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To: 4-H Youth Development Faculty and Staff
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RE: 2008 Fall Forum
Saturday, October 18, 2008
The Plaza in Wausau, Wisconsin
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Check in for the meeting opens at 8:30 a.m.)

It's time for the Annual Fall Forum!

The Fall Forum is a collaborative meeting of the Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council (ALC) and the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC). The Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council consists of an adult volunteer from each county and returning members from the Executive Board. The State 4-H Youth Council is an elected group of 20 youth volunteer leaders who represent geographical districts throughout the state.

The purpose of the Fall Forum is to provide a forum for 4-H Youth Development issue awareness and discussion, education on emerging opportunities, facilitate discussion between counties, and provide opportunities for volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluating of specific statewide programs. Participation by all counties is important.

At the 2008 Fall Forum delegates will be engaged in a World Café discussion on issues affecting local clubs. They will also experience the first required annual leader training taught by the Strengthening 4-H Clubs workteam, *Effective and Safe 4-H Club Meetings*.

Check out the Fall Forum website for materials and information: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/fallforum.cfm>.

Who Should Attend Fall Forum

Each county should select 1 youth and 1 adult delegate to attend the Fall Forum. Counties have found it most beneficial to select a new delegate each year. It is important that the delegate can share what local programs are and are willing to share information back to the county from the Fall Forum proceedings. Go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/fallforum.cfm> to find "A Tip for Selection of Delegates to Fall Forum" which can assist counties in this selection process. Delegates should be youth and adult volunteers who can provide the communication link between county 4-H programs and the Councils. Delegates from past years do not receive individual mailings.

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council members and Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council Executive Board members will receive information by email. Their attendance is important. ALC Board members and present YLC members can serve as the county delegate, but you can send an additional county delegate. Elections for ALC Board members and new YLC members will occur at this meeting. Youth delegates will vote for the YLC members and the adult delegates will vote for the ALC Board members. Council members should coordinate their registrations with the 4-H Youth Development staff in their county.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Donor Recognition luncheon will celebrate our strong partnership with the 4-H Foundation. To conclude the day, the Adult Leader Council and Youth Leader Council, along with youth delegates, will be meeting separately for elections and business meetings. YLC members will continue their meeting through Sunday at noon. Any newly elected YLC members may choose to attend the meetings through Sunday, but this is not required.

This year, a silent auction will be held with the proceeds going to the Judith Gruszynske 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund. More information will be posted on the Fall Forum website in the near future.

Registration Details

Registration is required of all participants. All participants need to pay the \$30.00 registration fee. Registration forms are due by **September 26, 2008**. Funding for Fall Forum comes from a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, the 4-H Youth Development Program area and from a small registration fee from each delegate.

Links/Enclosures with this Letter

- Tip Sheet for Fall Forum Delegate Selection: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/fall-forum-tips.pdf>
- Agenda for 2008 Fall Forum: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/FallForumAgenda08.doc>
- Registration Form for the 2008 Fall Forum due **September 26, 2008**.
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/RegistrationForm_003.pdf
- Updated information sheet on the State 4-H Adult Leader Council and Wisconsin Youth Leader Council:
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/InformationSheetALC.pdf> and
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/documents/InformationSheetALC.pdf>

For updated Rosters, Bylaws and Constitutions, and current minutes check out the following websites:

Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/>

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm>

Delegates to the Fall Forum do make a difference in our organization. In working to select county representatives, please consider the individual's commitment to 4-H and the program in Wisconsin, and their support of youth/adult partnerships. ALC Board members and YLC members have made a commitment to assist local counties in their selection of delegates. Thank you for the work of paid and volunteer staff in supporting delegates as they prepare to attend and then return to your counties filled with information and issues for consideration in your county