

## Dane County 4-H Older Youth Updates - Email sent 9/20/19

Hi Dane County 4-H Older Youth,

Happy Friday! It's an exciting time to be in 4-H! This is a long email, but I wanted to make sure you knew about the many opportunities for you to get involved at different levels – your club, County, State, and Nationally. These opportunities are not only fun...you will also learn new skills, make friends, give back to your community, and build your resume! If you have questions about any of the opportunities listed, please reach out and ask questions.

(Parents and Club Leaders, please share with your older youth if they do not have their personal email in the 4HOnline database. Note that older youth can add an email to 4HOnline in their profile.)

- **4-H Ambassadors – (8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade)** - Save the date – **Sunday, October 20** – time TBA – for the Ambassador Kick Off! Ambassadors represent and promote 4-H in the community by getting involved in community service and promotions activities. This group is led by youth with adult mentor oversight. This year, we have a new adult mentors that are excited to help make the vision of Ambassadors come to life! I encourage you to join us for the kick off to find out if this is for you! More information will be available in early October.
- **Training and Volunteer Opportunities (8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade)** -
  - **New 4-H Club Officer Training Participant**– Tuesday, October 29 from 6:00-8:00pm – If you have been elected to a new role or if you are interested in learning about the different club leadership roles, you are invited to join this interactive event as a participant! [Register to attend the New 4-H Club Officer Training.](#)
  - **New 4-H Club Officer Training Volunteer** – Tuesday, October 29 from 6:00-8:00pm – If you have experience as a Club Officer, you may volunteer to share your experience as a 4-H Club officer and lead activities that teach other youth how to be successful in their new role. Reply to this [email](#) or call Lisa Curley at 608-224-3702 if you are interested in volunteering.
  - **New 4-H Family Orientation** – Thursday, November 21 from 6:00-8:00pm - Lead activities and songs with new 4-H youth while their parents are learning more about our organization. Reply to this [email](#) or call Lisa Curley at 608-224-3702 if you are interested in volunteering.
- **NEW – Fall Performers Festival – (K-13<sup>th</sup> grade)** - Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:00pm at Oakwood Village West. Similar to the Spring Performers Festival, but without evaluation. This is a great time to get on stage in a safe and fun atmosphere! All acts welcome. More information on the [Dane County 4-H Website](#). [Register online by November 6.](#)
- **4-H Fall Forum 2019 (7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade)**– **November 1-3, 2019 at the [Green Lake Conference Center](#).** Don't miss out on this 4-H training opportunity for older youth and adult volunteers. Fall Forum is an opportunity for you to attend a statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Youth must attend with an adult chaperone. If you are interested in attending, but do not have an adult chaperone, please connect with Lisa Curley at [curley.lisa@countyofdane.com](mailto:curley.lisa@countyofdane.com). More information on the [Fall Forum Webpage](#) and [Fall Forum Schedule \(Draft\)](#).

- **Dane County Leaders Association Board of Directors:** The Dane County Leaders Board has four openings for **Youth Members at Large**. The goals of the Board is to advocate for 4-H, conduct county level programs, raise funds, coordinate county recognition, and represent 4-H to the community. As a member of the Board, you will be involved in the exchange of ideas and problem solving discussion relating to 4-H. Nominate yourself or another youth by contacting Trina Pauli [trinapauli@gmail.com](mailto:trinapauli@gmail.com). Deadline is September 27.
- **4-H Educational Events (formerly Trips) (6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade)** – Information is available on the 2020 4-H educational events! It's your chance to represent Dane County and WI! Youth who attend these events form lasting relationships, learn life skills in diverse settings, and are inspired to make a change locally. Registration information The following resources contain helpful dates for the 2020 Educational Programs: Space Camp, WI 4-H & Youth Conference, American Spirit East, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference.
  - [2020 Educational Programs Brochure](#)
  - [2020 Educational Programs Quick Reference Guide](#)
  - [2020 Educational Programs Calendar](#)

Please feel free to connect with me if you run into any questions. I look forward to meeting many of you at the Ambassador Kick Off on October 20!

Enjoy your weekend.

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