

BAYFIELD COUNTY OLDER MEMBER AWARDS

Key Award

Students entering your senior year: This prestigious award provides special recognition for up to three 4-H members in their senior year of high school who have demonstrated consistent growth in the 4-H program, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their club and community. 4-H'ers must have completed at least three years in the program. The award is sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. **Record books from past years are to be submitted and will be used as a criterion to determine award winners.** Winners receive a framed certificate, a personalized plaque, and pin. Record books must be submitted to the Extension Office by the September Leaders meeting. The award will be selected by the 4-H Executive Board at that time and be presented at the October Awards Dinner.

Awards Selected on Basis of Older Member Award Application

Beginning Leadership Award

This award is intended for youth in eighth grade or older who are just beginning their 4-H leadership and have demonstrated good leadership qualities. Recipients will be recognized with a certificate for outstanding beginning leadership.

Outstanding Leadership Award

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated consistent leadership abilities at club and county levels. Up to two youth in 10th grade or older will be selected and awarded a certificate of recognition.

Outstanding Youth Project Leader

This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the ability to teach younger members project-related skills.

Community Service Award

This award recognizes individuals who have excelled in service to their communities.

Young Entrepreneur Award (new 2014)

This award is intended for youth in 8th grade or older who are beginning their own small business venture.

Advanced Entrepreneurship Award (new 2014)

This award recognizes an individual in 10th grade or older, who has grown in their experience in running a small business.

4-H Ambassadors

Up to four youth will be recognized for their involvement and knowledge of the 4-H program and their desire to serve as 4-H Ambassadors. Bayfield County 4-H Ambassador duties include reaching the public with the 4-H story, helping other 4-H'ers better understand the 4-H program, promoting 4-H programs and events in the media, and assisting with and hosting 4-H programs and events. This is a two-year term.

Junior Ambassadors (first year) will be inducted at the 4-H Recognition Banquet and encouraged to attend State Conference in Madison as an ambassador. **Senior Ambassadors** (second year) will take on new, more challenging roles in their second year.

Legislative Citation

This prestigious award recognizes an individual in 11th grade or older who has demonstrated outstanding service and leadership in their community through their 4-H involvement. The panel may nominate one qualified candidate per year. The successful candidate will receive a citation signed by a State legislator representing Bayfield County to be presented at the 4-H Recognition Dinner.

TRIP, ADVENTURE, AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Northern District Winter Camp

This three-day teen camp, held in January at Crosswoods camp in Delta, focuses on teen issues and recreation. Up to ten Bayfield County 4-H'ers, in eighth grade or older, are selected. **All first time Older Member Award applicants are encouraged to apply for this trip.** Award winners receive partial scholarships from the Leaders Association to attend. 4-H'ers may receive scholarships to attend this event more than once.

Superior Days

Superior Days is a lobbying event at the State Capital in Madison where adults and youth from Northwest Wisconsin present Legislative issues unique to Northern Wisconsin through face to face conversations with elected representatives and their staff. Prior to attending, Superior Days delegates must attend three planning meetings. 4-H members have found this experience both a challenging and rewarding leadership experience. For more information about Superior Days you can visit their dedicated web site at: www.superiordays.com

Bayfield County Adventure Trips

Work with other older 4-H members to develop a series of local Outdoor Adventure trips. They may involve but are not limited to: kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, camping, ropes courses, or other adventures that fit the group. Youth who apply for these through the Older Member Awards will receive funding to offset the cost of these adventures. The Trips will be organized by the group and take place during the spring and summer of 2016.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

This conference is designed to help participants develop self-confidence, express and exchange ideas, increase knowledge of 4-H subjects, gain ideas for use with local 4-H programs, make new friends and experience campus life. Up to seven Bayfield County 4-H'ers, grades 8-10, will be selected to each receive a partial scholarship to attend. The conference takes place Monday through Thursday of the third week of June. Approximately 700 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 15-19, from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital. Participants travel by bus to the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Bayfield County selects up to three delegates, 10th through 12th grade, to each receive a partial scholarship to attend. Participants must have attended Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference or another State 4-H event prior to going on this trip. **(please see attached additional information on this trip.)** Go to <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/cwf/> for more information.

Fall Forum

Fall Forum gives each county the opportunity to have a voice in the future of Wisconsin 4-H. The Forum provides youth and adult volunteers the opportunity to learn, teach, network, and discuss critical issues and initiatives with the 4-H Youth Development program area on policies and direction affecting Wisconsin 4-H. The Fall Forum is also the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State 4-H Adult Leader Council (ALC) and Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC).

American Spirit Trips

East – The American Spirit Leadership Program is an opportunity for youth completing grades 8-10 to develop knowledge of America's Heritage, citizenship and leadership through a 10-day educational tour of historical sites in the Eastern states, including Valley Forge, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Niagara Falls. **West** - This was a new offering in 2016 and may be offered again in 2017. The trip was 10-day educational travel opportunity with other 4H members into the western states and National Parks led by 4H staff and volunteers in our Northwest Region.