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## Former and Current 4-H'ers Invited to 4-H Centennial Fun Day

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is spending 2014 celebrating 100 years of positive youth development programming. Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped youth grow the leadership, critical thinking and communications skills necessary to be successful in a constantly changing world.

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is part of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, and 4-H programs are delivered in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture and federal, state and local governments. 4-H has its roots in youth corn and

agriculture clubs, which helped researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Extension share the latest agriculture developments with farmers by teaching their children.

Just seven youth attended the first 4-H club meeting in Wal-

worth County on October 30, 1914. Today, more than 35,000 youth are enrolled as community club members, and nearly 50,000 young people are involved in 4-H through in-school and after-school clubs, day camps, mentoring pro-

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grams and other opportunities. All Wisconsin 4-H programs are supported by the hard work of more than 20,000 youth and adult volunteers. Here in Lincoln County we have 13 community clubs and five clubs that meet during after school programs. Over 450 youth and 150 adult volunteers are involved in 4-H through these 18 clubs. Wisconsin 4-H programs continue to emphasize lifelong learning and a strong connection with the University of Wisconsin,

and programs are available for all interests including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), agriculture and animal science, arts and communications, leadership, healthy living, international exchange and more.

In addition to Lincoln County's participation in statewide celebrations, a committee composed of youth and adults have been planning how Lincoln County would celebrate this anniversary locally. One of those events is

a 4-H Centennial Fun Day - Reunion Celebration to be held on Saturday, August 23rd between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Tug Lake Park. There will be fun games, chance to share memories and a meal. Main dish will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share, lawn chair(s), photos, 4-H scrapbooks, etc. All former and current 4-H members and leaders are invited to this event. RSVP by Monday, August 4th to the UW-Extension office at 715-539-1072.