Year 2014-2015

DODGE COUNTY 4-H

OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Dodge County 4-H sponsors a variety of trips and awards available only to youth in grade 6 or higher. To be considered you MUST complete the M.E. (Member Evaluation) Forms.

Fill out the category color that matches your HIGHEST CATEGORY trip choice.

Partial financial assistance for these is provided by the Leader's Association.

Category I (Green Forms) Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference or Space Camp
Category II (Pink Forms) 4-H American Spirit Trip or 4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus
Category III (Yellow Forms) National 4-H Conference or National 4-H Congress or Key Award

Please Note: DUE DATE is September 19, 2014
INTERVIEW DATE: October 13, 2014 in evening
(Phone interview available in extenuating circumstances)

WISCONSIN 4-H and YOUTH CONFERENCE: Complete Cover Page and Green Category I to Apply
WI 4-H & Youth Conference: June 22—25, 2015 UW-Madison Campus. Up to 20 youth can attend from Dodge County to become involved in a variety of seminars, tours, assemblies, recreational, and leadership opportunities. Participants must be in 7th-10th grade as of Jan. 1, 2015. (Costs about $235; approx. $78 is paid)

SPACE CAMP Complete Cover Page and Green Category I to Apply
Members GRADE 6-8, as of January 1, 2015, explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy and technology. This will be April 16—20, 2015 at U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut. (Cost: about $525; approximately $175 is paid.)

4-H AMERICAN SPIRIT LEADERSHIP TRIP Complete Cover Page and Pink Category II to Apply
This is an educational experience that focuses on increasing the understanding and appreciation of American Heritage. Youth study American Heritage, develop leadership skills and learn about citizenship. Youth travel with adult coordinators and chaperons to Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Niagara Falls and Lexington; June 17-25, 2015 (tentative). Participants must be 8th-10th grade as of Jan. 1, 2015. Dodge County can select up to 3 delegates & 2 alternates. (Cost: about $1,100; approximately $367 is paid.)

4-H CITIZENSHIP-WASHINGTON FOCUS: Complete Cover Page and Pink Category II to Apply
Use the nation's capitol as a resource youth experience; learn individual citizenship responsibilities, America's heritage & branches of government. Dodge County can select 2 delegates + 2 alternates. Participants must be 10th-12th grade as of Jan. 1, 2015. Your choice of one pre-selected week in June or July, 2015. (This experience costs around $1,225, of which approximately $408 is paid.)

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE: Complete Cover Page and Yellow Category III to Apply
Six Wisconsin youth selected at state level from county recommendations to an event that brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation together to work together towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. Held in Washington DC, April 10—16, 2015. Grade 10th-12th (Cost: $1100 – a portion is paid by Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Dodge Co 4-H Leaders Association).

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS: Complete Cover Page and Yellow Category III to Apply
Delegates will participate in self-development seminars, tours and a service project. Emphasis is on evidence of overall individual development and in-depth involvement in 4-H Club, project and activity work. Evidence of leadership in 4-H, school and community efforts is important. Held in Atlanta, Georgia Nov. 27—Dec. 2, 2015. Dodge County may select 1-2 delegates. Delegates must be 10th-12th grade as of Jan. 1, 2015. (Cost: approx. $1,100-a portion is paid by Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Dodge Co 4-H Leaders Association)

WISCONSIN 4-H KEY AWARD: Complete Cover Page and Yellow Category III to Apply
Dodge County can select up to 5 people. Sponsored by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation & Affiliates to provide recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, developed leadership ability and been helpful members in club/community. Youth for this award must be in 10th grade or older as of Jan. 1, 2015 and must have completed at least three years of club work and one year of youth leadership.

WHAT FORM do I FILL OUT? To be considered for more than one trip award, only fill ONE form out. Fill out the form with the highest category that qualifies you for the trips you wish to apply for. Questions? Call the 4-H Office (920-386-3790).

You may not be selected for your first choice, so plan accordingly.

Application, Forms and other information will be on the Dodge County 4-H Website
http://dodge.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/formsguidesapplications/

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Suggestions for Completing your
M.E. (Member Evaluation) FORM
(ME Form is attached)

PLEASE READ this, and subsequent forms thoroughly BEFORE you begin to write AND complete ONLY the appropriate forms. These forms allow for a concise statement of WHAT you have accomplished during your 4-H experience.

DO NOT ATTACH this sheet to your finished Form!

ME Forms include: What you've learned, done, accomplished, and how much you've "grown." You'll need to pick out and combine things from THROUGHOUT your 4-H years, including projects that best communicate what you've done and what the results and benefits have been. Interviews are essential in selecting delegates and the completed Member Evaluation Form aids in the 4-H trip selection process; in addition the ME format is a practice for "real life" FORMS (i.e., aptitude tests, college scholarships, job applications, resumes, tax forms, etc.).

The Member Evaluation process is a "life skill"---teaching you about interviewing for future jobs; therefore, dress accordingly!

General Guidelines:
• Include information from THROUGHOUT your 4-H experience.
• Appearance, accuracy, thoughtfulness and grammatical correctness IS IMPORTANT.
• Make your form readable. Single spaced typewriter copy or print neatly in blue/black ink.
• Clarify terminology - say EXACTLY what you mean/describe exactly what you've done. "Great" doesn't help readers know what you did or accomplished...how you have "grown."
• Use narrative form, phrases, charts or outline (or a combination); whichever communicates best. (WHAT you've accomplished is more important than the format used.)
• Be consistent in tense (past, present, future).
• Be selective in what you write AND avoid repetition.
• Limit listing of awards/ribbons; include ONLY most significant START with most recent year.
• Have someone who did not help you check your grammar and spelling.
**Dodge County ME Guidelines:**

- The “Year 2014-2015 Trip Awards” page MUST BE filled out by ALL APPLICANTS.
- Awards have been divided into THREE (3) CATEGORIES - locate YOUR preference.
- Fill out the COLOR forms that coincide with your selection.
- Special instructions for each SECTION title follow:

**4-H LEADERSHIP**

Leadership means taking responsibility for planning, arranging, conducting and evaluating programs, projects and activities.

You will want to include:
- 4-H leadership, learning/doing goals you've set for yourself (learning to plan meetings, ways to motivate people, teaching younger members, working with different ages).
- Progress you are making toward your 4-H leadership goals.
- Future plans to continue meeting these or new leadership goals.
- 4-H leadership roles that you have assumed.
- Leadership roles that have been most beneficial to you or to others.
- Major 4-H leadership accomplishments beneficial to you or others.
- Club, county, district or state responsibilities.

**NOTE:** Indicate specific leadership responsibilities you’ve assumed in particular projects/activities. BE SPECIFIC and try NOT TO REPEAT in other sections.

**4-H PROJECT or ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Your most important projects or activities (other than leadership) are described in this section; consider writing about:
- Goals
- What you've learned or skills you've developed
- How size and scope of project or activity has grown...
  - Financial investment, savings, loss or gain
  - Number of techniques tried, things made, things grown, etc.
  - The intangible (appreciation of others, satisfactions, etc.)
  - Awards that indicate quality of work (BE SELECTIVE)
- Things you've done in project/activity (demonstrations, tours, meetings, etc.)

**OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY** (not previously reported)

Start with your most recent year and summarize your other 4-H leadership, project or activity involvement; you have not written about yet. Indicate special responsibilities or importance if it is not evident. Examples: health, safety, conservation, recreation, music, drama, speaking, etc.

**NON-4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY**

Start with your most recent year and summarize those things that you are involved in at school, church, community organizations, etc.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION** (Is only for Category III)

This section allows you to share your thoughts on a question for which there is no right or wrong answer. You will be evaluated on your depth of thought and how clearly you can communicate.

**MEMBER EVALUATION (M.E.) FORMS are DUE:** SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!
READ all forms thoroughly BEFORE beginning AND complete ONLY the appropriate forms.
USE INK OR TYPEWRITER

This page MUST BE filled out by ALL applicants for award consideration.

NAME: ___________________________________________ Date Submitted: ________________
Age _____ and Grade _____ (as of 01/01/2015) Telephone: (____) ______-___________
Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth ___________ Email ________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________ Years in 4-H: ____________
________________________________________
E-mail Address:_______________________________________ 4-H Club: _________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________

* INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE and fill out the forms that coincide with your selection(s):

CATEGORY I: □ State 4-H & Youth Conference or [green color forms] □ Space Camp

CATEGORY II: □ 4-H American Spirit Trip or [pink color forms] □ 4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus or

CATEGORY III: □ National 4-H Conference or [yellow color forms] □ National 4-H Congress or
□ Key Award

*Indicate any TRIP AWARDS you would NOT accept and WHY:

*List PREVIOUS trip awards and YEAR:

INTERVIEWS will be held OCTOBER 13th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Time I Prefer: ___________
(Phone interview available in extenuating circumstances--must be arranged ahead of time)
READ all forms thoroughly BEFORE beginning AND complete ONLY the appropriate forms.
USE INK OR TYPEWRITER

CATEGORY I: State 4-H & Youth Conference OR Space Camp ................................................. [green form]

NAME: __________________________ Date Submitted: __________
Age ____ and Grade ____ (as of 01/01/2015) Telephone: (____) ____-
ADDRESS: __________________________ Years in 4-H: __________
________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________ 4-H Club: __________
Number of members in Club ______  Number of Leaders in the Club ______
Have you attended the State 4-H Congress in Madison?  Yes ☐  No ☐  If Yes, Give Year ______
Have you attended Citizenship-Washington Focus, Washington, DC?  Yes ☐  No ☐  If Yes, Give Year ______
Have you received the 4-H Key Award?  Yes ☐  No ☐  If Yes, Give Year ______
FUTURE PLANS:____________________________

Evaluation of My 4-H Program
List projects you have been enrolled in, indicate years and if presently enrolled. Do not exceed the space allowed. Be selective if necessary.

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Please answer the following questions with a paragraph on another page:

1) What has being a 4-H member meant to you?

2) Why do you want to participate in a trip award?

3) How do you think the trip awards will help you as an individual?
Year 2014-2015 TRIP AWARDS
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READ all forms thoroughly BEFORE beginning AND complete ONLY the appropriate forms.
USE INK OR TYPEWRITER

CATEGORY II: 4-H American Spirit Trip or 4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus

NAME: ____________________________ Date Submitted: ____________
Age ___ and Grade ____ (as of 01/01/2015) Telephone: (___) ___-_____

ADDRESS: ____________________________ Years in 4-H: _________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________ 4-H Club: __________
Number of members in Club ____ Number of Leaders in the Club ____

Have you attended the State 4-H Congress in Madison? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Give Year _____
Have you attended Citizenship-Washgtn Focus, Washington, DC? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Give Year _____
Have you received the 4-H Key Award? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Give Year _____

FUTURE PLANS:_________________________________________________________

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SECTION I: 4-H LEADERSHIP (limit one page)
See Suggestions for Completing your ME Form sheet
(goals, roles, accomplishments, programs, plans)

SECTION II: 4-H ACTIVITIES (limit one page)
See Suggestions for Completing your ME Form sheet

Year_________Activities____________________________________________________

SECTION III: NON-4-H ACTIVITIES (limit one page)
See Suggestions for Completing your ME Form sheet

Year_________Activities_____________________________________________________
Year 2014-2015 TRIP AWARDS
ME Forms are DUE: September 19, 2014

READ all forms thoroughly BEFORE beginning AND complete ONLY the appropriate forms.
USE INK OR TYPEWRITER

CATEGORY III: National 4-H Conference OR National 4-H Congress OR Key Award............ [Yellow Form]

NAME: ___________________________________________ Date Submitted: __________
Age ____ and Grade ____ (as of 01/01/2015) Telephone: (__) ___-_____
ADDRESS: ___________________________________________ Years in 4-H: _______

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________ 4-H Club: __________________
Number of members in Club ______  Number of Leaders in the Club ______
Have you attended the State 4-H Congress in Madison? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Give Year _____
Have you attended Citizenship-Washington Focus, Washington, DC? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Give Year _____
Have you received the 4-H Key Award? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, Give Year _____
FUTURE PLANS:__________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
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EVALUATION OF MY 4-H PROGRAM
To get a good perspective of items called on this form, READ IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE you begin to write.

Important: Report a specific activity (thing you did) ONLY ONCE.
Determine the MOST appropriate place on the form to report it!

PROJECT LISTING
List projects in which you have been enrolled and indicate years and if presently enrolled.
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(Goals, roles, accomplishment programs, plans)

SECTION II: 4-H PROJECT OR ACTIVITY REPORTS (limit four pages)
(Knowledge, skills, size, scope, experience, leadership)
No more than 4 projects or activities.

NAME OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY ____________________________
LEADERSHIP AND/OR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES YOU'VE HAD IN THIS PROJECT OR ACTIVITY.

SECTION III: OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (limit one page)
(Activities not reported elsewhere in this report)

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SECTION V: DISCUSSION QUESTION (limit one page)

Based on your experiences in 4-H, what is an important concern of youth that you feel 4-H has helped you deal with positively? What has 4-H specifically done to help you in dealing with this concern? Could changes be made for 4-H to help even more? How would your proposed change help?