YAC Has A New Twist! Introducing...

Winnebago County 4-H Youth <u>Adventure</u> Committee

Why the Change?

It was noted that we often lose 4-H youth in their teen years due to multiple reasons:

- There is a lot of competition for our teen youth's time (sports and other extracurriculars).
- Our current programming has a heavy elementary-aged focus.
- Our teen youth would like more opportunities to "belong" and share their experiences while feeling free to be themselves.

With the hopes of retaining more of our teenaged youth and still provide ample opportunities for teen leadership, the Youth Advisory Committee is now the Youth **Adventure** Committee!

What will the new YAC do?

- Any Winnebago County 4-H youth ages 13-19 can join YAC. There is no selection process.
- Youth that would like to join will meet a few times a year to plan three to four adventure and fun-filled activities for 4-H teens to attend. (ex: Snow tubing, kayaking, bowling, zip lining, Brewer or Timber Rattler game, etc). The YOUTH decide on and help plan the outings.
- We are focusing on the 4-H Essential Element of BELONGING. YAC will help provide opportunities for teens to get to know peers from other clubs in the county and have fun in a safe environment.

Will there be costs involved?

Yes. Teens that participate in the new YAC activities will need to pay for costs involved such as tickets, entrance, rental or other fees. We will try to keep activities as reasonable as possible.

How does my teen sign up?

It's simple! Please complete this sign-up form: https://forms.office.com/r/NkDzdBZCaV

Parents/Guardians: Please consider helping out by being a chaperone at one or more YAC events!



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