

4-H Alberta's MONTHLY SCOOP

December 2017



4-H Leaders' Conference 2018 – Early bird registration deadline fast approaching!

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. Get "Back to Basics" by attending LC 2018 with sessions for everyone...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! Leaders, supporters and parents are welcome! For more information visit:

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

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



Selections 2018 – May 4 to 7, 2018

Attention Senior Members...get your diaries ready! Selections 2018 is open for registration.

We believe that youth are the key to their own success, and to the success of those around them. What Selections does is simply give senior members a few more tools for helping them to realize their full potential at post-secondary school or in the workforce upon graduation from high school. This short program offers all of this in a dynamic and fast-paced atmosphere, with plenty of time for making friends and having a great time – dancing included! 4-H Alberta Ambassadors, the Premier's Award Recipient and various travel award recipients are also selected at this program. **Your 4-H Diaries should be received by your 4-H Specialist no later than February 15, 2018.**

Provincial 4-H Equine Instructors Clinic

Save the Date: June 16 & 17, 2018 Location: TBA
The clinic will focus on Levels 1 -3.
Limited rider spots are available. Auditors welcome!
Watch for registration information in the spring.

COMING SOON...

CLICK EACH LINK FOR
MORE INFORMATION

December 2017

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.

4-H Alberta Recycling Fundraisers (Tires and Electronics)

4-H Canada – Going Global Exchanges

Deadline: December 8, 2017

Leader Screening Deadline

Deadline: December 15, 2017

4-H Canada – Find Your 4-H Wings

Deadline: December 17, 2017



January 2018

4-H Canada - Club to Club Exchange

Deadline: January 15, 2018

4-H Canada – Careers on the Grow

Deadline: January 15, 2018

4-H Canada – Science Fair

Deadline: January 16, 2018

4-H Alberta Leaders' Conference

Date: January 19 – 21, 2018

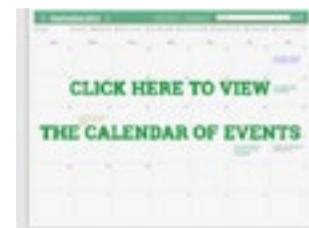
Early Bird Deadline: December 1, 2017 - Deadline December 10, 2017

Location: Radisson Hotel Edmonton South, Edmonton AB

Growing Alberta Scholarship

Deadline: January 31, 2018

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

December is upon us and winter has arrived!

The Northwest Regional Council meeting was held on November 18th and we thank the crew at Cherhill for the great lunch and welcoming hall. Leaders with 10+ years of service were recognized at lunch. Most districts will be recognizing them locally as well. I'd like to make special mention of beef leader **Chuck Huedepohl** from the Lakemere 4-H Beef Club, who was recognized for **50 years** of leadership. Also during lunch, Susann Stone, Leah Jones, and Diane McCann-Hiltz addressed a variety of topics - 4-H Alberta's future direction, budgets, fees, fundraising, and more. Please be sure to ask your regional and district council representatives for updates on all of the information coming out of this year's meeting.

Planning is well underway for **Leaders Conference**. I encourage all leaders and registered volunteers to consider their ongoing education and networking, and to make the effort to attend. It is a fantastic weekend of learning, networking, and fun! **Early bird registration deadline is Dec. 1; final deadline is Dec. 10.**

Winter Weekend 2018: Jan 27 and 28 will see the shores of Lac La Nonne (at Camp Nakamun) ringing with the sound of 4-H fun! Members 9-12 are invited to celebrate all things Canadian at this year's camp. Applications have been sent to clubs, and are available on the 4-H website calendar. **Deadline to apply is Dec. 15th.**

Focus on 4-H: There were very few volunteers at the Regional Meeting who stepped up to help organize this year's Focus on 4-H events. If we do not have chairs for the sub-committees by Dec. 10th, there will not be a Focus on 4-H, as it has existed for the past 19 years, in 2018. A couple of the regional project groups have indicated that they will try to run a program for their project members, but they will be held individually. If you would like to assist with Focus on 4-H in 2018, please contact the regional office.

Senior Members: Two programs of note coming soon: Senior Members Conference and Selections. Be sure to get your registrations in. If you are applying to Selections, remember that I will need to see your diaries. The sooner the better.

Deadline for Oil Kings ticket order is **Dec. 15**. It can be a wonderful club fun night as 4-H is invited to participate in many extras that night. You'll never have a less expensive night at Rogers Place.

A thought on the next piece of the pledge:

HANDS: We pledge our "hands to larger service". Commit to training your hands to be useful, skillful, and helpful. This is the perfect time of year to plan a community service event. There are many organizations that would love some extra help at this time of year. Dream big! Using your hands for larger service includes assisting your club, district, and region with the work they do to offer valuable learning, networking, sharing, and fun activities to members, leaders, and families. Share your skills and knowledge. Work hard on your project skills to show your leaders that you care about the time they are giving to you - keep your record books up to date, work patiently and diligently on your project, prepare your speech in advance. All of these things will lead to many memories you will be able to look back on with pride and gratitude.

Finally, I will be spending time with family in December. Things in the office will be covered by other 4-H staff until I return in January. I hope all of you enjoy the holiday season and have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends too! See you in 2018!

PLAN AHEAD...

Click each link for more information

Edmonton Oil Kings Annual 4-H Club Night

Date: January 3, 2018

Deadline: December 8, 2017

Location: Roger's Place, Edmonton AB

Winter Weekend 2018

Date: January 27, 2018

Deadline: December 15, 2017

Location: Camp Nakamun, Busby 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.



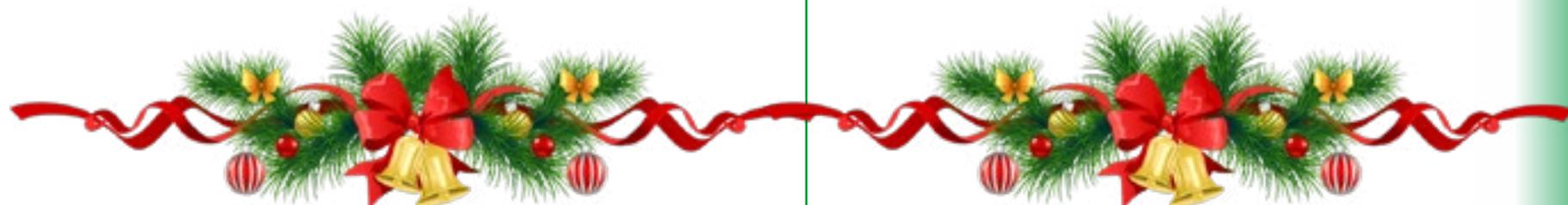
For all your District-specific events and opportunities check the calendar on the 4-H Alberta website.



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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CLEAVER KIDS LESSON PLAN IDEAS

As our Centennial year winds down and the holiday season approaches, it could be fun to focus one of your Cleaver Kids lesson plans on Christmas Past, specifically Christmas 100 years ago. Now, if your club

includes Cleaver Kids from families that do not celebrate this holiday, you may broaden the focus and consider what it was like to live through the dark days of an Alberta winter 100 years ago.

In 1917, electricity was still fairly new to parts of rural Alberta and many farms and rural families were not yet “electrified”. Fresh fruits and vegetables were not nearly as abundant as they are today, especially in the winter as transporting fresh produce was a challenge. Root cellars helped preserve the garden’s harvest throughout the cold months but many of the things we enjoy, without a thought today, were not available in Alberta in 1917. Trips to the local general store could be quite infrequent and shopping trips to the nearest big city were rare. In 1917, war was a reality for all Canadians and the absence of family members was felt most strongly at holiday celebrations. Rationing was in effect because of the war and many foods and other items were simply not available. Sugar was one item that was rationed. Compare that to our world today where sugar is present in most processed foods that are regularly consumed daily. Fresh nuts in the shell, candies and, especially something such as a fresh orange, were coveted gifts in 1917. Mail order was a possibility but the mail service was subject to the harsh conditions as well and a big storm or an unexpected big melt could mean that the mail did not get through.

There are many directions in which you take with this topic with your Cleaver Kids. The above notes are just a few thoughts to get your creativity percolating. You can talk about: the physical environment of homes 100 years ago where the decorations they may have had were likely all homemade; the foods available without imports from faraway places and wartime rationing in effect, the recipes they may have used and the very few, if any, fresh fruits most families would see throughout the winter; the celebrations that may have occurred in homes and local gathering places, such as churches, keeping in mind that transportation likely involved horses or one’s own feet.

Your lesson can incorporate crafts and compare what the craft materials would have been 100 years ago. For example, we can make a lovely Santa’s face ornament for the tree with a walnut but that walnut would have been eaten first and never left whole; it was too valuable a treat in 1917! A great project that would encourage and nurture interest in family history, would be to have your Cleaver Kids interview their grandparents (or parents) about what Christmas was like when they were children and then use the information gathered as the basis for an activity, such as creating a booklet or card or drawing. Another idea would be to make and/or sample some old fashioned foods or treats. The ideas are endless and limited only by your imagination and, of course, the time and resources you have available. Here are a few websites that you can mine for ideas:

http://wartimecanada.ca/sites/default/files/documents/How%20to%20Live_0.pdf - this link takes you to a 1917 booklet called “How to Live In Wartime” (very interesting) and much other information is available to help you get into the spirit of 1917;

<http://www.freekidscrafts.com/holidays/christmas-crafts/> - this website has all sorts of craft ideas for all ages;

<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/newspapers/EDB/1917/12/25/1/> - here you will find Edmonton newspapers from 1917 and the ads and articles around Christmastime are fascinating for demonstrating just how much has changed in 100 years in terms of what things cost and what people valued, keeping in mind that Edmonton was a city and no longer a rural area.

<http://www.abgenealogy.ca/grandad-s-christmas?mid=794> - this refers directly to the family history idea mentioned above and is one granddad’s story of receiving just such a booklet.

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, the Cleaver Kids Quick Reference Guide and Resources sheet. And, remember, if you think you have a great lesson and/or activity, please send it along to us and we may feature it in a future edition of SCOOP. You could win a prize!

JOIN the first Cleaver Kids Webinar! Free of charge. December 19 at 7pm you can learn about Cleaver Kids basics from the comfort of your own home. If you are interested in learning more about Cleaver Kids please join us by registering in advance for this webinar at the following link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JR9Wup2MRreZjDFeKR28lg After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information please contact Susann Stone at 780-898-4223 or susann.stone@4hab.com

Leader screening must be completed by December 15, 2017, including new leaders and returning leaders due to re-screen.

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.**

December 15

Is the deadline for completing leader screening. If you thought that your screening was complete and you’ve received an email, do not be alarmed! But, please don’t ignore the email either. It indicates that your screening is, in fact, NOT complete. If you need help or have questions, contact Leader Screening Coordinator, Bernadette: 1-877-682-2244 or leaderscreening@4hab.com or 780-898-3037
Don’t Delay! Do it today!

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 by December 15 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.**

Read your email that explains the requirements and provides login details. Complete the screening right away. For assistance, call 1.877.682.2244 or 780.898.3037 or email leaderscreening@4hab.com.

CENTENNIAL SWAG

Here are some great ideas for gifts! **4-H Centennial merchandise** is still available and these are limited editions! Get your family outfitted in **“Building Who I Am” t-shirts** for a family photo; youth sizes are available. How about getting **ball caps** for the whole team? Maybe your club needs some items for recognition events or, perhaps, some **cards** to send to donors and sponsors. Is your memory failing you? Maybe a **USB bracelet** could help. Are you craving more artistic beauty in your life? Maybe the **prize winning art** on a stretched canvas is for you. Whatever the need



or reason or season, 4-H Alberta Centennial merchandise may fit the bill! Sport some fine Centennial swag and show your 4-H Alberta pride! Contact leaderscreening@4hab.com or the Council office for price lists and catalogue details. For more sweet music in your life, visit the iTunes Store and consider giving gifts of music at less than the cost of mailed greeting cards; **“Room to Grow”**,

our 4-H Centennial song by Blake Reid is for sale in the iTunes Store and proceeds go to support 4-H in Alberta! **Oh, it’s going to be a one in a hundred holiday!**



Foundation News & Opportunities

Foothills Creamery Ltd.



From left to right: Don Bayrack – President at Foothills Creamery, Bianca von Nagy – Manager, Community Partners at the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, and Brenda Scott – Sales Representative at Foothills Creamery

We want to express our sincerest appreciation to our partners at Foothills Creamery for committing part of the funds earned from the Cinnamon Twist limited edition ice cream to 4-H Alberta.

Thanks to the dedication of Foothills Creamery and the support of everybody who bought Cinnamon Twist ice cream throughout the summer, we are thrilled to announce that 4-H Alberta has received \$1,467!!

Thank you, Foothills Creamery!

Centennial Cruise

October 21st, nine 4-H'ers met early in Houston for a tour of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Grounds. On October 21-29, sixty 4-H Alberta Key Leaders, Leaders, Alumni, Members and friends set sail from the Galveston, Texas port to spend seven days/eight nights on board the Liberty of the Seas! There were tons of activities, entertainment and food on board for all ages. We visited three ports where most enjoyed a land tour and shopping in Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman and Falmouth, Jamaica.



Swapping Hats at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo!

Back L-R: Marion Van Sluys, Ken Richmond, Slade Wiese, Sam Smart, Grace Huisman. **Front:** Vanessa Richmond, Bobbi-Jo Squarek, Chris Boleman – Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Katherine Smart – 4-H Ontario, Lisa Patzer – 4-H Alberta



Jamaica 4-H and 4-H Alberta meet in front of the Welcome sign at Falmouth Port!

One of the highlights was being surprised and welcomed at the Falmouth port by the Trelawny 4-H Club. They had signs posted and members congratulating 4-H Alberta on our 100th Anniversary. The bus was jam packed as we travelled to visit the students at the Hague Primary and Infant School and see/hear how 4-H is programmed in Jamaica as

well as a tour of their school. We also stopped at the King Pepper preserves factory for a tour and a restaurant to enjoy some Cajun Cuisine.

Before heading to the airport, many stopped and enjoyed a day at the Houston Space Centre.

For more photos of the cruise, check out [@4halberta](#) on Facebook!



4-H Alberta Key Leaders, Leaders, Members, Alumni and families joined for a Cocktail Reception on Day 2 at Sea!

Tire & Electronics Recycling



Is your club collecting tires or electronics? Please make sure your forms are filled in completely, correctly and are sent in on time! (During the same quarter that you started collecting) Any late or incorrect forms will delay ALL clubs payments for that quarter.

New Fundraisers

Click [Here](#) to see information on the new Calahoo Meats, Phil's Fudge and TriQuest Discount Card Fundraisers! Looking for a fundraiser before Christmas for your Club? Email fundraisers@4hab.com to see what is available!



We need your help to reach our goal of \$100,000 in our 100th year to continue our legacy of strong and vibrant provincial programming 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

New Club Year...New Banking Info?

In order to have expedited payments to your accounts, please make sure that all of your banking information is current. If you are unsure, please contact Joan at the Foundation office.



finance@4hab.com

Scholarships

The provincial 4-H Alberta scholarships were awarded on September 28, 2017. Selections for some of the regional scholarships are still ongoing. For the most current list of successful candidates (last updated on November 17, 2017), please click [here](#).

Please note that not all scholarships have been awarded yet so there is still an opportunity to receive a **regional** scholarship even if you have not been contacted yet. Feel free to connect with Bianca von Nagy at scholarship@4hab.com if you have any questions.

The Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the Elmer and Ona Hansen Memorial Scholarship application as well as the current award structure and moneys are presently under review. Please watch for more information around these exciting changes in January 2018.

Growing Alberta Scholarship

Applications for the Growing Alberta Scholarship are now open. For more information such as eligibility and to access the scholarship application, please click [here](#).

Alberta 4-H Centre

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



4-H Alberta has an online registration system. So what?

Each fall during club registration, a club leader is tasked with registering the club, ensuring that members, leaders, projects, positions and families are accurately recorded with 4-H Alberta, on our online registration system. Do you remember seeing an email with the subject line "Welcome to 4-H Alberta! Please keep this email."? Did you read it? Did you keep it? When the regional specialist approves the club registration, each member, leader and volunteer receives this email.

What does this mean for you?

Accurate Information!

Take a few minutes, find the email, click on the link provided, enter your username, copy and paste your password and view your information to verify it is accurate. Only you are able to see this information, but 4-H Alberta relies on this information being accurate. Make any changes that need to be made and remember to save! The email address on file is the address used for all program communications. Why not change your password to something easier to remember while you are here? On the right, check out the 'member' summary to see your history with 4-H Alberta.

Program Registration!

See what programs are offered by 4-H Alberta and which you are eligible to attend. Program information is available and registration is accessed through the Program Registration tab, near the top right of the page. This tab is getting some use with all the programs we have open for registration! When registering for more than one provincial program, you are able to register for multiple programs by proceeding to summary and then selecting "register for another program" to allow for one payment, per person.

Forms!

These are key when registering for a program online, as these must be filled in prior to registering for a program, why not take a moment now (as you check your personal information) to fill these in before you are in a rush to get registered for Leaders' Conference, SMC, Selections, Summer Camp or Project events.

Missing information, in your history? Please contact your regional specialist for corrections.

****Peace region- will use 780-422-4444**



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.4habregistration.ca/~login.php>. The page title is "Profile" and the user is logged in as "Mickey Mouse". The page contains several sections for editing information:

- Common Tasks:** Includes links for "Update Member Profile", "View Member Summary", and "Member Forms".
- Personal Information:** Fields for Name (Mickey), Surname (Mouse), DOB (January 1, 2004), and Gender (Male).
- User Information:** Fields for Username (MickeyMouse123) and Password.
- Mailing Information:** Fields for Address (000), City (Winnipeg), and Province (Alberta).



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

