H participants. *The Vernon County 4-H Leader Parent Federation generously funds a portion of the cost of these trips for 4-H members in good standing.* The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.

Estimated total registration fees for 2018:

Citizenship Washington Focus

Where: Washington D.C.

When: **June 16-24; June 23-July 1; or July 7-15, 2018**



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) \$1400

National 4-H Conference \$1300

National 4-H Congress \$1200

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference \$250

National 4-H Congress

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

When: **Nov. 23-27, 2018**



Space Camp

Where: Huntsville, Alabama

When: **April 26-30, 2018**



Delegates team up for hands-on mock space missions and other STEM activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with 4-H youth from across Wisconsin. Delegates must be in **6th-8th grade** at the time of the program. **Maximum age is 15** at the time of the program. Camp counselors may be in **7th-10th grade**. Delegates carry county approval through out the program. Delegates **may only attend once** as a youth. (Excludes counselors). Estimated total registration fee: \$625.00—This program is partially funded by Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation, with \$200.00 towards cost for up to the six first time participants. 4-H online registration will be open for this event **November 7th**.



FRIEND OF 4-H & SPECIAL LEADER AWARD VERNON COUNTY 4-H NOMINATION FORM



Mail completed form (s) to: UW-Extension Office, 318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392, Viroqua, WI 54665

NOMINATIONS DUE: November 1st

(Please check one box, use a new nomination form for each award area)

Purpose: Annual awards given to those who truly support the 4-H program, special 4-H leaders.

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Friend of 4-H

This award is designed to recognize a business, organization or individual that supports the Vernon County 4-H Program. The “friend” does not need to reside in Vernon County. The “friend” must not be a current certified 4-H leader. Nominations may be submitted by 4-H members and leaders in the Vernon County 4-H program. Supporters may receive the nomination more than once. The Vernon County Leader/Parent Federation will make the final selection.

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Special Leader Award

is an annual award given to 4-H volunteers who do an exceptional job of providing learning experiences for 4-H members. Nominations must be submitted by 4-H club officers. Each club may nominate one leader in the 1-3 years of leadership category and one in the 4 years or more category.

SPECIAL NOTE: A leader may be recognized only once in each category (1-3) and (4 and over).

I nominate (Business, Group, or Person) _____

Candidate Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Nominated by: _____

(Signature of person or club who is nominating the candidate)

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Position in 4-H: _____

(ex. General Leader, Project Leader, Resource Leader, Youth Member, etc.)

Please describe the leadership/service/expertise this person/group/business has given to Vernon County 4-H. How has their involvement impacted 4-H? Provide plenty of detail to give your nominee the very best opportunity for recognition! _____

If selected, who will be presenting this award: _____

**VERNON COUNTY 4-H
PROJECT-ACTIVITY REPORT**
(Print Clearly)

Name of 4-H Member _____ Boy ____ Girl ____

Address _____

Telephone # (____) _____ Name of Parent/Guardian _____

____ Years Member of the _____ 4-H Club

School Name _____ Grade as of January 1 this year _____

VERNON COUNTY MEMBER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

All 4-H members are encouraged to apply for project-activity awards in any project they are currently enrolled in or an activity they participated in this year. The project-activity report is also used to note 4-H activities you have participated in during the 4-H calendar year, which is October-October.

- a. **FULLY COMPLETE the Project-Activity Report.**
- b. **Have your project leader or club leader make comments and sign form.**
- c. **Club leader must turn reports in by 4:30 p.m., November 1, 2017**
- d. **Project awards approved will be handed out at either a club recognition ceremony or the Leader/Parent Federation Banquet.**

PROJECT LISTING

List the project in which you wish to be recognized for. Please indicate the years have been enrolled and if presently enrolled.

Project	Unit	Years in Project	Check (I) if presently enrolled

SECTION 1: List reasons why you wish to be recognized for your participation in this project.

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SECTION 11: 4-H LEADERSHIP & 4-H ACTIVITIES

(4-H activities you have participated in during the 4-H calendar year. Examples: Space Camp, Clothing Revue, Dairy Judging Team, Youth Ambassador Member, Tractor Safety, Summer Camp, Camp Counselor, Award Trip Recipient.)

These activities may be entered on your membership 4-H history

SECTION 111: NON 4-H ACTIVITIES
Year Activities

SECTION IV: OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY
(not reported elsewhere in this report)

Year Activities

Leader

Comments: _____

____/____/____
Date

Leader's Signature

Club

1st year plaque requested _____ **YES** _____ **NO**



4-H Horse Leader Conference Information

4-H Horse project leaders and youth leaders are encouraged to attend the annual State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, November 10-12, 2017. This year we are at UW-Oshkosh. Many interesting topics will again be offered. Information, including the registration form, is available at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-leaders-conference/>. For more information contact Pam Hobson (608-262-9605, pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu) or Liv Sandberg (608-263-4303, sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu).

Photography



Above: 2017 Top 12
The Perfect Petal
Haley Monette, Polk
County

State Fair Photo Display

Guidelines for entering photos in the 2018 State Photo Display:
Each county may enter up to three photos in the 2018 4-H and Youth State Photo Display. **Only one entry per person.**

Congratulations to the Vernon County Fair Selectee's:

Class A: Hunter Anderson
Class B: Noah Mathison
Class C: Alex Boardman
Alternate: Bethany Roethel

Deadline for entries for Vernon County is November 1, 2017.

The print display will be exhibited for the first time at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair. Afterwards, Extension offices and volunteer leaders may borrow the print or electronic display to use for local training and for exhibiting at 4-H events. A photo is a single, color or black-and-white, **digital** image. In Spring 2018, the State 4-H Photo Advisory Committee will select the Top 12 Photos to be

highlighted in the display.



Shooting Sports News



Vernon County Fair Premium Shoot

Sunday, August 27th

Coon Valley Conservation Club

Air Rifle, Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Archery & .22

Congratulations to the twenty seven 4-H youth who participated in this event!

Thank you Vernon County Fair Board, 4-H Project Leaders and Adult Volunteers

for your support of the Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports Project!



September 17, 2017
4-H Federation Meeting/ 4-H Fair food stand
Draft



Attendance: Eric Howell (MM/ Rt 56), Colleen Pulvermacher (4-H Youth Development/ Educator), Joann Schulz (Retreat Ramblers), Jill Jarzemski (Retreat Ramblers), Ann Christianson (Liberty Pole Boosters), Deb Primmer (MM/Rt 56), Cheryl Rebhahn (MM/Rt 56)

Cheryl Rebhahn called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm. Pledge and creed was recited. There was no correspondence to report.

Secretary's Report

Deb Primmer moved to accept the Secretary's report with corrections. Ann Christianson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Jarzemski motioned to accept the account balances as reported. Joann Schulz seconded. Motion carried.

Jill Jarzemski motioned to pay the bills reported and any in the office. Eric Howell seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Still looking for new members for recognition and scholarship. Leaders will continue to look for any volunteers who may be able to serve in those positions.

Unfinished Business

Discussion happened concerning the award plaques in the Arts and Crafts building. Jill Jarzemski motioned to pay for the plaques this year. Eric seconded. Motion carried. It will be investigated what kind of plaques they are and if they could be a permanent plaque in the future with the names engraved on them yearly. Still looking for nominations for vice president and treasurer.

Colleen reported that she invited the District manager to attend the meeting in October. This will allow us to meet him and start building our relationship. Next meeting will be October 15th at 7:00 pm at the Erlandson Building conference room.

Anne Christianson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Eric Howell seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

Respectively submitted,
Cheryl Rebhahn
President



VERNON COUNTY 4-H LEADER/PARENT FEDERATION
Monthly Meeting –October 15, 2017
7:00 p.m. Erlandson Office Building 1st floor conference room
A G E N D A



Call to Order/Roll Call

Pledges – Introductions

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Correspondence

Secretary Report

Treasurer's Report

Review report

Approval of bills

Committee Reports

Constitution

Budget/Finance

Recognition -- new 3 year member needed

Banquet committee

Scholarship –new 3 year member needed

Foodstand - fair follow up

Unfinished Business: 2018-2020 nominations – vice president and treasurer

New Business: Budget process changes

Guest Speaker: Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director

Next meeting date: November 19, 2017 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Dairy Project

James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Awards



The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program recognizes youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund ("Crowley Fund") is the sponsor of these awards. Dr. James Crowley was a longtime state dairy extension specialist at UW-Madison and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. An engraved medallion will be presented yearly to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county. Selection of county winners will be based on each county's own selection criteria. Interested 4-H dairy project members are also eligible to compete for state recognition including plaques, cash awards, and a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Complete application information can be found at: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth/james-w-crowley-award/james-w-crowley-4-h-dairy-leadership-award/james-w-crowley-leadership-award-application/>
Application deadline is: March 1st, 2018



Honey Bee Poster Contest

2017 Theme: Honey Bees – Where They Live

Sponsored by Wisconsin Honey Producers Association (WHPA), www.wihoney.org.

Divisions: 2nd grade and under, 3rd-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, 9th-12th grades.

Prizes for each Division: 1st – \$35, 2nd – \$25, 3rd – \$15.

Rules: 1. Size 11" x 14" poster board, 2. Print clearly on back: Name, Address, Age and Grade. 3. Include theme in design. 4. Posters become property of WHPA. 5. Most bees live in bee hives. Paper wasps live in nests hanging from a tree branch. Not bees.

Mail by Oct. 25, 2017 to: Sharon Pufahl, W6432 Hwy O, Mauston WI 53948, 608-847-4407

The Vernon County Land & Water Conservation Department

2017 Photo Contest

Details

The Vernon County Land & Water Conservation Department is holding a Conservation Photo Contest. This contest is open to amateur photographers who are residents of the United States. Pictures must be taken in Vernon County. Participants can enter as many as five photos total each year. Each photo has to fit in one of the four natural resource or conservation photo categories listed below.

Categories

Before taking your photos or submitting them for the contest, please review the detailed explanation of the photo categories. Judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and change a photographer's category accordingly.

1. Conservation Practices
2. Close Up Conservation
3. Conservation in Action
4. Agriculture and Conservation Across America

The top three winners will be selected for each category and age division. Persons age 19 and over as of December 1, 2016 will compete in the adult age division. Persons age 18 or younger will compete in the youth age division. Each winner will receive a small prize and will have the opportunity to compete in the National Photo Contest set up by the National Association of Conservation Districts, for a chance to win cash prizes. You can find examples of ideas for each category at <http://www.nacdnet.org>

Entry Guidelines

The deadline to enter the 2017 Photo Contest is November 1, 2017. All entry forms must be postmarked by November 1, 2017. Participants can enter as many as five photos total each year. Only amateur photographers are eligible to compete. An amateur photographer is one whose majority of income does not come from photography. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah McDowell at 608-637-5484 or by email to smcdowell@vernoncounty.org

Pictured below are a few of the 2016 1st place winners!

Below: Close Up Conservation
Adult: Dawn Martin, ND



Above: Conservation Practices
Adult: Troy Bishopp, NY

Below: Close Up Conservation
Youth: Emma Lee, WI



Vernon County Land & Water Conservation gives out annual awards including Conservation Farmer of the Year, Conservation Landowner of the Year, and Conservation Teacher of the Year.

The winners will be recognized at our Conservation Awards Banquet in early spring. Please use the nomination form to nominate someone. Please contact Sarah McDowell at 608-637-5484 or smcdowell@vernoncounty.org for more information.



Wisconsin 4-H'ers Tarilyn Mikel, Abbie Hammer, Abby Korb and Adam Riley pose at the Global 4-H Network Summit in Ottawa, Canada.

WI 4-H'ers share in international culture, ideas at summit

**How do Wisconsin 4-H'ers share our culture at an international summit?
Teach the world the Wisconsin Milk song, of course!**

Six representatives of Wisconsin 4-H joined delegates from 35 countries in Ottawa, Canada, for the Global 4-H Network Summit in mid July. Participants in the summit, geared towards older 4-H youth, volunteers and professionals, were: Megan Rebout, Rock County 4-H Program Coordinator, Josh Goede, Monroe County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Adam Riley, Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council Vice President, Abbie Hammer, Racine County, Abby Korb, Racine County, and Tarilyn Mikel, Monroe County. Global 4-H programs have 7 million members from 70 nations. "The summit opened my eyes to how international and widespread 4-H is. Sometimes it is called 4-S or even 5-H, but the commonality is that it teaches youth life skills to influence their communities," says Megan Rebout, Rock County 4-H Youth Development Advisor. The goal of the global summit was much like that of 4-H in the United States, but on an international scale — to build capacity and offer shared learning experiences. Each day was themed: Community Engagement & Communications, Science & Technology, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security, and The Environment & Healthy Living. Attendees participated in seminars during the day and cultural activities, like visiting the Canadian Museum of History and Canada's Agriculture and Food Museum with local 4-H club displays and demonstrations, as well as a high-level (fancy) dinner. In some countries, like Finland, 4-H is for young people aged 6-28 years, with a focus on developing young people to start a business and earn money. In Nicaragua, 4-S (*Saber*-know/head; *Sentimientos*-feelings/heart; *Servicio*-service/hands; *Salud*-health/health) helps young people raise funds by selling coffee, dried fruit, honey and chia with programs run through churches. In Nepal, 4-H youth have sat on round tables solve peace problems with India. In Gambia, where youth are defined as age 13-35, they use sports, especially soccer, as their educational platform to bring more than 10 ethnic groups together. Wisconsin 4-H'ers brought home great ideas as souvenirs from the international gathering. "I did not know what to expect, but it blew my



Abby Korb (center) and Abbie Hammer (right) take part in an activity during Science & Technology Day at the Global 4-H Network



Abbie Hammer, left, enjoys a song from Lindy Couch of Illinois at the Night in the Country event at the mid July Global Network Summit.

mind," Rebout says. "I plan to use the stories, a few tools and the contacts made." She has been in contact with a Scottish group called Are Ewe Okay about a tool that merges ag industry and mental health awareness. Abby Korb, a sophomore at Ripon college who recently graduated from Kan-Do 4-H, took part in science experiments at the summit. She played with a powder known as instant snow that puffs up when water is added, as well as magic sand, which is coated with a compound that keeps it from getting wet in water. Korb said the seminar was useful to her in her summer job as an assistant daycare teacher with children ages 3-12. Korb is a psychology major who hopes to focus on children in foster care or with severe mental

illness or trauma. Youth under the age of 30 account for nearly half of the world's population, making them important assets in addressing national challenges. "From this summit, I learned that it doesn't take much to change the world. You need to have participation, passion and a solid reason to make the change," says Hammer, a 17-year-old 4-H Ambassador from the Burlington Back 40 4-H Club. Wisconsin 4-H'ers said a memorable part of the summit was the ongoing cultural exchange, including traditional dances and dress from many countries. "The Wisconsin youth made sure to teach everyone the [Wisconsin Milk](#) song. It was a great way to wrap up the conference," Rebout says.

2018 WISCONSIN 4-H ADULT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

Love working with youth? Interested in Aerospace? Citizenship? Leadership? Global Citizenship?

Wisconsin 4-H Wants You!

What opportunities exist?

- ☐ Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. (June-July);
- ☐ National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November);
- ☐ Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama (late April);
- ☐ International immersion programs in Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, South Korea (4 weeks, summer 2018);
- ☐ Other Educational Programs that are under development.

Who can apply?

- ☐ Applicants must be at least 21 years old (25 for some experiences) at time of program.
- ☐ Applicants must have completed the Wisconsin 4-H VIP Training and currently be registered as 4-H leaders.

What are the expectations of Adult Advisors?

- ☐ Applicants must be in good physical condition to withstand rigors associated with the program. Expect much walking on hard surfaces, handling luggage, and sharing a sleeping room. Sleep deficit is common.
- ☐ Space Camp and Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) leaders can expect long bus rides.
- ☐ CWF participants usually experience high temperatures with humidity in Washington D.C.
- ☐ Public speaking is required.
- ☐ Adult leaders must work cooperatively with fellow Adult Advisor Team Members and remain with the delegation at all times during the program.
- ☐ Adult leaders are required to submit a report and evaluation upon completion of the program.
- ☐ **Participation at scheduled teleconference or in-person orientations is mandatory.**

How much time does it require?

- ☐ Advisors are required to attend both Adult Advisor and delegate orientations.
- ☐ Preparatory time and time to complete a follow-up report and evaluation must also be scheduled.
- ☐ Most programs are for three to seven days but international programs are four to eight weeks, depending on the program.

What does it cost?

Registration, lodging, and travel expenses are covered for national programs; some meals are at the Adult Advisor's expense. Selected international Advisors will need passports and physicians' reports; some fees apply.

What are the criteria for Advisor selection?

- ☐ Motivation: An applicant's first and foremost reason for applying must be motivated by a genuine desire to lead a youth group, attending to the group's welfare and education, **not for a vacation or to experience a son or daughter's program.**
- ☐ Experience: An applicant must have previous experience chaperoning local, county, district or state overnight or extended programs, whether for 4-H, school, Scouts, or other youth groups.
- ☐ Gender: Youth must be represented by adults of their same gender.
- ☐ Geographic location: Bus travel for CWF and Space Camp originate in Eau Claire where an Advisor is needed at the initial loading site for each program. If a leader is not from that area, it should be noted on the application if he/she is willing to board/disembark at Eau Claire. National Congress requires Advisors at three or four widely dispersed airports.
- ☐ Interpersonal communication: Leaders must be team players who work together.
- ☐ Leadership ability. Effective teams unify a variety of talents: organization, "people skills", guiding, etc.
- ☐ Previous travel experience: National Congress leaders must have flight experience; international Advisors must have traveled internationally at least once.
- ☐ Sense of humor! A vital part of state and national 4-H programs is having fun, both for youth and adults.

How do I apply?

For an application, contact a county 4-H office or visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/>.

A complete application must be submitted to WI State 4-H by 4:30pm February 15 (Dec. 1 for international programs).

A county 4-H Youth Development Agent's reference is required. A phone interview may also be conducted.



All applicants will be notified of their status in early March (except for National Congress, notified in July).

Each program has a different focus with different desired attributes for leaders. If someone doesn't fit into one position, they might be great elsewhere. Advisor applicants will experience some wonderful hot competition for a few positions! If you are not selected this year, please don't be discouraged! Apply again next year!



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Sunday— Saturday	Oct. 1-7	National 4-H Week!		
Monday	Oct. 2nd	Calendar Raffle Drawing Begins!		
Wednesday	Oct. 4	Carcass Evaluation Night	7:30 p.m.	Viroqua High School
Sunday	Oct. 15	Leader/Parent Federation Mtg 	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm, Erlandson Building
Monday	Oct. 16	Window Display Entry Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Sunday— Saturday	Oct. 22- 28	Windows on Display at Area Business		
Tuesday	Oct. 31	4-H Calendar Raffle Drawings End		
Tuesday	Oct. 31	Happy Halloween 		
Wednesday	Nov. 1	Project Reports, Friend of 4-H, Special Leader, Award Trip Application & Key Award—Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Nov. 3-5	Fall Forum		Green Lake Conf. Center, Green Lake, WI
Friday	Nov. 10	 Veterans Day		Office Closed
Fri.—Sunday	Nov. 10— 12	State 4-H Horse Project Leaders Conference		UW-Oshkosh
Wednesday	Nov. 15	4-H Enrollment Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Sunday	Nov. 19	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room Extension Office
Thurs.—Fri.	Nov. 23- 24	Happy Thanksgiving! 		Office Closed



Save the Dates!

4-H Arts Fest
Saturday, March 3rd, 2018
Westby Area High School
Watch for complete entry information!

Upham Woods Camp
July 18-20, 2018

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