

Leaders' Conference 2018

Come to Edmonton January 19 - 21 for a weekend of sessions, speakers and networking opportunities that will not only help you become a better leader, but will also give you the knowledge and the tools needed to help your aspiring members succeed now and well into the future. With a theme of "Back to Basics", LC 2018 has sessions for every one... orientating new 4-H families, communication rules, diaries, leader level 1 & 2, consumer decision making, judging, connecting with members, dealing with conflict and much more!

For more information visit:

<http://www.4h.ab.ca/Programs/ForLeaders/Develop-Personally/Conference.html>

- Early Bird Deadline: December 1st
- Regular Registration Deadline: Dec 10th



COMING SOON... CLICK EACH LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION

November 2017

2017/18 Club Registration

Opens: October 1, 2017

Closes: November 30, 2017

4-H Alberta Recycling Fundraisers (Tires and Electronics)

Opens: October 2, 2017

Standardbred Project

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017

4-H members applying to participate in the 4-H Alberta Standardbred Horse Project, made possible in collaboration with the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association (ASHA), must complete and submit their application to Alesha Hill, 4-H Section at alesha.hill@gov.ab.ca by November 1.

Show Your 4-H Colours Day

November 1, 2017

Let your 4-H pride shine this November for Show Your 4-H Colours Day. Deck yourself out in green, display the 4-H clover and show everyone how much you love 4-H. Use the hashtag #ShowYour4HColours on social media to share your 4-H spirit and photos with everyone.

Key Member Unlocked

November 3 - 5, 2017

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre

Key Member Unlocked is a fun training program for those interested in becoming more knowledgeable and skilled champions of 4-H opportunities and events, and of the overall impact that 4-H membership can have on those who take full advantage of all that it has to offer.

4-H Day at FarmFair International

November 11, 2017

Location: Northlands Expo Centre

4-H Family Day promises to be jam-packed with activities that will provide 4-Hers and their families with opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people, and check out all of the other great programs offered at Farmfair International.

4-H National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award

Deadline: November 30, 2017

4-H members, show your appreciation and nominate YOUR leader for the National Volunteer Leader of the Year award! Applications for the 2017 National Volunteer Leader of the Year is open between September 15, 2017 and November 30, 2017.

4-H Canada - Club to Club Exchange

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Explore Canada through our Club to Club exchanges! Groups of 10 youth and two chaperones participate in a reciprocal exchange with a 4-H group from another part of the country. This gives each group a chance to explore our vibrant and diverse Canadian home.

December 2017

4-H Alberta Leaders' Conference

Date: January 19 - 21, 2018

Early Bird Deadline: December 1, 2017 - Deadline December 10, 2017

Location: Radisson Hotel Edmonton South, Edmonton AB

Senior Members' Conference (SMC)

Date: February 2 - 4, 2018

Deadline: December 1, 2017

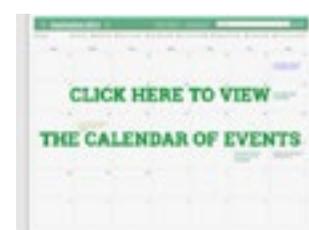
Location: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westrose AB

Join 4-H members from across Alberta for the experience of a life time. Senior members have lots of changes coming their way as they transition into life after high school. SMC is a chance for members to prepare for what is to come while meeting and connecting with other senior members who are in the same place in their lives.

Leader Screening Deadline

Deadline: December 15, 2017

Always check the calendar of events on the 4-H Alberta website for a full list of updated events.



CAUTION: EVENT TIMES AND PLACES MAY CHANGE

Every event or opportunity listed above is a link to the 4-H Alberta Calendar or to a relevant website. **ALWAYS** check the link for updated information.

What's Happening In The Northwest Region

Happy **Show Your 4-H Colours Day**, I hope you are sporting a beautiful shade of green for 4-H!

November 18th is the **Annual General Meeting** of the Northwest Regional Council. This year's meeting will be held at the **Cherhill Hall** (change of venue) starting at 9:30 am. Following the council's meeting we will have leader recognition of those with 10+ years of service, lunch, and discussion with the "**Operations Committee** of 4-H Alberta" made up of Diane McCann-Hiltz from the 4-H Section, Leah Jones from the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, and Susann Stone from the 4-H Alberta Council. As always, when the speakers are done, **the regional project committees** will be meeting as well. Be sure to come and have your say in what the region is offering, in general and for your project specifically. Agendas and other information have been sent directly to every family.

Club registration in the region is moving along very quickly, with half of the region's clubs either approved or in progress. I'm very excited to have two brand new clubs forming, as well as one that is being revived after a year off. It is looking like another good year for the region.

Leaders Conference is coming soon. The Radisson Hotel **Edmonton South** will be hosting 250-300 leaders from around the province on **Jan. 19-21, 2018**. Registration is open now! Come and refresh your leader skills, learn new ones, and share with others from a variety of clubs.

The **Archery project** is increasing in numbers across the province. A committee has been formed to review resources for the project. The 4-H Saskatchewan Archery Members Manual and Leader's Manual are available through the Club Supply order for the 17/18 club year. A new record book will be available in the Fall of 2018. A **leader workshop** is being planned for **Sunday, November 26th** in the Airdrie area – stay tuned for more details!

Senior Members: Selections may seem like it is a long way off yet but remember that in order to attend you will need to submit your 4-H diaries for marking at the regional level as part of your application. This process can take some time, especially if you have questions once I've gone through them. I am happy to mark your diaries before you apply if you submit them early.

As well **December 8th is the deadline to order your Edmonton Oil King Tickets for the game on January 3rd at Roger's Place**. This is always a great event so don't miss the deadline to be part of the action! Tickets should be purchased as a club. For more information please contact Stacy Murray at the Regional Office.

Finally, a thought on the next piece of the pledge:

HEART: We pledge our heart to greater loyalty. Loyalty allows you to be kind, sympathetic, and true to those around you. Show loyalty to the 4-H program and enjoy all it has to offer. Participate fully and encourage those around you. Treat members, parents, and leaders with kindness and respect. Everyone working together can make this a wonderful year full of positive experiences for all!

Remember to check out the calendar at www.4h.ab.ca for up to date district, regional, provincial and national opportunities! Many districts offer workshops throughout the club year, check out these fantastic opportunities to have a well-rounded 4-H experience!

For more information about what's happening in the Northwest Region contact:

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PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

6th Annual Horse Play

November 4, 2017

Deadline: October 20, 2017

Location: Villeneuve Hall, Villeneuve AB

Join us for a fun learning day about equines. Meet new friends, play some games and win great prizes.

4-H Day at Farmfair International

Date: November 11, 2017

Location: Northlands Expo Centre, Edmonton AB

Regional Council and Project Committee Meetings

Date: November 18, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Cherhill Hall, Cherhill AB

Edmonton Oil Kings Annual 4-H Club Night

Date: January 3, 2018

Deadline: December 8, 2017

Location: Roger's Place, Edmonton AB

Reminder: Regional fees and the names of regional communication judges are due from each district by January 15, 2018.

Remember, that dates (and generally registration information) can be found on the 4-H website calendar (<http://www.4h.ab.ca/4hweb/public/calendar/calendarView>) for all the events happening in the region and province! You can filter the events you see with the checkboxes at the top of the calendar.

For all your District-specific events and opportunities check the calendar on the 4-H Alberta website.





CANADA
4-H Alberta

Dear Cleaver - Question of the month

- submitted by a Regional Specialist

Dear Cleaver,
I have received a question to put to you. A club had a leader who never completed screening in year 1 (2015-2016). In year 2 (2016-2017), the club elected this individual to be the club's general leader. Again, he/she didn't complete screening and was moved over to volunteer status. Currently, this individual continues to act as general leader and likely will be elected again by the club. How many years can a person, now that we have this new volunteer category, start as leader and have to be removed, if not completing screening back over to volunteer? How will this be managed? Thanks!



Thank you for that great question! 4-H Alberta leaders are in fact considered to be volunteers until the leader screening process is completed. This is true for all leaders, whether they are new or due for re-screening. No 4-H leader is considered to be a leader until the screening has been completed and, until then, these volunteers must have a screened leader present whenever working with members or in any other positions of trust within 4-H Alberta. In this case, this individual may again be elected but, until the screening is finished, he/she is considered to be a volunteer. For leaders such as this one, who has not completed the screening over 2 years, further extensions of time, beyond the December 15 deadline for leader screening, will not be allowed. On December 15, 2017, leaders, such as this one, will be moved to volunteer status again. The Club's General Leader and/or Registrar as well as the Regional Specialist will be advised of the change in the leader's status. If the leader in question is the general leader and/or club registrar, we will advise the screened leaders of that club and the Specialist that the club must elect a new general leader. If no leader in the club is screened, we will advise the Regional Specialist that this is the case and leave it to Specialist to resolve the club's status. Should the individual be elected yet again, steps will be taken to remove them to volunteer status before the December 15 deadline.

Screening must be completed within the time allowed and cannot be carried over from one year to the next. Extensions may be granted in rare cases where fingerprinting is required and this will require a letter from the police detachment verifying that the individual has submitted fingerprints and the Police Check is in progress.

Best mascot regards, Cleaver

CLEAVER KIDS Lesson Planning & Ideas

Cleaver Kids resources for leaders are available online at <http://4h.ab.ca/Partners/council.html#CleaverKids>. There, you will find the *Cleaver Kids Leader's Guide*, a resource to help you set a successful stage for your Cleaver Kids group. We encourage you to download and review the Guide. It will help you to:

- understand the various characteristics of this age group;
- create positive learning environments;
- plan events and activities;
- provide guidance and discipline.



Also available online, the Cleaver Kids Quick Reference Guide and Resources sheet should be posted to the website soon. Please contact us directly for copies of the 2017-2018 versions of these two documents if the new ones do not yet appear there. You can contact us at (780)682-2648, 1-877-682-2244, susann.stone@4hab.com or leaderscreening@4hab.com and we'll be glad to forward the current 2017-2018 versions

Over the coming months, we'll be offering some ideas for activities and mini projects that are appropriate for this age group. And, if you think you have a great activity, please send it along to us and we may feature it in a future edition of SCOOP. You could win a prize!

When planning your own lessons for Cleaver Kids, here are some suggestions for planning activities and events:

- The name or title of the lesson/activity should reflect the concept.
- Determine what you wish to accomplish / your objective.
- Estimate the time required.
- Determine how many helpers you require to supervise the activity.
- List all materials, equipment and resources you will need.
- Determine what background information to share with the children to add meaning to the lesson.
- Find creative ways to prepare the children and provide the background information they need.
- ORGANIZE and plan ahead.
- Welcome the children, individually if possible, and tell them all what activity has been planned.
- When shifting activities, give the children a few minutes' notice of the coming change.
- Focus on activities that can be finished in a single meeting.
- Always remain flexible; be prepared for minor disasters or for children to finish early or lose interest.
- Incorporate time for children to think about and share observations, experiences and new knowledge.
- Consider questions to ask the children to help gauge the success of the activity and its objective.
- Plan future activities that build on this one and/or provide parents with suggestions for follow up.
- Recognize each child's effort or accomplishment and provide some positive reinforcement. This can be a positive comment, a sticker or other small item; even an opportunity for each child to talk about his/her own work can provide positive reinforcement.

This month, with Remembrance Day just around the corner, you may want to check out **Take Time To Remember**, at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/students/take-time-to-remember>. There you will find easily downloadable activity booklets for young children. Even if the resource is being used by your local schools, you can find the booklets from past years there also or you can just browse for some ideas to incorporate remembrance into your Cleaver Kids lesson plan. From the website: "Take Time to Remember is an activity booklet for young children that introduces concepts of remembrance in an accessible and fun manner. Brightly illustrated, it contains six activities: Remembrance Maze; Connect the Dots; Let's Colour; Remembrance Count; Word Search; Animals in War."

Above all, incorporate a bit of FUN!

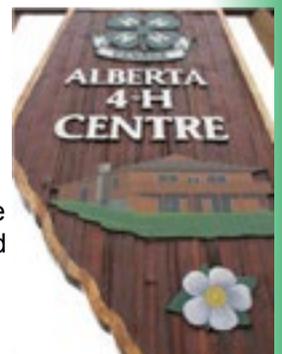
MYTH BUSTING MINUTE

- brought to you this month by 4-H Council of Alberta

Council's Heritage Families project was a highlight of the Centennial year for us. Reviewing the stories of 4-H multigenerational families was interesting and the photos were great, especially the vintage ones!

One 4-H Alberta "myth" did pop up in several of the submissions and we are on a mission to bust it and get the truth out there. Several Heritage Families' stories made reference to the Alberta 4-H Centre, which is also celebrating an anniversary this year. It has been 40 years since the 143 acre property on Battle Lake was purchased from Grant MacEwan. That's right! The land was purchased. It was not donated to 4-H Alberta. The book, **4-H and Alberta: 75 Years of Growing Together**, states: "On September 4, 1977, Council President Dorothy Rigney presented Dr. Grant MacEwan with a cheque for \$95,000 for his Battle Lake property."

There's the truth! Spread it around! And, if you can think of other myths that need busting, let us know and we'll broadcast the truth. We all know it's out there.





Foundation News & Opportunities

Partner Appreciation Event

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta held its 7th annual Partner Appreciation Event on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Alberta 4-H Centre. The annual gathering recognizes and celebrates the generosity and support of 4-H Alberta supporters and partners.

As every year, it was an evening filled with inspiring conversations, laughter, and an opportunity to connect 4-H Alberta supporters and enthusiasts with our spirited 4-H members and alumni. Cara McNaughton did an excellent job capturing the evening's most memorable moments as the designated event photographer.

Lois Schultz as the emcee and Dulcie Turner as the 4-H youth speaker presented alongside Keith Luft - Chairman of the 4-H Alberta Foundation Board of Directors, Leah Jones – CEO of the 4-H Alberta Foundation, and Ed Toupin - Municipal and Community Relations Manager with AltaLink.

A special thank you goes out to the 4-H Alberta clubs who braved the weather to support us during this important celebration and to show our guests what 4-H Alberta has to offer: Round Hill Multi Club, Alder Flats Multi Club, Central Lacombe Beef Club, Innisfail Nails, Needles and Noses 4-H Club, Lakedell 4-H Lighthorse Club, 4-H Alberta Alumni Club, and Western Multi-Talented Club. Thank you for joining us and making this evening an incredible experience for our guests!

And last but not least a big thank you to all our 4-H Alberta partners and supporters – we would not be able to provide Alberta's youth with outstanding 4-H Alberta programming without your continued investment and support. Thank you!

2017 4-H Alberta Partner of the Year

We are thrilled to recognize and celebrate AltaLink as 4-H Alberta's 2017 Partner of the Year.

This award is given to a 4-H Alberta partner in appreciation of their outstanding and ongoing support, commitment, and partnership.

As a partner of 4-H Alberta for more than 10 years, AltaLink proudly invests in 4-H Alberta's more than 5,600 members as the title sponsor of all communications programs.

Thank you, AltaLink, for your all you do!

Scholarships

The scholarship review meeting that awards provincial 4-H Alberta scholarships was held on the 28th of September, 2017. Successful candidates were contacted on October 20, 2017. Please note that not all regional scholarships have been awarded yet so there is still an opportunity to receive a regional scholarship even if you have not received a confirmation email yet. Feel free to contact Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4hab.com if you have any questions.



From left to right: Keith Luft - Chairman of the 4-H Alberta Foundation Board of Directors, Dulcie Turner - 2017 Presentation Winner, Ed Toupin - Municipal and Community Relations Manager with AltaLink, Lois Schultz - 2017 Public Speaking Winner, and Leah Jones – CEO of the 4-H Alberta Foundation

Foothills Creamery Ltd.



We thank our partners at Foothills Creamery for dedicating part of the funds earned from one of their three limited edition ice cream flavours to 4-H Alberta.



Agri-Trade Equipment Expo – Free Admission for 4-H Alberta Members when you show your card! November 8-11, 2017, Red Deer, AB

\$100 for 100 Years

We need your help to reach our goal of \$100,000 in our 100th year to continue to have Provincial Programs at the Alberta 4-H Centre.

To make a donation, please call 1-877-682-2153 or send a cheque to the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, RR1, Westeros, AB, T0C 2V0 or visit fundrazr.com/4-HAlberta100



Annual 4-H Alberta Fundraiser

Watch for the annual 4-H Alberta fundraiser details to come out in a special e-blast. Thank you to all the clubs that supported last year's fundraiser! Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We have heard your feedback and will be offering money back to those 4-H Clubs and committees that participate in the next club fundraiser.

Centennial Raffle

The Centennial Raffle date has been extended to November 11, 2017. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/4-h-alberta-raffle-tickets-38880703230> . If you'd like to sell a book or buy a ticket, please contact Lisa Patzer at 780-352-1148 or patzer@4hab.com



Alberta 4-H Centre

RR1 Westeros, Alberta, T0C 2V0
Bookings: 1-877-682-2153 or centre@4hab.com

4-H Financial Best Practices...

4-H Funds at any level within 4-H (club, committee, district, region) are looked at as public funds. These dollars are not “owned by the members or leaders of the club, but are owned by the club or the committee. The 4-H treasurer is responsible to the executive of the 4-H group, and responsible to the members of the group and the public. Club funds should be used as a tool for 4-H members to learn about money management.

A person elected as treasurer has a great learning opportunity and will develop skills that assist in ensuring the 4-H group has a high standard of accountability, integrity, and record keeping. All 4-H groups have the responsibility of helping the 4-H treasurer to protect the organization, him/herself, and the 4-H program from conflict by encouraging and practicing careful, responsible and accurate handling of the finances.

- * All funds should be held in a public financial institution and a chequing account should be established and maintained.
 - ◇ Cheques should require 2 signatures.
 - ◆ Two members from the same family should not be co-signers.
 - ◆ Cheques should not be made out to “cash”
 - ◇ A 4-H Club/group should only have one bank chequing/savings account
 - ◇ If cash is required, cash should be taken from the bank and the reason for withdrawal documented
- * All financial transactions should be managed by cheques and not cash to ensure accountability
 - ◇ The 4-H Club should vote on all expenses that are over \$25.00 or that are not mentioned in an approved 4-H budget.
 - ◇ Payments should be made only when the treasurer has a written bill or invoice. The treasurer is responsible for keeping all invoices/bills paid and should record the cheque number that was issued on each.
 - ◆ Cash register tapes that identify the purchase along with an bill can be sufficient
- * All funds collected by the treasurer should be deposited promptly whether it is cash or cheques.
 - ◇ All funds received should be acknowledged by a written receipt and a copy of the receipt kept by the treasurer
 - ◆ Receipt should include what the funds were collected for/include the date and who provided the funds.

The treasurer has the responsibility of providing reports to the membership at meetings. Each meeting should provide a report that details:

1. The bank balance at the last meeting
2. Listing of all income generated and deposited
3. Listing of income generated but not yet deposited
4. Listing of all expenses that have been invoiced and paid
5. Listing of invoices/bills that have been received but not yet paid
6. Balance at the time of the meeting.

All Treasures must, at year end, provide an annual financial statement . This financial statement must be reviewed and signed off by both the treasurer and one or two other unrelated person(s) who reviews all transactions for accuracy. This review will prevent misunderstandings and protect both the outgoing and the incoming treasurer.

- * Income and expenses should be categorized into sections such as dues, fundraising, donations, sponsorships, investment income, events, etc.



4-H Alberta Steer Carcass Competition 2018

After a successful first year, we are pleased to offer this opportunity once again! The 4-H Alberta Steer Carcass Competition provides a unique opportunity for 4-H members learn about carcass quality, meat grading, genetics and the science and technology associated with aspects of the Beef Industry. We were very fortunate to receive sponsorship and support to run DNA tests and gather a Carcass Trait Profile. Thank-you to our 2017 sponsors: Genome Alberta, Alberta Angus Association and Southern Region 4-H Council.

Watch for further details and registration announcements!

PHEASANT

The 2017 project is coming to a close with the release of the hens complete and the rooster release in process. Thank you again to the **Alberta Conservation Association** for all they do for this project! Remember to ask your club leader or contact Ginny for more information about registering for this interesting and rewarding project for 2018.



At publication date, during our 4-H Alberta 100th year, with a goal set of 100 4-H members to take on 10,000 chicks – both of these were surpassed!

105 4-H members received 10,121 chicks (7810 females) into their care. Following approximately 14 weeks, of the 7810 chicks, 5149 mature hens were successfully released across the province – which is recognized as a strong success rate this year. Numbers are still coming in for the Peace region rooster release.

While you are out on your autumn adventures – those pheasants you see, may have some 4-H roots!

