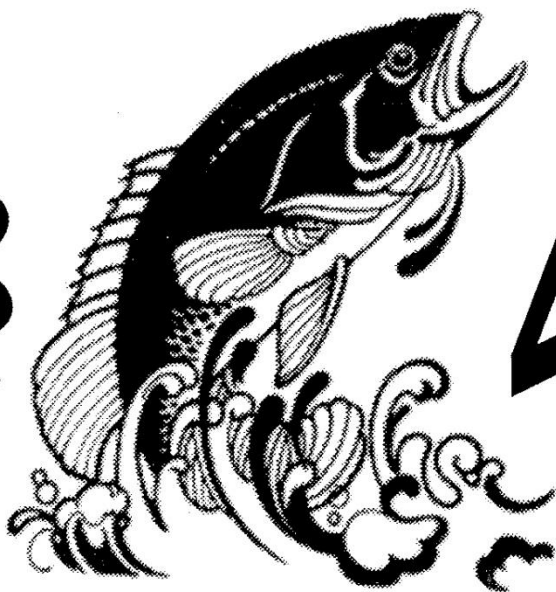


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4-H

Come Fish With Us!

Fishing Project

2017-2018

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Dear Fishing Members,

Welcome to the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Program. Here in Kenosha County, the 4-H Fishing program offers young people many different types of opportunities to learn all about fishing from caring volunteer adult 4-H leaders. These opportunities include meetings, fishing outings, and speakers.

Youth in grades 3rd thru 13th (one year out of high school) can participate in the Kenosha Program.

The project is a countywide project. There are numerous educational and recreational events held by the project. Members must meet project requirements in order to participate in them.

The Fishing Project also performs a service project. The information for that project is outlined later in this handbook.

Adult leadership is key to the success of the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Program. We invite all adults who may be interested to help with the project. There are several roles you may play as a team or activity member or chair, such as setting up fishing spots, and/or being a mentor to a new project member.

Please read over this Handbook carefully. There is a lot of vital information of what the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing project is all about.

Have a great 4-H Fishing Project year. If at any time you have any questions, please contact me or another member of the team.

Sincerely,

Dave and Julie Linton

Dean and Jan Nue
Fishing Team Chair's

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4-H TERMS

➤ 4-H Year

The 4-H year starts on October 1st and ends September 30th the following year.

➤ Constitution and By-Laws for Kenosha County 4-H Clubs & Projects

All 4-H clubs and countywide projects with checking accounts must have a set of written rules for the operation of the club and countywide project. Each member should become familiar with the club or project's Constitution and By-Laws.

➤ Enrollment

Online enrollment is done through the website: <http://wi.4honline.com>. If you do not have a computer, provisions can be made to access one for enrollment; contact the UW-Extension office for help.

➤ Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Board

This board is made up of youth and adults that set up meetings, clinics, and shows and over sees the by-laws and policy of the entire fishing program.

➤ KCC

This abbreviation stands for the Kenosha County Center located on the northeast corner of Highways 45 and 50 in Bristol. The street address is 19600 75th Street. The county facility is home of the Kenosha County UW-Extension office and serves as the meeting place for several 4-H events and activities.

➤ Kenosha County UW-Extension (UWEX)

This organization oversees the 4-H program by providing educational trainings, guidance in safety and expectations.

➤ Member Code of Conduct

Kenosha County UW-Extension has established a Code of Conduct for Kenosha County 4-H members. This Code of Conduct sets forth guidelines by which 4-H members should conduct themselves when representing Kenosha County 4-H. This can be found in the 4-H Program Guide received from your general leader.

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➤ **Wisconsin 4-H Code Of Conduct**

In addition to the Kenosha County Member Code of Conduct, members must comply by the Wisconsin 4-H Code of Conduct. This code was part of the on-line registration.

4-H participants will:

- Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
- Comply with local, state and federal laws.
- Abstain from use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
- Fully participate in scheduled activities.
- Respect other's property and privacy rights.
- Abstain from child abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect), harassment and bullying.
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
- Adhere to safety rules.

Consequences for violating any part of this Code of Conduct may include, but are not limited to:

- Removal from participation in the event in which the Code of Conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense).
- Suspension of membership.
- Sanctions on participation in future 4-H events.
- Forfeiture or repayment of financial support for the event.
- Removal from leadership positions held.
- Loss of status as a "member in good standing."

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

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BEING A FISHING PROJECT MEMBER AND CONTACT INFORMATION

➤ **Steps to Being a Fishing Project Member**

There are several steps to become a Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Project member and requirements to participate in the Fishing Casting Contest at the Kenosha County Fair.

➤ **Step #1 – Join a Club**

The first step is to join a 4-H club in Kenosha County. Youth must be affiliated with a club before they may sign-up for any projects.

➤ **Step #2 – Fishing Program Handbook**

Please carefully read over the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Program Handbook and comply with all rules and requirements. Any questions should be directed to the Fishing Board President. Descriptions of the project, requirements and opportunities are described on the following pages.

➤ **Step #3 – Have Fun!**

➤ **Communication**

The Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Program will communicate in the following ways:

- Fishing program website <http://kenosha.uwex.edu/4-h/fishing>
- Face book Kenosha County 4H Fishing Project
- E-mail Kenosha4Hfishingproject@yahoo.com
- Meetings
- Post cards

➤ **Who can I contact for more information?**

President- Dave Linton (262) 716-7188

Vice President – Dean Nue (262) 206-5305

Secretary – Julie Linton (262) 716-7228

Treasure – Jan Nue (262) 909-7717

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2017 – 18 4-H FISHING PROJECT CALENDAR

Date	Time	Location	What's Happening
October 19, 2017	6:00pm	KCC	Pizza / Awards Night
November 19, 2017	6:30pm	KCC	Information Night
December 1, 2017	4:30pm	KCC – UW-Extension Office	Set-up and decorate the Fishing Tree
*January 20, 2018	6am-Noon	Camp Lake	Ice Fishing Make-up date 1/27/18
*February 10, 2018	6am-Noon	Lake Marie	Ice Fishing Derby Make-up date 2-17-18
February 23 – 25, 2018	Fri. 4pm-9pm; Sat 9am-7pm; Sun 9am-4pm	Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI	Wisconsin Fishing Expo
March 7 – 11, 2018	TBD	State Fair Park, Milwaukee, WI	Milwaukee Sports Show
March 22-25, 2018	TBD	Arlington Park Race course Arlington Heights, IL	Chicago Outdoor Sports Show
April 28, 2018	3pm-dusk	TBA	Shore Fishing
May 12, 2018	TBD	Lake Shangralia	Summer Fishing
June 2, 2018	5:30am-1pm	Lake Delevan	Summer Fishing Derby
August 12, 2018	9:00am	Kenosha County Fairgrounds, Wilmot, WI	Clean Pond
August 17, 2018	5:00pm	Kenosha County Fairgrounds, Wilmot, WI	Casting Contest
October 2018	6:00pm	KCC	Pizza / Awards Night

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EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS/EXPOS

The fishing program tries to provide educational field trips once in a while during the year. Some of these events for the project happen to coincide with a fishing expo or a display somewhere. These expos will be counted as a meeting. Please email a photo of your ticket stub to get credit.

Fishing Expo for – The youth attended some of the seminars, see new ideas for fishing and much more.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show/ Chicago Outdoor Sport show - The youth has a chance to attend seminars, see new ideas for fishing and much more.

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FISHING OUTINGS IN SUMMER AND WINTER

➤ Summer Derby

Youth will have a chance to fish off shore and in a boat. Youth will be given a score card with different types of fish. If parents have boats or know someone that does, the fishing project is always looking for help so all youth can go out on the lake.

Parents are asked to attend that day for extra help. There is usually a picnic afterwards.

➤ Winter Derby

All youth in the county may participate in the ice fishing derby. Fish tend to bite early in the day so the event begins very early in the morning. The project has an auger so they will gladly drill holes for the fishermen.

There will be shanties set up so members can get out of the cold. Members are asked to pack extra clothes in the car - it's usually colder on the lake. Boots are a must for going out on the lake. Lakes are slippery. There might be an inch of water on top of the ice.

Winter derby prizes for fishing – There will be a board on the lake that will hold the fish that were caught to determine the winner of each fish category. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. All fish caught must be the legal length for that fish.

Some of the reasons for cancelling fishing or moving to a new location are:

- The weather could play a factor such as thunderstorms, below freezing, wind chill and heat.
- Ice could not be frozen or not thick enough to hold people.

➤ Communication for Outings

Always check your emails and face book for updates regularly as things could change, if you have a question you can call the chair to make sure what lake they will be on or if you think the event may have been cancelled due to the weather.

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FISHING PROJECT MEMBER RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

➤ Derbies

There will be an award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd longest fish caught in each category. Also, every child that participates will receive a prize just for fishing that day. **Please see Appendix A** on page 15.

➤ Fish of the Month

Youth are encouraged to go fishing and take pictures of their fish along with the length of the fish and submit them to the coordinator to see who caught the longest fish that month. The fish do NOT have to be caught during a fishing project event. This contest goes from September to the following August. **Please see Appendix B** on page 16.

➤ Angler of the Year

Youth that submitted paper work for the Fish of Month will also be qualified for the angler based on the most entries submitted.

➤ Casting Contest

This contest takes place at the Kenosha County Fair during the Friday of fair. The project member must have attended 2 meetings and registered by 5pm in order to participate in the contest. There are two age divisions: Senior -7th grade and above Junior – 3rd through 6th grade. **Please see Appendix C** on page 17.



SERVICE PROJECT

For the Kenosha County Fishing 4-H service project members clean out the pond at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds. This event takes place the Sunday before fair during the normally scheduled fair cleanup of the rest of buildings. The group uses large rakes to clear around the edge of the pond to take out any garbage that might have ended up in the pond.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE KENOSHA COUNTY 4-H FISHING PROJECT



Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of this countywide Educational Team shall be Fishing.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this team is to: teach how to tie fishing knots, cast a lure, identify parts of and species of fish, how to take care of tackle and to preserve our natural resources.

Article III – Participation

Section 1. Participation in the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Educational Team is open to all youth and adults enrolled in the Fishing Project

Section 2. Open to any youth within grade parameter- regardless of that person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, and pregnancy, marital or parental status. (This statement is taken from Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policies-2011.)

Section 3. Acceptance to Participate, eligible adults shall be accepted to full participation in the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Educational Team upon completion of Volunteer Orientation. Youth members do not need to participate in the Volunteer Orientation.

Section 4. Suspension and Termination of Participation, the team shall prepare all documents, adopt at an annual meeting, and maintain rules and regulations for members of the project (i.e., Code of Conduct). If the Adult Volunteer Expectation Guidelines, which are signed by the volunteer, are not followed, the Volunteer may have his/her participation from the Fishing Team suspended or terminated only by UW-Extension.

Section 5. The following requirements must be met to be officially recognized as a 4-H Countywide Education Team in Kenosha County, Wisconsin: (Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policies-2011)

- Countywide Project Name
- Youth
- Adult leadership that has been approved through the Youth Protection Program
- Educational plan which meets the purposes of the 4-H program
- Youth involvement in leadership and decision-making
- Meet on a continuing basis
- Submit financial record and audit report to Kenosha County UW-Extension Office once each year (Charter Renewal Form)

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Article IV - Annual Meeting

Section 1. Annual Meeting. There shall be an Annual Meeting each year. Written notice of the Annual Meeting will be published in the *Home Life* newsletter at least (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. Agenda. The following business shall be conducted during the Annual meeting:

- Vote on by-law changes
- Financial Report by the Treasurer
- Budget Approval
- Calendar of education meetings set
- Such other matters as may come before the participants
- Election of participants to the Committee

Section 3. Quorum. For the purpose of the Annual meeting for the participants a quorum shall consist of not less than 50% of the enrolled participants present. The election of the committee and any action on issues shall require a simple majority of 50%+1 of the participants present.

Section 4. Annual Meeting Location. The annual meeting of the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Program shall be held at the Kenosha County 4-H Reorganization night.

Article V- Committee Team

Section 1. General Powers. The powers, property and affairs of the Kenosha County Fishing Educational Team shall be vest in exercised, conducted and controlled by its Committee Members.

Section 2. Number and Qualifications. The committee shall consist of 10 individuals; to include 4 youth and 6 adults.

Section 3. Elections. Individuals will be nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting to fill vacant positions.

Section 4. Elections and Terms of Office. Adult positions will be for a 2-year term and the youth members will be elected to a 1-year term.

Adult committee members may be elected to successive terms of office. President may appoint adults and youth to vacant board positions. All terms begin and end in the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. Resignation. A committee member may resign at any time by filling a written resignation to the secretary.

Section 6. Removal of Committee Members. Any participant of the committee may be removed with cause by 2/3 vote of the full team.

Section 7. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy on the committee, the President shall appoint a successor for the unexpired remainder of the position's term.

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Section 8. Meetings. The team shall hold a meeting of the committee at least once each calendar quarter. The President shall determine the date, time, and place of meetings. All meetings of the team shall be held at such time as shall be convenient for attendance by Committee Members. Written, telephone, or oral notice of each meeting shall be made to all members pursuant to a schedule that provides for receipt of the notice at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall include the tentative agenda for the meeting.

Section 8.1. Order of Business. The order of business at all meetings of the committee shall be as follows:

- Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum
- Approval of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Members (to fill vacancies only) Reports of Standing Committees
- Other Reports Unfinished Business New Business
- Other

Section 8.2. Voting. All members of the Committee shall have the right to discuss matters which come before the team. Members of the committee may cast one (1) vote on each matter. Vote by absentee ballot or proxy shall not be permitted. A quorum for the transaction of business by the committee shall consist of not less than 75% of the officers and 50% other committee members. The act of the majority of the members of the committee shall be the act of the team.

Section 8.3. Minutes. For each meeting the committee shall keep written minutes which shall include a record of votes on all motions. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be sent to all members of the committee along with an Agenda prior to the scheduled meeting.

Article VI-Executive Committee

Section 1. Election. Executive Committee shall be President, Vice-President (**President elect**) Secretary and Treasurer. All positions with the exception of the President shall be elected at the annual meeting. The Vice-President, shall after the completion of a one-year term, automatically succeed to the office of President at the first Committee Meeting following the Annual Meeting, and shall then serve a one year term.

Section 2. President. Shall provide program leadership and preside at all regular and special meetings of the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Educational Team. See that all orders and resolutions of the Committee members are carried into effect; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, subject to the approval of the Committee; on behalf of the Fishing Educational Team, execute such notes, leases, conveyances, contracts, agreements, or other documents the board may direct; and such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by these by-laws.

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The President shall cast a vote in a meeting of the committee team only in the case of a tie vote by members in attendance.

Section 3. Vice-President. The vice-President shall: assume the authority and discharge the duties of the president in the event of absence or disability for any time cause whatever and perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the committee or as may be prescribed from time to time by these by-laws. If 18 years of age, the Vice-President shall countersign all deeds, leases or conveyances executed by the Fishing team.

The office of Vice-President shall be also considered that of President-Elect. After serving a one **(1)** year term or the unexpired remainder of a term, the Vice-President shall succeed to the President and shall serve a one (1) year term in that office.

Section 4. Treasurer. Shall keep and account for all monies, credits, and property of the Fishing Educational Program which shall come into the hands of the Educational team and keep accurate records. When required to do so the Treasurer shall exhibit a true and complete statement of the cash account. No officer, committee member or participant shall authorize or make expenditure or commit to expenditure unless such expense has been approved by the executive committee, or set up in the Budget approved by the team to do so.

Section 5. Secretary. Shall keep correct and complete records of attendance and all the proceedings relate to the committee meetings. Said minutes shall be turned into the UW- Extension office with ten (10) days of all meetings and shall also systematically keep records, books and papers pertaining to the business there of; in general, perform all duties which pertain to the office of Secretary of a corporation, duties as may be prescribed from time to time by these by laws. If 18 years of age, the secretary shall countersign all deeds, leases or conveyances executed by the 4-H Fishing Team.

Article VII - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a 50% + 1 vote of the total youth membership and project leaders at the meeting providing notice of such amendments shall have been given 10 days prior to the meeting.

Article VIII - Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of the program, any assets remaining shall be conveyed to the Kenosha County 4-H Council Inc.

Article IX- The Countywide Education Project Year

The 4-H year is continuous and extends from October 1st to September 30th.

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Article X- Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the project meeting.

Signatures:

s/ Dylan H.

Date: September 16, 2017

s/ Dave Linton
President

Date: September 18, 2017

s/ Bethany Sorce
UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Staff

Date: September 25, 2017

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KENOSHA COUNTY 4-H FISHING PROJECT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM POLICY



These policies are in addition to those stated in the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Project Constitution and By-laws.

- To enroll in the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing project youth must be in the 3rd grade or above.
- In order to represent Kenosha County 4-H Countywide Fishing Project in the Casting Contest you must have attended two (2) meetings on or before pond cleaning day in order to be a member in good standing.
- A donation to the Kenosha County 4-H Fishing Educational Program of \$10.00 per child must be paid by January 31st of the current year. This may be paid at a meeting or mailed.
- Parents are expected to help out at events and/or serve on one or more committees throughout the year. If a parent can't attend, please have a "proxy" person that is 21 or older attend the meeting or event.
- College bound students should make arrangements with the Fishing Educational Team for meeting attendance requirements by February 1st of the current year.

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APPENDIX A SUMMER DERBY RULES & SCORE SHEET



MEMBER NAME: _____

1. Member must reel in the fish by themselves.
2. Parent and guide may hook the fish then hand rod to member.
3. You may record only 3 fish in each class.
4. Guide will record all fish.
5. You must wear life preserver at all times.
6. What the guide says goes.
7. You are encouraged to release all fish caught.
8. Derby will run from 6AM to 11AM, boats not back by 11:10 will be disqualified.
9. A parent or 4-H certified leader must be on each boat.
10. Age groups are: **Junior (3rd- 6th Grade)**, and **Senior (7th Grade and up)**.

Scoring:	Panfish	=	5 pts/inch	No min
	Bass	=	4 pts/inch	10" min
	Walleye	=	4pts/inch	12" min
	Northern	=	2pts/inch	20" min
	Musky	=	1pt/inch	30" min

NOTE: These minimum lengths are for the derby only. Delavan Lake has special length limits, Musky – 40 inches, Northern – 32 inches, Walleye – 18 inches, and Bass (LM & SM) 18 inches. Any fish under these limits must be scored and immediately released.

Record the 3 longest fish caught in each species, use the back for scratch paper if needed.

FISH SPECIES	LENGTH	SCORE
Panfish		
Panfish		
Panfish		
Bass		
Bass		
Bass		
Walleye		
Walleye		
Walleye		
Northern		
Northern		
Northern		
Musky		
Musky		
Musky		
	Total Score	

Turn in to scoring table upon returning to the park.

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APPENDIX B FISH OF THE MONTH



➤ Rules for participating in the Fish of the Month Contest

- 1) Open to all Fishing Project members
- 2) This program runs from September of the current year to August of the following year.
- 3) The member must have caught the fish by line and hook only.
- 4) All fish must be of legal length in order to count.
- 5) Winning fish will be based on length only
- 6) Members can only win the month of the fish once but are highly encouraged to keep submitting
- 7) The bottom of the form needs to be filled out and a picture of the member with the fish submitted within 60 day of the catch.
- 8) Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Fishing banquet
- 9) The Angler of the year will be based on the amount of pictures submitted for the fish of the month.

Name _____

Date Caught _____

Lake Caught on _____

Weight (optional) _____ Length _____

Type of Fish _____

Please remember to submit a picture of you holding the fish along with the above form. These need to be submitted in 60 days of the catch or before September 1st.

Send to:

Julie Linton
634 Bayhill Ave
Twin Lakes, WI 53181
Kenosha4Hfishingproject@yahoo.com

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APPENDIX C CASTING CONTEST RULES



➤ **Friday of Fair Week**

5:00pm at the pond

Check-in 3:00-5:00 pm at the Trophy Table

➤ **Age Division:**

- Senior – 7th grade and above
- Junior – 3rd thru 6th grade

➤ **Rules:**

- Each Contestant receives two sets of casts with five casts in each set. The same judge will stay with one set of rings. Contestants will change rings and judges after the first set. Both judges from the age divisions will decide the tie-breakers.
- Contestants should bring their own rods; the project will supply casting plugs if the member doesn't have one.
- Members accumulating the most points on the combined two sets will be declared the winners. In the event of a tie, there will be a tie-breaker cast of 1 set for those members.

➤ **Disqualifications from the Contest**

- Not having met the 2 meeting requirements
Not checked in by 5pm

Disqualification of a Cast

- Casting past the far foul line
- Stepping out of the 3x6 box
- Stepping on the line of the 3x6 box

➤ **How Points are Earned**

- Closest Ring: 10 points on the fly
 5 points dragged in
- Middle Ring: 20 points on the fly
 10 points dragged in
- Farthest Ring: 30 points on the fly
 15 points dragged in

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➤ **Merit Award Qualifications**

Merits will be based on the member's actions before, during and after the casting contest; the judges will be making the selection. The merits will not be based on score of the casting contest.

Parents are asked to sit in the bleachers. Also, youth please don't hover around the Awards Table.