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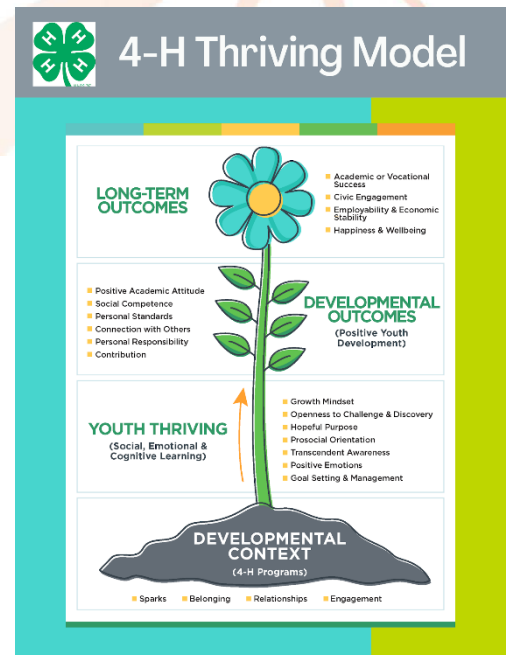


February 2023 4-H Educator Report

It all starts with a Spark!

When it is expressed, we feel alive.
We feel useful. Life has a purpose.
We feel we are drawing on our best potential.

Sending my appreciation and gratitude to all the 4-H volunteers that attended the 2022-2023 Annual Leader Training! Three trainings were held in January. Participants discussed and defined “sparks”, looked at the Thrive Survey results and the why behind our focus on youth’s sparks. We identified 4-H volunteers as Spark Champions and ways they can share their sparks and help youth identify their sparks. The Thriving 4-H Model was shared and how sparks help create the right environment to encourage growth. Each 4-H volunteer attending the Annual Leader Training received a copy of the book *Sparks: How Parents Can Ignite the Hidden Strengths of Teenagers*, by **Peter L. Benson**, supported by the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association. Along with the book resources were provided enabling the volunteer to hold a book read or train someone to hold a three-session book read. Books are available to be checked out from Extension for 30 days by a club holding the book read. Facilitator guides for each session are available from the Extension office to support those interested in holding a book read or reading the book.



Thank you to our 2022-2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Youth Advisory Council!

The 2022-2023 Ozaukee County 4-H Youth Advisory Council wrapped up their year by creating a resource on ideas to increase participation in 4-H Clubs & 4-H Group meetings. We are pleased to release their work to the Ozaukee County 4-H membership and leaders. Please feel free to use this resource! [Ozaukee 4-H Youth Advisory Council – Ideas to Increase Participation in 4-H Clubs & Groups \(.pdf\)](#)



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The 4-H Ozaukee County Youth Advisory Council voted and the 2023 4-H County Fair theme!

It is **S'more Fun at the Fair!**

We look forward to seeing the theme decorations at the Ozaukee County Fair- August 2nd-6th, 2023!



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Register Now

Succession Planning & Shared Leadership

Do you have a 4-H Club, Group or County-wide Project succession plan? Would you like to learn more about succession planning for 4-H Clubs, Groups, and Projects? Join our succession planning workshop to learn what succession planning can look like! We will discuss possible approaches, share resources, and brainstorm ideas to make succession planning possible.

When: March 22, from 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Administration Center Auditorium, 121 W Main Street, Port Washington, WI 53021

Register here: <https://forms.gle/A5uAKDxeXXFbTzhRA>

Project Leader Orientation Dates

Join us for the March Ozaukee County 4-H Project Leader Orientation where this hands-on training explores curriculum/resources, expected number of educational hours for projects, meeting planning resources, policies, and engaging youth. Hear and share ideas and start planning your own project meetings.

- **Who:** All 4-H Project Leaders- new, experienced, and those interested in becoming a project leader.
- **When:** March 1, from 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Where:** Room 118 at the Administration Center in Port Washington
- **Register to attend at** <https://forms.gle/wZ4k6cnNpm7ciXKs8>
- **Note:** Minimum of 5 participants required for the orientation to be held.



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NEW Volunteer In Preparation (VIP) Trainings

One of the required steps in becoming a registered 4-H volunteer with Extension is to attend this volunteer orientation called "Volunteers in Preparation." Any new 4-H adult volunteers in need of the Volunteers in Preparation Training (VIP Training), there's several upcoming opportunities for you to attend a virtual session. We hope to see you there!

- Ozaukee County hosted date:
 - **Wednesday, March 8th from 6:30-8:30pm.**
 - Virtual session, register here: <https://forms.gle/JbRy8fpTfAkXyp477>
- Statewide hosted dates are available too!
 - **February 24, March 2, March 14, March 19, March 20, March 22**

Please visit the VIP State website to see available dates and to sign-up: <https://sites.google.com/wisc.edu/vip2023>

4-H Summer Adventure Camp Registration Opens February 15th at 8am!

The 4-H Summer Adventure Camp planning committee has been meeting since November and has an adventurous camp planned for youth in grades 7-9 grade!

4-H Adventure Camp: Registration Opens Feb. 15th

Ozaukee County 4-H Youth in Grades 7-9 are invited to attend Adventure Camp this summer! Join us as we adventure out to explore nature, tent camp, hike, cave kayak, participate in an escape room, and more!

- **Camp Dates:** June 22-25, 2023
- **Who:** Current Ozaukee County 4-H Youth in Grades 7-9 (current year)
- **When:** Registration Opens February 15th @ 8:00am.
- **Where:** Register using [4HOnline](#) / Under Events
- **Cost:** \$130 per youth
- **Note:** Space is limited to 20 youth campers and registrations taken on a first-completed, first accepts basis. (Event registration and receipt of payment is required for completion.)

For more information, please visit the [4-H Summer Camp](#) webpage.

2023 BASE CAMP ADULT CAMP STAFF NEEDED!

We need adult volunteer camp staff in a variety of roles. Please contact Deb or Jayna listed below if you are interested in volunteering to assist with camp this year.

- Returning adult camp staff, contact Deb Poull, Base Camp Director, at 414-750-0048 (text accepted) or debpoull@gmail.com to notify her of your intent to return.
- New adult camp staff, contact Jayna Hintz, 4-H Program Educator, at 414-335-6008 (text accepted) or jayna.hintz@wisc.edu to proceed with becoming an approved 4-H volunteer or 414-335-6008 (text accepted)

Camp youth capacity numbers are based on number of adult camp volunteers that sign-up!



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Tri-County Visual Arts Festival: Entries Open!

The 2023 Tri-County Visual Arts Festival is accepting entries! ALL youth in grades 3-13 from Ozaukee, Washington, and Fond du Lac Counties are invited to participate in the festival. 4-H'ers make sure you enter and tell a friend to enter too! We look forward to seeing your creative projects.

- **Entry deadline is March 1st, 2023.**
- **Register using 4HOnline.**
- **This year's theme is *Local Inspiration*:** Be inspired by the place where you live, work, and play. This could be a location, town, city, park, school, your home or other local places!

Additional information can be found at link: <https://ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/2022/12/06/tri-county-visual-arts-festival/>

Reminders

- **Fairgrounds Reservations Contact Info:** Please contact Melissa Alexander, Marketing Coordinator, at malexander@co.ozaukee.wi.us. Project Leaders and other 4-H Leaders that use the Fairgrounds, please make your 2023 building reservations soon!
- **Administration Building in Port Washington** reservations should be made through Joe Larsen, Extension office Support Staff, at joseph.larsen@wisc.edu

As always the Harbinger Newsletter is a great source for all things happening in Ozaukee County 4-H ! Please be sure to read the latest edition! <https://ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/harbinger/>