

## SUMMER PROGRAM, CAMP AND SHOW REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Your summer awaits and there is no better time to register than right now! So be sure to secure your spot and capture some great early bird pricing (available until May 15) before it's too late!

**Junior Camp:** July – 12 & July 30 – August 3  
**Combined Camp:** July 15 – 19 & August 12 – 16  
**Intermediate Camp:** July 22 – 26  
**AIM Camp:** August 5 – 10  
**Club Week:** July 28 – August 3  
**Counsellors In Training (CIT):** July 2 – 6  
**Beef Heifer Show:** July 9 – 12  
**Sheep Show:** July 10 – 13  
**Multi Species Judging:** August 10 - 12



For a complete listing of provincial/regional dates and descriptions, and to register, simply visit the 4-H Alberta website at [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca).

**Please note:** To further streamline and simplify the payment process, program payments via credit card through our secure online registration system are strongly encouraged. If circumstances prevent this, payment via credit card over the phone and/or cheque will still be accepted in 2018.

## 4-H Horsemanship Clinic (Levels 1-3)

**June 16 & 17, 2018, Olds Regional Exhibition**

Join equine leaders from across the province and gain a fuller understanding of 4-H Levels 1-3 in a hands on environment. Work with other leaders and the clinician to learn how to properly teach members the skills required for the Mounted Assessments. In pairs, one leader will be mounted and other teaching to practice the new techniques and skills learned. A limited number of rider participants will be accepted; spectators are welcome to join. Come and learn about the 4-H program rider mounted levels!

Registration is open April 1st through the online registration system.

## Ready to move your animals out? Don't bring diseases in!

As we approach livestock show and sale season we need to ensure the safety of our animals by trying to prevent, reduce or eliminate the introduction and spread of disease into a herd, between herds and between species.

Biosecurity starts with education. Everyone involved in the event needs to be informed of the importance of biosecurity prior to any animal movement. We can only make good decisions when we have knowledge about the issue. Attached is a checklist of best practices to follow prior to, during and after the event; these practices apply to different species including cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and others. Click [here](#) to view the checklist.

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

### April 2018

**Summer Programs, Camps and Shows Registration opens!!**

#### 4-H Alberta Provincial Communications

**Date:** April 7, 2018

Location: Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin

#### Calgary Stampede Youth Judging Clinic

**Date:** Friday, April 27 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Registration form is available on the Calgary Stampede website. Look under the Agriculture page for the '2018 Dairy Classic Championship Show'

Location: Calgary Stampede Grounds

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



### May 2018

**FortisAlberta Work Bee Weekend**

**Dates:** May 4 – 6, 2018

**Deadline:** April 1, 2018

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westeros AB

#### Selections

**Date:** May 4 – 7, 2018

Location: Olds College, Olds AB

#### Highway Clean Up

**Date:** May 5, 2018

**Deadline:** April 20, 2018

#### 2018 'Celebrating Agriculture in Alberta' Poetry Contest

**Deadline:** May 5, 2018

#### 4-H Alberta Scholarships

**Application Deadline:** May 15, 2018

#### 4-H Summer Programs, Camps and Shows

**Earlybird Deadline:** May 15, 2018

**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

A huge **THANK YOU!** to the **Yellowhead and Westlock districts** for all the work in coordinating the East and West Half NW Regional Communications Competitions. **Congratulations** to all of the members who participated! Representing the NW at the provincial competitions in April will be Kyle McIntosh (Lakemere 4-H Beef), Kianna McGregor (Namao 4-H Trail Busters), Maisy Southron (Parkland 4-H Pups & Pals), and Adam Burnett (Fort Saskatchewan 4-H Beef). **Good Luck!** I'm sure you'll all do the region proud!

The **Northwest Regional 4-H Council Meeting** was held at Lillian Schick School on March 17th. Thank you to those who made the effort to attend. General council minutes have been shared, and are posted on the regional page of the 4-H website. Regional committee minutes will be shared soon. **Horse** members and leaders will need to pay close attention as some show rules and by-laws were changed. **Beef** members and leaders need to pay close attention to the discussion around record book competitions.

**Record Book Competitions** at the regional level: ALL books are due from the districts Sept. 1st. Current marking guides are posted to the regional page of the 4-H website, and have been sent directly to clubs.

**E-transfer payments:** The region has been accepting e-transfers for regional programs, since September. A couple of reminders when making these payments:

1. **Please include, in the message, which program you are paying for, as well as which members/leaders.** This is critical for our treasurer to ensure that your payment is applied in the right place.
2. The question should be "Who is the 4-H Mascot?" and the answer is "Cleaver".
3. Please send your payment to [northwest4htreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:northwest4htreasurer@gmail.com). The regional office staff cannot accept these payments and they should not be sent to a personal email.

The regional **Consumer Decision Making and Multi-Species Livestock Judging competitions** will be held in **Barrhead April 21st**. Information is available on the 4-H website calendar, and has been sent to each club. There is a workshop for beginner judges as well, but space is limited. Registration **deadline** is **April 10th**.

Join us again in **Thorhild from July 5-8 for Focus on 4-H**...the 20th anniversary edition! Watch your email for news about registration. Information packages are now available on the Northwest page of the 4-H website. Registration deadline will be by May 15th!

Any members who are keen to hone their judging skills.... There is a **youth judging clinic**, being hosted by the Calgary Stampede Dairy Classic Committee, **Friday April 27th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. This workshop is **open to all youth**. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to judge dairy heifers and how to give reasons with instruction from some of the best dairy people and judges in the industry. The clinic starts in the International Room at 5:30 pm and then move down to the Agriculture Barn; both located in the Agriculture Building at Stampede Park in Calgary. Registration forms can be found at [https://ag.calgarystampede.com/upload/media\\_element/attachments/386/2018%20Dairy%20Classic%20Youth%20Judging%20COMPLETE.pdf](https://ag.calgarystampede.com/upload/media_element/attachments/386/2018%20Dairy%20Classic%20Youth%20Judging%20COMPLETE.pdf)

Trying to finalize your summer plans? Don't forget 4-H camp! **NW Regional Junior camp, at Camp Mackinicholea, will be Aug 15-19**. All summer camp registration is open **on-line April 1st**, with a **deadline** of **June 1st!** Payment can be made with a cheque to the region, or an e-transfer, for regional camp. Provincial program payments can be made while registering with a credit card.

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

**For my community:** We are so lucky in Alberta! We have fantastic support in most communities for the 4-H program. Sponsorship! Opportunities! Facilities! All these things make it possible to run one of the best programs in the country.

Members are required to participate in at least one community service project each year. This is not just to say thank you in return, but also to emphasize the importance of everyone working together to make our communities better places to live. Without the effort of volunteers across the community so many things (including your 4-H club) simply wouldn't happen. Members learning this from a young age help to ensure our communities thrive for years ahead. Remember: community service is about offering your time and effort without receiving payment (or benefits - ie free use of the hall) in return. **4-H is stronger because of our communities, just as communities are stronger because of 4-H! 4-H on!**

## PLAN AHEAD...

*Click each link for more information*

### Regional - 4-H Fair

**Date: April 07, 2018 9:00 AM**

Location: Thorhild Central School - 21410 Hwy 18, Thorhild AB

### Consumer Decision Making Competition and Regional Multi Species Judging Competition

**Date: April 21, 2018 9:00 AM**

**Deadline: April 12, 2018 4:30 PM**

Location: Barrhead Seniors Centre 5103 53 Ave and Barrhead AG Barn 4802 67 Ave

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



**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.**

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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## Cleaver Kids

Thank you to all those who joined the second Cleaver Kids webinar! The webinar focused on the 4 areas of skill development. Please find a few of the activities that were shared on the webinar.



### Developing new friendships:

- Put all Cleaver Kids, Members, Parents, and Leaders names in a hat. MIX THEM UP!
- Have each individual draw a name!
- Then take 5-10 minutes to find that person who's name was drawn, introduce themselves.
- Options: give hints on what to tell their new friend i.e birthdate, dogs name, etc
- The partners could develop a SIMPLE secret handshake as a greeting.
- With large clubs this can be done at each meeting .

### Creating belonging to the club and the community:



4-H Clubs are made up of many ages. Cleaver Kids can do a fun craft project to showcase their club. Have each Cleaver Kid select 3 people from their club. They can all be Members, fellow Cleaver Kids, Parents or Leaders. One at a time they will place a green hand print on a canvas. They may vary in size. The Cleaver Kids then can write Head, Heart, Health and Hands, their club name, name of the people that they used etc. These can be used for gifts, achievement day displays etc.



You will need green washable paint, paper plate to put the paint on, a canvas or thick piece of paper, black paint( or color of your choice) and paint brushes. You also may want access to water or wipes for clean up. Supplies can be purchased at a dollar store.

### Listening Skill and Ability to Express themselves:

Write a story or just say it! Cleaver Kids are full of interesting stories and fun ideas. Help them build their listening skill and provide an opportunity for them to express themselves through a story. Write 5-10 beginnings to a sentence, for example: The farmer went to the field and..... Have the Cleaver Kids complete the sentence. You can continue with the same beginning to develop a story or draw a new topic for each participant.

Topic cut-outs

A farmer went to the field and...  
 A cow found a...  
 I had fun on the farm because...  
 My horse got into...  
 My dad got the tractor stuck in the...  
 At 100 I learned to...  
 A chicken and a turkey...  
 My neighbour helped out with...  
 My chores at home are...  
 By accident, the pig ate...

### Set Goal, Track Progress and Celebrate Success:

For this age group, goals are simple and can be few in number. What's important is that the goals that are set are appropriate and achievable for the age group, and that they are flexible enough for every child's unique needs and abilities.



Tracking progress for Cleaver Kids is not necessarily formal or rigid, it is simply a way for leaders and parents to make sure that the group is on their way to attaining goals, developing skills, and having a successful and fun year. Keep your goals simple! For example: 1. Make a project to display, 2. Go on a tour, 3. Meet a new friend, 4. Have FUN! you can incorporate the skill developments in each activity and focus on your goals throughout the year.

### NEXT WEBINAR:

You can now register for the next webinar! April 17, 2018 at 7 pm. The next webinar topic is: How to use Cleaver Kids Resources that are available. . You only need your computer with sound and internet connection. It's FREE! To register click this link:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Hmouq\\_loSqiW3xPeMbyu8Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hmouq_loSqiW3xPeMbyu8Q)

**PLEASE NOTE:** your club have received all Cleaver Kids resources via Canada Post or Courier. If you have not please contact 4-H Council of Alberta.

If you have any questions please contact: Susann Stone at [susann.stone@4hab.com](mailto:susann.stone@4hab.com) or 780.898.4223.

### 4-H Alberta Store



Product feature of the month! Stay hydrated with the great quality double walled Debco water bottle! The water bottles are durable and are white with the 4-H logo on them! Retail price is \$18.00 which is very competitive to retail stores for similar products. How do you get it? 1. Place your order via phone or email 2. Orders will be shipped on Wednesdays. Note you can save shipping if you arrange for pick up at the Alberta 4-H Centre with advance notice. Visit other great 4-H Alberta logoed products at [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca) or call 1.877.682.2244

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you!!

*for doing so much more than pledging your hands to larger service. Our 4-H Alberta Leaders are the lifeblood of the program and without all of you actually putting your hands to work to screen and serve as leaders, there would be no program!*

**Remember to forward your police checks! If you called and reported a delay due to fingerprinting, remember to forward your police check as soon as you receive it. Extensions granted for this or any other, pre-approved reason are not indefinite. Do not delay! Send it in today!**



Only screened leaders may work with Members, Cleaver Kids or in other positions of trust within the 4-H Alberta program. Until all the components of screening are completed, even elected leaders are considered to be volunteers. To attain full leader status, screening is one of the items that must be completed. Volunteers may also assist and, in these instances, a screened leader must be 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).

**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. Screening also helps us to ensure that the 4-H program as a whole provides a safe an environment for all 4-H Alberta participants.**

For more information, call 1.877.682.2244 or 780.898.3037 or email [leaderscreening@4hab.com](mailto:leaderscreening@4hab.com).

**Happy Spring! ... Enjoy the joys and fun and melting and mud and snow and sun of Alberta in springtime!**



# Foundation News & Opportunities

## 4-H Alberta Scholarships

The 2018 4-H Alberta Scholarship online application is open as of March 1, 2018, closing on **May 15, 2018 at 3:00 pm**. When completing the application, please carefully read the instructions as the application has changed from years past. To access the application, click on the following link: <https://registration.4hab.com/Login.aspx>

Please feel free to contact Bianca von Nagy at [scholarship@4hab.com](mailto:scholarship@4hab.com) if you have any questions.

### The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship

For the past months, we have indicated exciting updates in regards to the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship structure and award monies. The 4-H Foundation of Alberta is pleased and proud to announce the following:

Since 2008, the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarship has awarded multiple \$2,000 scholarships each year in honour of Elmer and Ona.

Thanks to the generosity, leadership, and passion of those incredible 4-H enthusiasts, the 4-H Foundation will now be able to award its biggest scholarship yet.

Starting in 2018, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta will award ten (10) Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Fund Scholarships, worth a total of \$80,000! The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- First place will receive a \$20,000 scholarship;
- Second place will receive a \$15,000 scholarship;
- Third place will receive a \$10,000 scholarship; and
- Fourth to tenth place will receive seven (7) scholarships at \$5,000 each.

We are thrilled, honoured, and proud to continue the Hansen/ Ness Legacy in such a meaningful way!

The application will be posted on the 4-H Alberta website on May 1, 2018. The following rules and criteria apply:

- Applicants must complete and submit the application, as posted on the 4-H Alberta website (starting May 1, 2018), no later than June 30, 2018
- Applicants must be Alberta rural farm young persons
- Applicants must be enrolled as first year students at an acknowledged post-secondary institution and not have previously started or completed a post-secondary program
- Applicants must have graduated from high school and be no older than 25 years of age
- Applicants must need to leave home to pursue a post-secondary education or trade
- This grant is open to all rural farm youth and 4-H experience is not mandatory to qualify for this award

If you meet these criteria, you are encouraged to start your application come May 1, 2018 and to submit it no later than June 30, 2018.

You are welcome to forward this information to a youth who matches the criteria outlined above and may not have received this information because he/ she is not a 4-H member.

Please feel free to contact Bianca von Nagy at [scholarship@4hab.com](mailto:scholarship@4hab.com) if you do have any questions.

## Fundraisers

Click [Here](#) to see information on Calahoo Meats, Phil's Fudge, Meadowbrook Greenhouse and My Deals Discount Card Fundraisers! Email [fundraisers@4hab.com](mailto:fundraisers@4hab.com) to see what is available!

### Ivomec BoxBack Program

We have been advised by 4-H Canada that the Ivomec BoxBack program has been discontinued. The 4-H Foundation of Alberta will continue to look for additional fundraisers to help clubs support their projects and events.

## Thank You Sponsors Emerald Clover Sponsors



## Explore World Food Sustainability with Journey 2050

Journey 2050, a virtual simulation that explores world food sustainable encourages youth to experience agriculture like it's never been taught before. In this virtual farm simulation, youth make inquiry-based decisions to see the ripple effect on social, economic and environmental factors locally and globally. Participants can explore careers in agriculture and learn more about land use around the world. Leaders can register online for this free program to access step-by-step lesson plans, animated videos, interactive games, agriculture news, answer keys and much more. Visit [www.Journey2050.com](http://www.Journey2050.com) to learn more.

## Spring is in the Air!

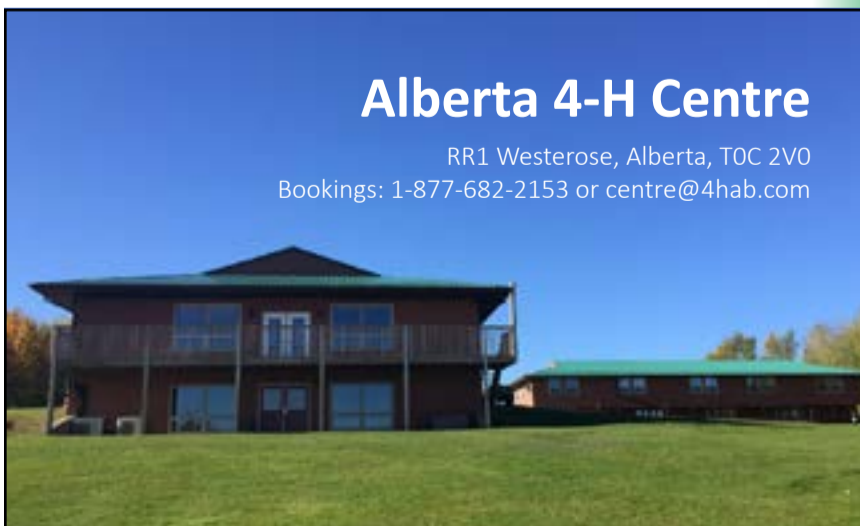
It's that time of year again, when 4-H members, clubs and volunteers help to clean up the 4-H Centre site during the FortisAlberta Work Bee Weekend! The FortisAlberta Work Bee Weekend will be held May 4-6, 2018.

Come out and join us for site clean-up, games, team-building activities and more! Meet some new friends and reconnect with old ones. Enjoy fellowship and great food, while helping to prepare the 4-H Centre for another great year of hosting a variety of exciting provincial 4-H programs!

Any club or volunteers interested in registering can contact Meredith Kruger, 4-H Foundation of Alberta, 1.877.682.2153 or email: [centre@4hab.com](mailto:centre@4hab.com).

## Alberta 4-H Centre

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





## 4-H ALBERTA STORE

The 4-H Foundation of Alberta has led the charge of branding items with the recognizable 4-H Clover and providing merchandise for sale since the 90's. Thank you to all the Foundation Staff and Directors for their dedicated time to this service over the years.

Transitioning the management of merchandise will bring changes to how this service is administered. Please take note of these changes effective February 1, 2018.

- To purchase 4-H Alberta merchandise NOW contact:  
4-H Council of Alberta Phone: 1.877.682.2244 or 780.682.2648
- Order payments and shipping will be only be processed on Wednesdays each week - Please don't delay if you require merchandise by a certain date.
- For February 2018, items will be in limited quantities only.
- New items or sales will be added each month - Visit [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca) for the most current catalogue.
- We will accept cash, cheques, Visa, MasterCard.
- No order will be processed without payment.
- Shipping costs will apply to all orders being sent by Canada Post and are subject to change, based on size and weight of the order. Please note: no orders will be sent through Government Courier services.
- Arrangements can be made to pick up merchandise at the Alberta 4-H Centre, Council/Foundation office with prior notice. If you are attending an event at the Alberta 4-H Centre, please pre-order items for pick up. Same day, walk in orders are not available at this time.

Don't forget that deals on **4-H Alberta Centennial Merchandise** are still available for larger quantities purchased. This is perfect for club prizes or gifts! T-shirts, caps, USB wrist bands, paintings and cards are available!

## Pheasants

4-H Pheasant members and leaders in the Peace will have a new Alberta Conservation Association staff person to work with, in the area! Please join me in welcoming:



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More information will be coming to ALL Pheasant members and leaders shortly via email with updates as we approach the arrival of the 2018 chicks!

## Youth Advisory Committee Update

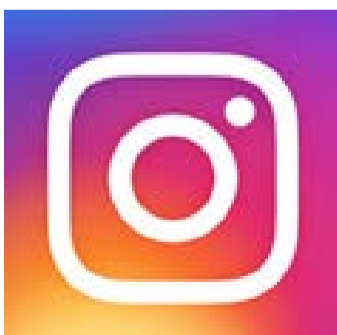
**By: Cassidy Barnert, Alberta Representative**

June started off with 4-H on Parade at the Stampede Grounds. On Thursday night, I volunteered as a multi-judging judge and listened to over 50 seniors give their reasons. Saturday and Sunday were spent at the dog show as I am a member of the organizing committee and had 5 members from my club participating.

A week later, I flew to Tucson Arizona to participate in the Careers on the Grow experience at the Tucson Village Farm. During our first week in Arizona we worked on the farm doing daily chores, silk screening T-shirts, and prepping for Adventure camp! For our second week, we were staff members at Adventure Camp. This experience motivated and inspired me to think about the connection between my degree and future career options.

To continue reading click [here](#).

## Connect with 4-H Alberta on Social Media



### Ribbons

As of March 1, 2018 4-H Alberta will no longer be distributing ribbons this show season. If you require a supplier orders can be placed with Pinz Plus of Lacombe. For more information contact [info@pinzplus.com](mailto:info@pinzplus.com).

### Show Numbers

It is now easy to create your own show numbers! A fillable show number template is available on the 4-H Alberta website.

### Ear Tags

As of March 1, 2018, 4-H Alberta will no longer be distributing ear tags.