

4-H Summer Programs, Camps and Shows Earlybird Deadline: May 15, 2018 Registration Deadline June 1, 2018

Recording Community Service for your club

4-H Members are required to be involved in a club activity that is a benefit to your community. Please record your community service for your club as it occurs.

What did other 4-Hers do? They planted trees, volunteered at fundraisers, collected for the food bank, helped out at shelters, visited senior centres, cleaned-up after rodeos, picked-up garbage, and even baked cookies!

If you are the club's General Leader or Club Registrar sign into <https://www.4habregistration.ca/~login.php> with your username and password.

1. Click on "Club Admin" then select your club's name.
2. Select "Club Details"
3. Find the section "Community Service"
4. Enter your club's Community Service activity.
5. Clubs can add up to 5 community services by clicking on the plus + sign

4-H Alberta is introducing a new Award of Excellence to celebrate our 4-H members' success! In recognition of achievements in 4-H project work, leadership and community service, members will be eligible to receive a keepsake medallion as described in the 4-H Alberta Diary <http://www.4h.ab.ca/downloads/documents/4HDiary2015.pdf>. Once a member reaches the corresponding point value based on their participation, a bronze, silver or gold medallion can be ordered by the club leader to be presented. Members whose participation reaches the platinum level of achievement must have the diaries' points confirmed by the regional specialist, and will receive this top honor, individually engraved. Leaders are able to access the order form at this [link](#).



COMING SOON... CLICK EACH LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION

May 2018

Summer Programs, Camps and Shows Registration opens!!

FortisAlberta Work Bee Weekend

Dates: May 4 – 6, 2018

Location: Alberta 4-H Centre, Westrose AB

Selections

Date: May 4 – 7, 2018

Location: Olds College, Olds AB

Highway Clean Up

Date: May 5, 2018

2018 'Celebrating Agriculture in Alberta' Poetry Contest

Deadline: May 5, 2018

4-H Alberta Scholarships

Application Deadline: May 15, 2018

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



Youth and Agriculture in Action 2018 – CANpede

Deadline: May 15, 2018

4-H Canada – Steeped in Soil

Deadline: May 20, 2018

4-H Canada and Syngenta Canada are excited to announce the new club outreach initiative: Steeped in Soil! This program is generously supported by Syngenta, and is meant to increase our members' understanding and appreciation of the important role soils play in our lives.

4-H Canada Scholarships

Deadline: May 31, 2018

4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction (L.E.A.D.)

Deadline: May 31, 2018

June 2018

4-H Horsemanship Clinic (Levels 1-3)

Dates: June 16 – 17, 2018

Location: Olds Regional Exhibition, Olds

Deadline: June 1, 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

Communication competitions across the province have wrapped up. **Congratulations** to the NW Region members who represented us at the provincial competition. **Maisy Southron** (Parkland District) placed 2nd, and **Adam Burnett** (Strathcona District) received an honourable mention in the presentation competition. In public speaking **Kianna McGregor** (Sturgeon District) placed 3rd. Well done!!

Another successful **4-H Fair** was held on April 7th. **Thank you** for a wonderful day, **Thorhild District and all session leaders!** Members and parents were found throughout the Thorhild Centre School, with smiles on their faces and amazingly creative creations in hand. Signs, bird houses, various types of art, and freshly made chocolate and pasta were just some of the results. A few people were even fortunate enough to find some zen in a yoga class. We hope to see everyone out next year when Lac Ste Anne takes over hosting duties.

By the time this is delivered the regional judging day will have come and gone. Watch for results in your email!

Join us again in **Thorhild from July 5-8 for Focus on 4-H**...the 20th anniversary edition! Registration is open. **Deadline is May 15th!** If you need more information, the information booklet can be found at http://www.4h.ab.ca/regions/northwest/documents/NW_FocusOn4H_Program2018.pdf. For a visual idea of what Focus is all about, check out the 2016 video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmVdVYB7-14>.

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**, with an **early bird deadline of May 15th** and a **final 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.

Members who are graduating this year - don't forget to apply for the **4-H Alberta Scholarships**. The application is available until May 15th, but don't leave it until the last minute as it does take a bit of time to complete. If you know members who are already attending post-secondary, remind them to apply as well. There are a number of scholarships available for those beyond their first year. If you would like some more information, check out the 4-H Alberta YouTube channel for a webinar on the process that was posted recently.

It's hard to believe that some clubs are nearly finished their club activities for the year. **Achievement season** has begun! Be sure to check out the local display days and shows. Members across the region have worked hard. As the year wraps up for your clubs don't forget to **thank the volunteers** (whether registered or not), **parents, and sponsors** who've made your year possible! Without their support, member success would not be possible. From a 'thank you' accompanied by a handshake and smile, to the card and gift, to the quiet conversation in the corner about the difference they've made - all gestures of gratitude go a long way and are appreciated.

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

And my country: Canada is an amazing place! From mountains to oceans, prairies to tundra, shield rock to lakes - Wow! We all have a responsibility for Canada's maintenance and ongoing development. There is so many ways to do this, including through 4-H.

A small way to show your pride in Canada, is to **fly the flag correctly**. Do you know what this means? Check out: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-etiquette/about.html> or contact me for a quick one page FAQ sheet.

You're also encouraged to check out the **4-H Canada** website (4-h-canada.ca) and some of the incredible **opportunities** available. We've had a couple of members in our region recently selected to participate in the new Youth Service Leader program, some who've travelled on international working exchanges, participated in the global youth summits, and more. Like I said last month - 4-H is stronger because of our communities, just as communities are stronger because of 4-H. The same holds true across our country! Keep on 4-Hing!

PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

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 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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CANADA
4-H Alberta

THANK YOU!!

to all our fabulous 4-H
Alberta volunteers and
leaders!

We hope you feel
appreciated every single day
of the year and we want you to remember -

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted.
- Garrison Keillor



4-H Alberta Leaders and others serving in positions of trust with 4-H Alberta must complete screening. 4-H Alberta Volunteers need not screen. A position of trust includes mentoring youth; having responsibility and/or authority for any financial matters or business activities; making any decisions on behalf of members, leaders, and families; being perceived to be in a position of power, such as serving on one of 4-H Alberta's boards or committees.

If you did not receive a **"Congratulations"** letter via email from 4-H Alberta, your screening remains incomplete and your status reverts to volunteer. You may be re-elected next year and begin the screening process again. Volunteers also play an important role but it is different than that of leader. You can find detailed definitions of both roles at www.4h.ab.ca.

Please help us ensure that 4-H Alberta is providing the safest environment possible. Next 4-H year, when you are elected a leader, complete the screening right away. It is practically painless and we are happy to help. Watch for the email that explains the requirements and provides [login](#) details. Email leaderscreening@4hab.com for information.

Your **4-H Alberta Store** has new flashlights in stock! These LED flashlights feature the 4-H motto, "Learn To Do By Doing" and they come ready to light up your life with battery installed. At just \$7 each, these are not only useful but a sweet gift of green for your favourite 4-H'er or 4-H supporter! Also, the static window clings are back in stock.



LUG Puddle Jumper Bag - We have just two of these great bags left and, at \$125, these useful bags are a steal! The price is right in line with what you would pay elsewhere for this particular LUG bag and this beauty demonstrates your 4-H pride with the 4-H Alberta Centennial logo! You will be amazed at how much stuff it holds!

Luggage Strap - \$18 - Are you travelling? Perhaps you are participating in an exchange or serving as a chaperone. Well, proudly display your 4-H spirit with this gloriously green luggage strap! Other travellers will be green with envy!



4-H Alberta Lanyard - \$3 - Lanyards are great for holding name tags as all conference goers know but they're also handy for holding keys and other items you like to have close at hand. These can be useful for 4-H events and activities where they can help to identify your registered leaders, volunteers and members!



Collapsible Tote - \$15 - These totes are awesome! The hard bottom folds up so they store flat and are easily transported when not in use. Flip the bottom down and you have a tote that holds a whole lot of groceries or files or whatever it is that you need to move from one place to another. Two handles allow for carrying as a tote bag and two side handles enable carrying it like a box to accommodate those larger, bulky items.

The catalogue and order form will be updated very soon. We are just waiting a bit so that we can include another new item or two for you! In the meantime, just write this new flashlight in the gift certificate space or call or email your order. Contact the 4-H Alberta Store at 1.877.682.2244 or leaderscreening@4hab.com or council@4hab.com.



4-H Council of Alberta purchases three insurance policies for 4-H Alberta. The policies protect Cleaver Kids, Members, Leaders and Volunteers while involved in a registered pre-planned 4-H activity or event. Insurance protection is in effect for all registered clubs from January 1st of the current club year to and including December 31st of the following club year. Insurance coverage for new clubs is effective when the club registers and pays the 4-H Alberta registration fee for each registered member. It is

important to remember that 4-H Insurance covers people and not livestock, project animals or multi projects. Council recommends that additional project insurance be considered but this is not mandated. Members, clubs, districts and families should consider their own needs for additional insurance for project animals and project items. Clubs and/or districts may purchase additional insurance and it is important to check with all levels regarding insurance coverage.

As stated in Policy #8.03, 4-H insurance covers registered 4-H members, leaders and adult volunteers while participating in a 4-H event or activity that has been approved by a 4-H entity.

- 4-H events must be recorded in the minutes of the 4-H entity planning the event.
- Names of the adult volunteers must:
 - ◊ Be recorded in the meeting minutes of the club or organizing committee in order to be covered by the Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy; or,
 - ◊ The club must provide a sign in sheet or log sheet of all adult volunteers at each event, activity, etc.

As well, if parents and/or friends are to be included, this must be pre-approved by the club and documented in the club's minutes.

4-H Council of Alberta sends out proof of insurance upon request. Clubs must provide date(s) and location, contact information of the property owner, and the reason (event or activity details) for the request. Requests for proof of insurance must be made at least 5 to 10 days prior to the event.

Think Safety First

- It is important that 4-H participants assisting in 4-H activities take every precaution to prevent mishaps from occurring.
- Minimize all risks prior to an activity or event by planning ahead
- Document all activities and participants (Cleaver Kids, Members, Leaders and volunteers in attendance and file with club documentation)
- Report all incidents and accidents to 4-H Council of Alberta

Reporting

Following an incident or accident, immediately take down all details of any injury and/or property damage along with the names and addresses of those involved as well as any witnesses. An incident report, with full details, must be submitted to 4-H Council of Alberta as soon as possible. Report forms can be found in club supply packages or on the 4-H Alberta website at <http://www.4h.ab.ca/downloads/documents/AccidentIncidentReport2015.pdf>.

For more information, contact 4-H Council of Alberta at 1.877.682.2244 or council@4hab.com or visit http://www.4h.ab.ca/downloads/Safety_and_Insurance.html#Insurance.



Foundation News & Opportunities

4-H Alberta Scholarships

This is a gentle reminder that the 2018 4-H Alberta Scholarship online application will close 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 if you have any questions.

The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship

As previously mentioned in the April Scoop, 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 Hansen.

Thanks to the generosity, leadership, and passion of those incredible 4-H enthusiasts, the 4-H Foundation will now be able to award its largest 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 if you do have any questions.

Ear Tag Update

Please note that the Foundation will no longer be supplying ear tags for the 4-H Clubs.

We do have a small supply on hand so, if your club would like to purchase some, please contact Joan Smallwood at the Foundation 780.682.2153. The cost is still the same as last year - \$1.50 per ear tag and shipping is extra.

2018 Provincial Communications Thank you, AltaLink!

The Provincial Public Speaking and Presentations competition helps 4-H members improve poise, confidence, and self-assurance while delivering their speeches and presentations to a wide range of audiences; it is a popular and fundamental component of our 4-H Alberta Programs.

Thanks to the invaluable support of one of our valued Emerald Clover sponsors – AltaLink – we hosted another successful communications season and provincial event on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Thank you, AltaLink, for your continued support and for partnering with 4-H Alberta. We are very proud of this strong partnership!

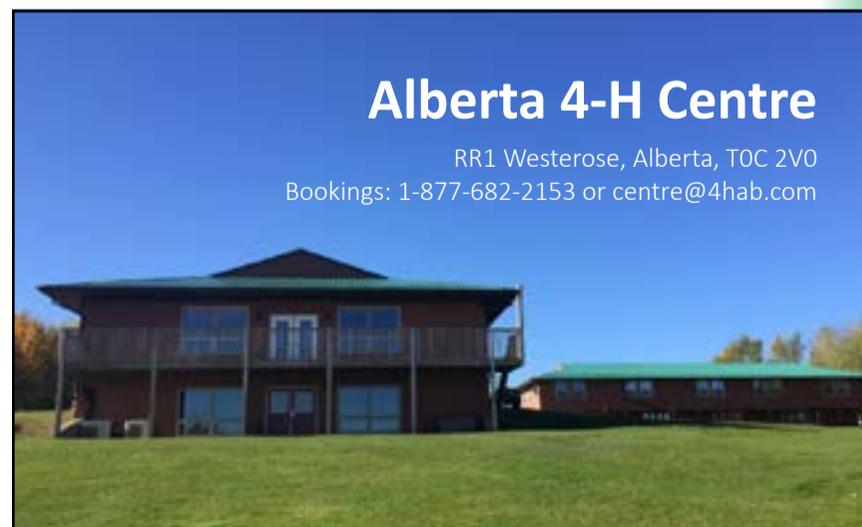


Spring is in the Air!

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 4-H Foundation of Alberta, 1.877.682.2153 or email: centre@4hab.com.



Alberta 4-H Centre

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

Thank you for your continued support of 4-H Alberta:

The 4-H Foundation will be providing regular sponsor updates in the eScoop. This will include mention of which companies have renewed in 2018 and who is new.

Emerald Clover Sponsors:



Gold Clover Sponsors:



Silver Clover Sponsors:



Green Clover Sponsors:



White Clover Sponsors:



4-H Alberta Friend:

Canadian Sheep Breeders Association

Please be reminded to thank our 4-H Alberta sponsors. They appreciate receiving letters and photos from our leaders and members showing the impact their support has made. Click [here](#) to learn more about 4-H Alberta's sponsorship levels.

Recycling Payment Schedule

Please see information below for recycling payment schedule for Quarter 1.

Collection Quarter	Collection Forms due to 4-H Foundation	Collection Forms due to Alberta Recycling	Payment made to 4-H Foundation
Quarter 1: April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	July 16, 2018	August 22, 2018

Pheasants

The 2018 4-H Alberta Pheasant project members are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their chicks. Watch your emails for details of delivery dates.



Please submit your Premise Identification Number (PID #) along with your land location to ginny.smith@gov.ab.ca as soon as possible so that the information can be recorded as necessary.

The Calgary Stampede's Youth & Agriculture in Action is taking a fun and creative twist for 2018. They will be hosting a canned food art competition for youth teams (ages 9-25) to come down to Stampede Park on Thursday, July 5 to work their magic and create art from canned food! Food is the end product of agricultural practices, so what better way to showcase part of the agri-food industry than through this fun and creative platform. The pieces of canned food art will be on display for the remainder of Stampede 2018 and then donated to a local food bank. For more information please click [here](#).



**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. 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!

Open to leaders, parents and volunteers. Senior members can also register as spectators. [Register Here!](#)

Connect with 4-H Alberta on Social Media

