

## 2017/18 Club Registration Opens October 1st!!!!

Register your club online at [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca) as 4-H celebrates a new century !!! If you have any questions regarding forming a club or registering an existing club please contact your [regional 4-H specialist](#).

## Leaders' Conference 2018

Now that 4-H Alberta has made it to 100 years, we're looking forward to the future. As 4-H Alberta begins its 101st year, now is the time to find out where we can go from here. The theme of Leaders' Conference is "Back to Basics". 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. And whether this is your first or tenth year as a 4-H leader, Leaders' Conference has something for you!

Registration opens on October 15th through the Online Registration System.

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

## Alberta's 112th Birthday Celebration

4-H Alberta was extremely proud to be part of Alberta's 112th Birthday celebration on September 1st. The event took place at The Historic Bow Valley Ranche at Fish Creek Provincial Park and was hosted by The Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society.

As part of the celebration 4-H members, Amelia and Maia Zezulka from the Irricana 4-H Country Riders, teamed up with RCMP to play against the Girl Guides of Canada and the Calgary Police Service in the Calallo Horseshoe Cup. It was an exciting match with the 4-H/RCMP team coming out on top.

As well Alyssa Henderson, 2017 Premier's Award Recipient, and Keith Luft, Chair – 4-H Foundation of Alberta, were guests of Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell.

It was definitely a great event and many thanks to Rob Leonard for including 4-H in the celebration

## COMING SOON... CLICK EACH LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION

### October 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

#### Consumer Decision Making

October 20 – 22, 2017

Deadline: October 10, 2017

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westrose AB

Every day we are faced with countless decisions such as what we are going to eat, wear, and listen to. Consumer Decision Making helps 4-H members learn about what to consider when purchasing consumer items so they can make educated decisions. Explaining your choice and the reasoning behind it is also a critical life skill. This judging opportunity is open to all members 14+, regardless of project involvement.

#### Provincial 4-H Horse Advisory Committee (PEAC) Meeting

October 13, 2017

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition (Caluori Pavilion), Olds AB

#### 4-H Horsemanship Clinic

October 14 & 15, 2017.

Application Deadline: October 5, 2017

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition, Olds AB

Muffy Knox will work with key educators to teach them how to deliver 4-H clinics to 4-H leaders around the province. This is an invitational clinic for riders and a limited number of spectators will be accepted.

#### 4-H Canada – Growing Forward 2 – 4-H Canada Outreach Fund

Deadline: October 31, 2017

The Growing Forward 2 4-H Canada Outreach Fund will provide funds to support community-level initiatives that create outreach, awareness and capacity building within 4-H clubs across Canada. This may include club events, promotional activities and professional development opportunities for volunteer leaders.

### November 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](mailto:alesha.hill@gov.ab.ca) by November 1.

#### Key Member Unlocked

November 3 – 5, 2017

Deadline: October 20, 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.

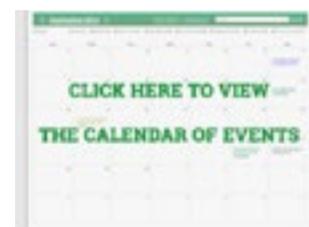
#### 4-H Day at FarmFair International

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.

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

Welcome to the new 4-H club year! As the leaves fall, fields are being harvested, and the routine of school and extra-curricular activities are settling into place, clubs are reforming across the province. The registration system is now open for the 2017/18 year. I think it's going to be a great one as we kick off the next century of 4-H in the province!

Thank you to all those who took the time to attend the first NW Knowledge College. I look forward to seeing this day of interaction, learning and fun develop.

I would like to remind everyone that just as clubs are reforming so are your district councils. Every club is entitled to representation at the district level and it is important to ensure that your club reps are attending these meetings to share your club's views for planning, as well as to bring news back to the club about activities and issues beyond your club. For information about when the next district meeting is being held, contact your club or key leader.

Likewise, your district is entitled to representation at the regional level and we need your input to ensure that the things the region plans are relevant to all members and leaders, as well as your help in sharing the information about activities and issues at this level. The next regional meeting, and regional project committee meetings, will be held on November 18, at the **Cherhill Hall**. This is a change in location! Agendas and further information will be sent to all families before the end of October. I look forward to seeing many of you out at some of these meetings.

Each month this year I'm going to end on a final note that examines our 4-H pledge. We recite it at the start of nearly every 4-H activity but do you really think about what it means?

**HEAD:** We pledge our heads to clearer thinking. Use your head for the power it gives you to think, to plan, to reason. As you move into the new year, think about what you hope to accomplish, the best way to achieve your goals, and how to best involve others in learning and achieving with you. Challenge yourself to learn something new. Let's make it a great year!

Remember to check out the calendar at [www.4h.ab.ca](http://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

### Regional Executive (and Finance) meeting

Date: TBD (October)

Location: Barrhead Provincial Building, 2nd Floor, Barrhead AB

### Life Skills and Other Animals Record Book Marking 'Party'

Date: October 21

Location: Legal School, Legal AB

Contact: Lorna Punko

### 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.

### Regional Council Annual General Meeting

Date: Nov 18, 2017

Location: Cherhill Hall, Cherhill AB

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





# 4-H Council of Alberta

## Cleaver Kids in your 4-H Club

To get started, review the Cleaver Kids requirements and the Cleaver Kids Leader Guide. Ask questions if you need clarification. Cleaver Kids' involvement at the club level may vary from club to club.

### Clubs are encouraged to discuss:

- How will we effectively engage 6-8 year olds as part of the club?
- What unique, age appropriate activities can be incorporated for Cleaver Kids?
- What are some potential benefits of Cleaver Kids being part of the club?
- How will Cleaver Kids progress?

### Program Plan:

Clubs develop a draft plan to present to members and, once it is approved, to potential Cleaver Kids and their families. This program plan includes designated club activities for Cleaver Kids and a framework for progression as they grow into Junior Members.

Club plans/programs for Cleaver Kids differ from traditional 4-H member club plans/programs. Cleaver Kids are not expected to fulfill the five basic 4-H Member Requirements as they are not age appropriate for Cleaver Kids.

The **program plan** must **focus on skills development** and not on one particular activity or traditional 4-H project. The plan must include **goals** and **sample activities**. Once the plan is approved by the club, it is shared with Cleaver Kids parents, leaders, members and families.

### Club Requirements and Inclusion:

Clubs must adhere to all club requirements and be a club in good standing prior to incorporating Cleaver Kids. Reference Policy 4.01 and the Leader Manual.

Clubs must vote in favour of inclusion of Cleaver Kids and their separate program plan. Clubs are not required to have Cleaver Kids and each club may have a different Cleaver Kids plan.

Cleaver Kids may be open to any youth aged six to eight years or may just encourage participation from younger siblings of 4-H members; this is a club decision. Cleaver Kids are a part of the 4-H club family and, within the requirements, can be incorporated to meet the needs of clubs and families.

### Cleaver Kids Leaders:

Clubs must have a **volunteer leader dedicated to Cleaver Kids**. One (1) registered, screened leader is required to be in attendance at all Cleaver Kids activities and events.

### Adult : Cleaver Kid ratio is 1 : 5 for all activities and events.

Project leaders working with junior, intermediate and senior members are not to be responsible for planning Cleaver Kids activities. That is the responsibility of the Cleaver Kids leader.

**REMEMBER:** *In order for Cleaver Kids to have the best experience possible, they need to be engaged in unique, age appropriate ways.*



Yes, we are extending the deadline a bit further and Halloween seems like a good time! **October 31, 2017** is the new deadline for Heritage Families submissions. Honestly, at this time of year when so many things

are just starting up, we not only want to give you, our 4-H families, more time, we also need a bit more ourselves. It is a very busy time for all of us and we want to create the best **4-H Heritage Families** publication that we can!

Please submit your story as soon as you can and by the end of October, 2017 at the latest.

Contact us for details and requirements. Please do not submit PDF documents. Submit text in Word or Pages. Submit photos as JPEGs. Please call or email for more information or for help with your submission.

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## 4-H Alberta Leaders need to screen every 5 years.



**Happy autumn, 2017!** Autumn (or fall, if you prefer) has officially arrived and so has the start of the 2017/2018 4-H year. Here's an autumn photo of Battle Lake, taken near the Alberta 4-H Centre.

4-H Alberta Leaders complete leader screening to help ensure a safe environment for delivering learning opportunities and mentorship for 4-H Members and Cleaver Kids. Until screening is completed, Leaders remain at Volunteer status and must be accompanied by a screened Leader whenever working within the 4-H Alberta program. Non-certified leaders or

volunteers must always have a successfully screened leader with them when they are working with 4-H members or in any perceived positions of trust.

**Leader screening must be completed by December 15, 2017.** All 4-H Leaders must complete screening every 5 years. Both new and re-screening 4-H Leaders must complete the online leader application, have reference(s) complete the reference form and mail in a current police check by the December 15, 2017 deadline. If unavoidable delays occur, due to fingerprinting or other reasons, please contact 4-H Council immediately. If computer and internet access are issues for you, please call and we can complete some of the screening over the phone. References' responses are also required by December 15 so remember to contact and remind them to complete the online form. It takes just a few minutes to fill in the reference form. References must have known you for at least 3 years and cannot be family members. Leaders who do not screen will be re-registered as volunteers and they must not work with Members, Cleaver Kids or in other positions of trust without a screened leader present at all times. Volunteers also play an important role but it is different than that of Leader. **You can find detailed definitions of the roles of Leader and Volunteer at [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca).**

**Watch for your email that explains the requirements and provides login details.** Please read that email and complete the screening right away. For assistance, call 1.877.682.2244 or 780.898.3037 or email [leaderscreening@4hab.com](mailto:leaderscreening@4hab.com).

**Please, don't procrastinate. It rarely helps get the job done. Last year I joined a group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet but as soon as we do, I'll let you know what I learn.**



# Foundation News & Opportunities

## Scholarships:

Please note that the scholarship review meeting has been scheduled for the 28th of September, 2017. We will contact the scholarship recipients in October 2017. In the meantime, please contact Bianca von Nagy at [scholarship@4hab.com](mailto:scholarship@4hab.com) if you have any questions.

## Looking for Volunteers!!

### Volunteer at the 7th Annual 4-H Alberta Partner Appreciation Event

Sponsors and donors play an integral role in 4-H and this is our chance to say thank you. Once again, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta would like to invite clubs, leaders, parents and members to participate in the seventh annual Partner Appreciation Event. Participants will be treated to a delicious meal where they will have the chance to mingle with 4-H Alberta supporters, share their 4-H experience, and demonstrate the value and benefits of this incredible program.

This year's event will be at the Alberta 4-H Centre on Wednesday October 11, 2017 and our theme will be the Alberta 4-H Centre and the Next 100 years!

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

#### Club Showcase Display (10 club spots- up to 2 members and one leader per club)

Participating clubs will set up a display demonstrating the program and opportunities their club has to offer.

#### Sponsor Engagement

Energetic 4-H members are needed to greet sponsors when they come through the door, show them around and ensure they are immersed in 4-H.

#### Table Hosts

Two 4-H volunteers will be assigned to each table to ensure there is always a 4-Her ready to engage with sponsors.

#### Centre Pieces

Looking for creative 4-H club(s)/member(s)/leader(s) to make 15 centre pieces for the tables/room.

#### Take Down

As many volunteers as possible are needed to assist with the clean up after the event.

If you or your club is interested in participating, please contact Bianca von Nagy at 587.583.3152 or [bvonnagy@4hab.com](mailto:bvonnagy@4hab.com) at your earliest opportunity. We thank you very much for your consideration!

**4-H Alberta Alumni** are looking for volunteers to work the Agri-Trade information booth on November 8-11. **Contact Melanie Danielsen 403-857-9335 or the 4-H Alberta Alumni Facebook page to sign up!**



## 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** – Free Admission for 4-H Alberta Members when you show your card! November 8-11, 2017

## \$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](http://fundrazr.com/4-HAlberta100)



## Annual 4-H Alberta Fundraiser

Watch for the annual 4-H Alberta fundraiser details to come out in a special October e-Scoop. 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 fundraiser.



## Alberta 4-H Centre

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





# Show Your 4-H Colours

This November 1<sup>st</sup>  
show the world what  
it means to be  
a 4-H'er!

Join us at [www.showyour4hcolours.ca](http://www.showyour4hcolours.ca) to share  
your selfies and photos wearing green and tell  
us about your greatest 4-H experiences.

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